

Christ the King

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.”

(Revelation 11:15b, NIV)

Welcome !



We are so glad that you decided to share with us in worship today! Whether we are young or old, longtime worshipers 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.

If we can assist you - through prayer, a phone call or a listening ear - please let us know what help we may provide. Call the church: 540.342.0264, or speak to one of us after worship.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV)



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November 25, 2018

Musician..... Mr. Frederick Bolden

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

We Assemble in God's Name

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Words from Scripture

Chimes

*** Preparation for Worship** *from Revelation 7 & 22*

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.

People: *Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength belong to our God for ever and
ever. Amen!*

ALL: *The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.*

*** Gathering in Song** "He is King of Kings" # 153 Blue

Call to Worship (unison)

Almighty God, we have come together in faithful fellowship and joyful community. Silence all voices in our minds but your own. Help us to seek and to 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.

Greetings, Announcements, and Celebration of Visitors

* 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.)

Worship in Song

The Choir

Prayer Concerns

Invitation to Prayer (unison)

(from Psalm 5)

“Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. Morning by morning you hear my voice; I wait in expectation.”

These words speak to us today as we try to live our lives, sometimes not knowing if we have done right or if we can live right. These words speak to us when we are hurting and feel as though we have no value to any one. These words speak to us when we feel isolated and afraid. These words lead us to seek the forgiveness, wholeness, and healing that can be found in the Lord.

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

“Thank You, Lord”

(Traditional)

1. Thank You, Lord, thank You Lord, thank You Lord,
I just want to thank You, Lord.
2. Been so good, been so good, been so good,
I just want to thank You Lord.

We Proclaim God's Word

Old Testament Lesson	1 Samuel 8: 19-22	page 331
Gospel Lesson	John 18: 33-40	page 1310
Special Music		The Choir
Prayer for Illumination		
Sermon:	The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.	

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn of Commitment "Come, Ye Thankful People" # 559

* An 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 The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

*** 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**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

*** We Carry Our Light Into the World**

"Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving" (insert)

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated



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

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


Ms. Shirley Calhoun—3087 Ordway Drive # J (24017) 362-0617

Ms. Carolyn Coleman—7505 Julia Terrace, Derwood, MD 20855

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

521 Every Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving

*Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.
Psalm 34:3*



Ev - 'ry day is a day of thanks-giv-ing.

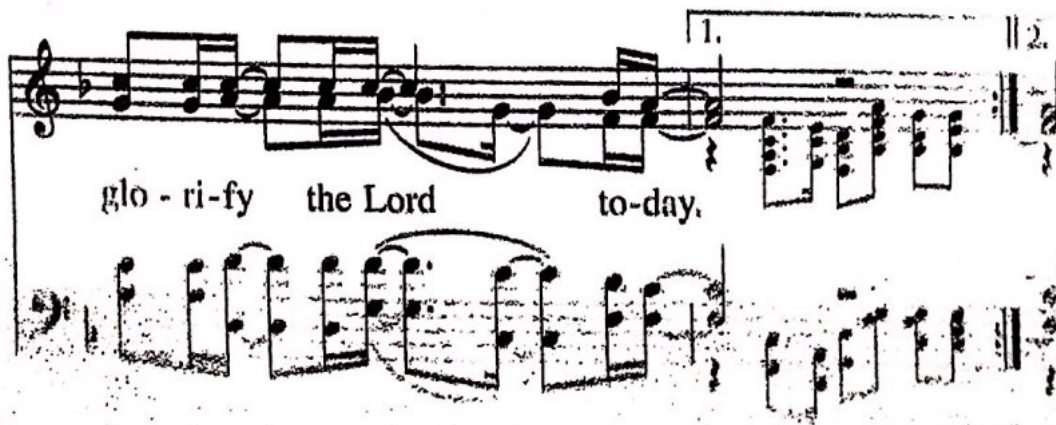


God's been so good to me; Ev-'ry day He's bless-ing me.

*Last time to be sung
Take the time to*



Ev - 'ry day is a day of thanks-giv-ing;



glo - ri-fy the Lord to-day.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For our nation and its leadership, *for the upcoming elections*: for our state and local officials, and those elected to national office— **for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation;** for a capacity to seek the greater good instead of personal gain; for responsible leaders

For immigrants seeking asylum or a better life—for families who are separated

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 foreign and domestic 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. For those battling **wildfires** and families who have lost their homes and loved ones; survivors of **hurricanes & floods** and manmade accidents, for first responders and 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: Carnis Poindexter and family; Priscilla Preston, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, 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 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.

For broken relationships

Announcements & Celebrations

*Forming Faith Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6pm.
Come and grow with us!*

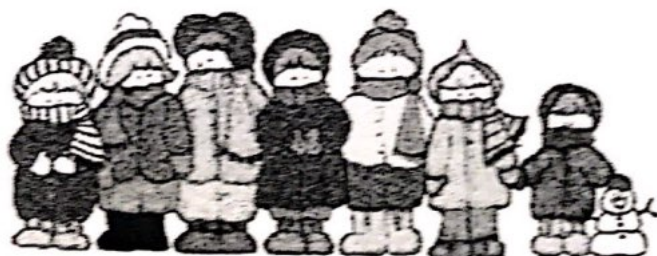
The Pastor's Office hours are by appointment—contact vernlee3@hotmail.com, or call the office—540.342.0264

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

A brief meeting of the Congregation will follow worship today. It is also "Friends & Family Day" - we will share our potluck lunch after the meeting. (Thanksgiving leftovers accepted!)

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.

The Rev. Kevin McNeil, who regularly served in our pulpit in the past, will be installed as the Pastor of Bethany Christian Church on December 2 at 3pm.



Donations are now being accepted for our holiday coat drive. Monetary donations or gift cards may be submitted to Angela or Cheryl. Please support and help keep our community youth warm.

Our second annual **Blue Christmas** will be celebrated on an upcoming Tuesday evening in December. If the season is difficult or less than joyous for you or someone you know, we hope you will plan to attend.

Next Sunday we will celebrate **The Lord's Supper**. It is also the **First Sunday in Advent!** Break out your purple Sunday best, and remember to bring an extra offering for hunger assistance.

CHRIST THE KING

At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign (see Revelation 1:4-8).

This festival was established in 1925 by decree of Pope Pius XI. Originally it took place on the last Sunday in October, just prior to All Saints' Day. Now it is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Christian year, a week before the season of Advent begins.

Christ reigns supreme

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 151)

The festival of Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) ends our marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming again at the end of time.

The day centers on the crucified and risen Christ, whom God exalted to rule over the whole universe. The celebration of the lordship of Christ thus looks back to Ascension, Easter, and Transfiguration, and points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Christ reigns supreme. Christ's truth judges falsehood. As the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Christ is the center of the universe, the ruler of all history, the judge of all people. In Christ all things began, and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. In the end, Christ will triumph over the forces of evil.

Such concepts as these cluster around the affirmation that Christ is King or Christ reigns! As sovereign ruler, Christ calls us to a loyalty that transcends every earthly claim on the human heart. To Christ alone belongs the supreme allegiance in our lives. Christ calls us to stand with those who in every age confessed, "Jesus Christ is Lord!" Christ alone has the right to claim our highest loyalty.