



JESUS SAID...

**“They need not go away;
you give them
something to eat.”**



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Historic Past • Contemporary Presence • Exciting Future

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2018

Musician..... Mr. Frederick Bolden

Pastor..... The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Gather Together to Worship God

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Words from Scripture

Chimes

***Preparation for Worship**

Ephesians 3:14-21

Leader: We bow our knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

People: *We pray that, according to the riches of his glory, God will strengthen us in our inmost being with power through his Holy Spirit.*

Leader: We pray that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love.

People: *We pray that we may have the power to comprehend what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

All: *Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Gathering in Song (seated)

"Glorify Thy Name"

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***Call to Worship (unison)**

Dear Lord, we have come together in faithful fellowship and joyful community. Silence all voices in our minds but your own. Forgive us our sins, and help us to seek and follow your will. Join our prayers with

one another, so together we may glorify your name. Let us sing with loud voices, let us love with large hearts, let us hope with high expectations, let us worship with hallelujah praise, for you are great and worthy to be praised. Amen.

*** Passing of the Peace of Christ +**

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: *And also with you!*

ALL: *Let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

(Congregation greets one another, exchanging words of peace.)

Greetings and Celebration of Visitors

Announcements and Celebrations

Special Music *"Study War No More"* The Choir

Invitation to Prayer (unison)

In our hearts we say "Amen!" with the Psalmist, who wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit." We remember God's grace, and we live in hope, as we come in trust with our prayers of gratitude and intercession. We pray in humility and confidence to the One who has called us each by name.

Sharing our Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *"Through It All"* # 502

We Proclaim God's Word

Old Testament Lesson 2 Samuel 11:1-15 page 379

Gospel Lesson John 6:1-21 page 1287

Special Music *"Good News"* The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon *"If Then, Why Not Now?"* Elder Ray Williams

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Commitment "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" # 376

*An Affirmation of Faith **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **Gloria Patri** "Glory Be to the Father"# 623

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory (unison): Hallelujah and praises to your name! Lord, we thank you for this day of opportunity to live our lives in full hope and expectation that comes from You. Lord, we are thankful and we are grateful for the blessings you have given to us and we are glad that we can return some of your goodness to the church, to be used for the building of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name; Amen.

* **Choral Response**

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee.

We Go Out to Share the Good News

Charge and Benediction

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Carry Our Light Into the World

"What a Mighty God We Serve" (insert)

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

Announcements & Celebrations

Forming Faith Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6pm.

Come and grow with us!

The Pastor's Office hours are by appointment—contact vernlee3@hotmail.com, or call the office—540.342.0264

The Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. New members are welcomed, young and old(er)!

Remember: No one should have to choose between paying rent and feeding their family. Bring a **food offering** to share with those who need our help.

NEXT SUNDAY, August 5: Celebration of The Lord's Supper and our monthly hunger offering to assist a family in need.

Mark Your Calendars!!!



Church Picnic: Sunday, August 26
Randolph Park, Dublin VA... following the morning service

Back-to-School Drive: needs your donations of backpacks, pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, & other supplies.

Money donations are welcomed!

The deadline is Sunday, August 12.

Save the Date: Fall Bazaar  **November 3**

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*The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Psalm 51:1*



What a might - y God we serve.



What a might - y God we serve.



An-gels bow be - fore Him. Heav-en and earth a - dore Him.



What a might - y God we serve. I can't

PRAAYER CONCERNS

- For our nation and its leadership**, for President Trump; for our state and local officials, and those elected to national office— **for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation** and the overcoming of barriers; for a capacity to seek the greater good instead of personal gain; *for children who are separated from their parents*
- For the leaders of other countries, and the efforts of all who seek to bring peace to the world**—for North and South Korea; for Iran; for Israel/Palestine; for Syria; for The Congo
- For our enemies**, both personal and national, including terrorists
- For our pastor and his family; for our ministry together**
- For unity in the Church, cooperation among denominations, for people of other faiths and for those who have no faith**
- For all who mourn** the deaths of loved ones and friends: for victims of violence: *for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region; victims of mass shootings throughout the world; those battling wildfires and families who have lost their homes; survivors of recent tornados* in our region and other communities dealing with the aftermath of both natural disasters and manmade accidents, & for those who work to help them rebuild their lives; for those suffering from famine and hunger
- For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction; for those recovering from illness or surgery:** Shirley Calhoun, Carnis Peindexter and family; Michael Blankenship, Glenn Christy, Asher Haskins, Priscilla Preston, Bob Hale, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, Jim Slaughter, The Roberson family, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); Robert Woodworth; health care workers and researchers; for the elderly
- For our children and youth;** for their teachers & school staff; for those in our neighborhood; for those who work with young people and seek to bring them to Christ and to nurture their faith in him
- For our service men and women** stationed around the world and their families
- For those who seek employment, for the under-employed, for the homeless, for those who are in fear of losing their homes or their jobs; for those under stress at work and at home.**

Welcome!

We are so glad that you decided to share with us in worship today. Whether we are young or old, longtime worshippers or here for the first time, whether we come full of joy or confidence or doubts or sorrow, in this place, by the grace and mercy of God-in-Christ, we are family!

Feel at peace in how you express praise for the Lord! Whether quiet and reflective, clapping hands and stomping feet, shouts of praise and utterances to God, in this place, by the loving acceptance of Jesus, we are family. Please feel at home!

We hope to see you here again soon. Anyone who is interested in joining this part of Christ's church should speak to the pastor or one of the elders.



Remember our Shut-Ins/Friends with a call, a card, a visit, your prayers

<u>Mr. Bob Hale</u> —Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153	556-6600
<u>Mr. Jim Slaughter</u> —1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017)	366-1391
<u>Ms. Shirley Calhoun</u> —3087 Ordway Drive # J (24017)	362-1617

If we can assist you - through prayer, a phone call or a listening ear - please let us know what help we may provide. 540.342.0264

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the face of the Lord shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
May the Lord turn to you and give you peace. Amen.