



But Noah found favor  
in the eyes of the Lord.

*(Genesis 6:8, RSV)*

# 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.

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: 540.342.0254, or speak to one of us after worship.

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## How Firm a Foundation

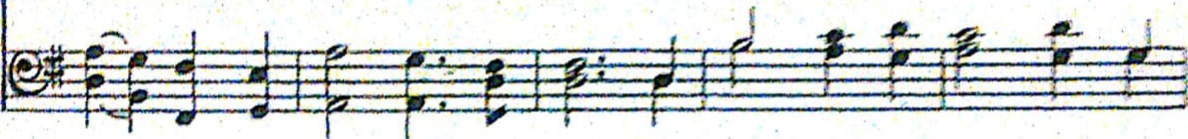
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I. B. Wade's *Centos Diversi*, 1751

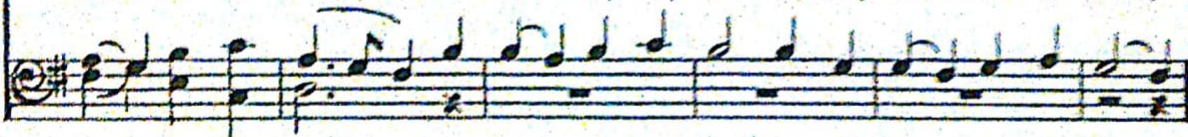
1. How firm a founda-tion, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed, For I am thy
3. "When through the deep wa-ters I call thee to go, The riv-ers of
4. "The soul that on Je-sus hath leaned for re- pose, I will not, I



faith in His ex-cel-lent word! What more can He say than to  
God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and  
sor-row shall not o-ver-flow; For I will be near thee, thy  
will not de- sert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should en-



you He hath said, To you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?  
cause thee to stand, Up-held by My right-eous, om-nip-o-tent hand,  
trou-bles to bless, And sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress,  
deav-or to shake, I'll nev-er, no, nev-er, no, nev-er for-sake,



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And sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress.  
I'll nev-er, no, nev-er, no, nev-er for-sake." A-MEN.



LIFE IN CHRIST: FAITH AND ASSURANCE



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### *Suicide Awareness Month*

September 16, 2018

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Musician..... Mr. Frederick Bolden

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

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### We Assemble in God's Name

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Words from Scripture

Chimes

\* Preparation for Worship

*from Psalm 69*

Leader: Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold.

People: *I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched.*

Leader: In your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.

People: *Rescue me, do not let me sink; out of the goodness of your love, in your great mercy, turn to me.*

ALL: I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. Let heaven and earth praise him.

All you who seek God, may your hearts live!

\* Gathering in Song

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

(insert)

(tune: O Come, All Ye Faithful)

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.

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

*"Guide My Feet"*

The Choir

#### Prayer Concerns

#### Invitation to Prayer (unison)

*(Psalm 139)*

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." 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 wholeness and healing that can be found in the Lord. Let us pray.

#### 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 (unison)

*"Through It All"*

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## We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture

Genesis 6:5-9

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Special Music

*"Where Will I Go"*

The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *"Flooding Tears"*

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

## We Respond to God's Word

\* Hymn of Commitment      *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*      # 43

\* 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

### *"This Little Light of Mine"*

1. *This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine*
2. *Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine*
3. *Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine*

\*Those who are able may stand ....

+ Late worshipers seated



### *Men's Day is next Sunday, September 23*

The Rev. Dr. Bill Lee (*retired, Loudon Ave. Christian Church*)  
will bring the message.

A repast will be served in the Fellowship Hall  
following morning worship.



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

Mr. Bob Hale—Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, 656-45669  
1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153  
Mr. Jim Slaughter—1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017) 356-47684  
Ms. Shirley Calhoun—3087 Ordway Drive # J (24017) 362-9617  
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)

## **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](mailto: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.

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





**IF ... you could say 3 WORDS**  
to convince someone **NOT** to take their **life**...  
what would **YOU** say...?

September is  
**"Suicide Awareness Month"**

If you, or someone you know, were **considering** suicide,  
what would **YOU** do?

**"People Helping People"**

Dr. Angela Bolden,  
Licensed Clinical Psychologist

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6 p.m.**

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church  
301 Patton Ave NW, Roanoke VA 24017



**...Be Empowered to Help...**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- For everyone affected by the hurricane; for emergency responders
- 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: for Audra & Ray Williams and family; for victims of violence: for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region; victims of mass **shootings** throughout the world; those battling **wildfires** and the families who have lost their homes and loved ones; survivors of **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 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.