



The
Epiphany of the Lord

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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January 6, 2019

Musician Mr. Frederick Bolden
Pastor The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Scripture Sentences

Chimes

Preparation for Worship (responsive) *from John 3:19-21 & 8:12*

Leader: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

People: *Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.*

Leader: But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly - that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

ALL: *Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Call to Worship (unison): Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of your Word-made-flesh pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May his brightness illumine our lives and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

*** Passing of the Peace +**

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.)

Announcements and Celebrations

Worship in Song

Call to Confession

Pastor: By grace we have been saved through faith;

People: *and this is not our own doing; it is a gift from God.*

All: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison): God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

(Titus 2:11-14)

Pastor: The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all humankind.

People: *It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,*

All: who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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 "Emmanuel" # 134

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 page 1138

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Commitment** "As With Gladness" # 63 **Blue**

***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.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Praise

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Hymn: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* # 323

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison): Illumine our hearts, O God, with the radiance of Christ's presence, that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world. Teach us to befriend the lost, to serve the poor, to reconcile our enemies, and to love our neighbors. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

***Charge and Benediction**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Carry Our Light Into the World

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (chorus x 2)

*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**

In Memoriam: Carnis F. Poindexter
July 10, 1965-January 1, 2019

The love and sympathy of the congregation are with the family of Carnis Poindexter upon the death of his oldest son **Carnis F. Poindexter** on New Year's Day. Visitation is at Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home this afternoon, and again at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow here at the church, prior to the memorial service at 11:00 a.m.

Announcements & Celebrations

*Today we celebrate the sacrament of **The Lord's Supper**.
All who have been baptized are welcome at the Table.*

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

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For our nation and its leadership, 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 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 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: **Carnis Poin-dexter and family**; for refugees who have lost children; for victims of violence: for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region; vic-tims of mass **shootings** throughout the world; the families who have lost their homes and loved ones in **wildfires**; survivors of **earth- quakes, hurricanes & floods** 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 recover- ing from illness or surgery: Priscilla Preston, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Cole- man (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 hearts and broken relationships

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. (Revelation 22:17, NIV)