



*Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church*  
*301 Patton Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016*



**\* Passing of the Peace +**

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

**People:** *Peace be with you! Let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

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

**Special Music**

The Choir

**Invitation to Confession**

*from Psalm 51*

**Leader:** "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." Let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession (unison):** Wondrous and kind God: We search for You. We confess that at times we have doubted, at times we have not trusted, and at times we have turned away from what we thought You were. We search for You. We confess that at times we have hurt others, at times we have failed others, and at times we have hurt and failed ourselves. We search for You. We seek peace, we search for hope, and we desire to be in faithful communion with You. In prayer and meditation, we search for You; in Jesus' name.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Leader:** Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**People:** *He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.*

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.*

**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**..... "Open Our Eyes, Lord" .....# 383

## We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Lesson	John 12: 20-33	page 1301
Special Music	"Lead Me, Guide Me"	The Choir
Prayer for Illumination	The Rev. Vernie Bolden	
Sermon	"Let Me See"	

## We Respond to God's Word

### \*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn of Commitment                      *"Jesus Paid It All"*                      # 21

\* Affirmation of Faith                      **The Apostles' Creed**

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

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 Prayer (unison):** Great God Almighty: Jesus came to us in order that we might be free from the bonds which hold us back. We have seen the Christ and we believe; we have heard the Christ and feel his grace; we have felt the Christ and know of his love. Enable us to return this, a portion of the gifts you have given to us. Allow these gifts to strengthen Your church and the faith community while encouraging others also to seek you. Amen.

### \* Choral Response

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

## We Go in God's Name

**Charge and Benediction**  
**We Carry Our Light Into the World**  
\*Those who are able may stand

The Rev. Vernie Bolden  
"Go" # 308  
+ Late worshipers seated

### *Welcome Visitors!*

We are glad you have joined us in worship today. Please fill out the card that the ushers gave you at the door. 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 and Members Away from Our Community**

Mr. Bob Hale—Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center,      **556-6680**  
1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153

Mr. Jim Slaughter—1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017)      **366-0391**

Mr. Don Wahls—138 Whaley Rd, Raeford NC 28376

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### + Notes from the Pastor +

- Bible Study: "*Forming Faith*" meets Tuesdays at 6 pm here at the church.
- Office hours this week: By appointment—contact [vernlee3@hotmail.com](mailto:vernlee3@hotmail.com), or call the office—540.342.0264
- Maundy Thursday Service—6:30 p.m., March 29—joint worship service at Northminster Presbyterian Church (3911 Greenland Ave. NW)

### + Other Announcements +

- The Adult Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. New members are welcomed.
- *Remember*: No one should have to choose between heating their home and feeding their family. Bring a food offering to share with those who need our help.
- Check out our web page: [www.5thavepresbychurchroanoke.com](http://www.5thavepresbychurchroanoke.com)

## Community Opportunities during Lent

### **Loudon Avenue Christian Church Community Lenten Revival**

March 21—to be announced

March 28—Pastor Melton Johnson

March 30—*Good Friday*—Pastor Anthony L. Holmes, Sr.

*All services begin at noon each Wednesday and last for 30 minutes. A light lunch of soup and sandwich will be served after each service.*

### **Wednesday Evening Lenten Study/Worship Series “From Confession to Communion”**

This *supper* series is co-sponsored by First Baptist (Gainsboro) and Greene Memorial United Methodist Church. *The group meets each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist, with a meal of soup and sandwiches provided each week at no charge.* The intention of the series is to facilitate the building of community, to overcome our disconnections over race, gender, politics, generations, and change. It will conclude on Wednesday, March 28.

A flier is posted in the vestibule with additional information, or you may call First Baptist (981-1241) or Greene Memorial (344-6225).

*“Blessed are they who die in the Lord.”*

The love and sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family and friends of **The Rev. Joseph Keaton**, Pastor Emeritus of Central Baptist Church, who died March 11.

**Take a fish bank to fill with your annual  
“One Great Hour of Sharing” offering,  
to be received on Easter Sunday, April 1.**

Visit [presbyterianmission.org/oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/oghs) for more information.

*Hunger—Disaster Response—Self-Development of People*

**“You shall be called repairers of the breach.” (Isaiah 58)**

## Congregational Prayer and Pastoral 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 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: *Central Baptist congregation family & friends of Rev. Joseph Keaton; Sweet Union congregation, family & friends of Rev. Sylvia Ball*; for victims of violence; victims of *school shootings*; California wildfires & mudslides, and others 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 people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region
- For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction; for those recovering from illness or surgery: Todd Moorman, Priscilla Preston, Bob Hale, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, 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.

## 547 LIFT HIM UP

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.  
John 12:32

1. How to reach the mass - es, \*men of ev - 'ry birth,  
2. Oh! the world is hun - gry for the Liv - ing Bread,  
3. Don't ex - alt the preach - er, don't ex - alt the pew,  
4. Lift Him up by liv - ing as a Chris - tian ought,

For an an - swer Je - sus gave the key: "And  
Lift the Sav - ior up for them to see; Trust  
Preach the Gos - pel sim - ple, full and free; Prove  
Let the world in you the Sav - ior see; Then

I, if I be lift - ed up from the earth,  
Him, and do not doubt the words that He said,  
Him and you will find that prom - ise is true,  
men will glad - ly fol - low Him who once taught,

Will draw all men un - to Me."  
"I'll draw all men un - to Me."  
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\*Saints can be substituted for men throughout this text.



Lift Him up, Lift Him up,  
Lift the pre-cious Sav-ior up, Lift the pre-cious Sav-ior up,

Still He speaks from e - ter - ni - ty: "And I, if I be lift-ed

up from the earth, Will draw all men un - to Me."

Text: Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1856-1922

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