

God is not the
God of the dead,
but of the living,
for to him
all are alive.

Luke 20:38

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.

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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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019

Pastor.....The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.
Organist..... Mr. Frederick Bolden
Choir Director.....Mr. Rayfus Parham
Pianist.....Ms. Kimari Wright

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Scripture Sentences

Chimes

Preparation for Worship (responsive)

(from Psalm 145)

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is beyond understanding.

People: *The nations of the world will celebrate and sing
because of God's matchless mercy, and his power to save.*

Pastor: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

People: *The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.*

**ALL: *With my mouth I will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all creation will bless his holy name forever and ever.***

Call to Worship (unison): Almighty God, beyond all knowing, seeing, touching, far beyond our understanding: in prayer and praise and proclamation of your Word we dare to speak about you, to speak to you, and to listen for your voice. You have called us to be your people and we are gathered in this place, lifting up our joys and sorrows, our hopes and disappointments; but most of all we offer our love and gratitude for your

grace and mercy and steadfast abiding love. Fill us with your Spirit, Lord. Strengthen us for service that we may honor you with our daily lives, and draw others to you. All glory and honor belong to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*** Gathering in Song** *"So Glad I'm Here"* (insert)

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

*** Passing of the Peace +**

Leader: 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 *"No Tears in Heaven"* The Choir

Prayer Concerns

Invitation to Prayer (unison) *(Jeremiah 29:11, 13b)*

"Surely I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart."

As we come to God in prayer, we remember with gratitude God's grace and unfailing love for all people. We can trust God to keep his promises — for comfort, guidance, forgiveness, mercy, healing, and hope.

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 *"Sanctuary"* (insert)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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Special Music *"My Lord, What a Morning"* The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Commitment *"More Love to Thee"* # 363

*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

* **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

We Carry Our Light Into the World

"Higher Ground" (verse 1 only) # 399

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

PRAYER CONCERNS

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 all who mourn the deaths of loved ones and friends: *Russ Merritt & family; the family of James "Bud" Robinson; for victims of violence: for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region; victims of mass shootings throughout the world; the families who have lost their homes and loved ones in the hurricane, in wildfires; survivors of natural disasters and manmade accidents, & for those who work to help them rebuild their lives; for those suffering from famine and hunger; for refugees & families who are separated*

For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction, for those recovering from illness or surgery: Robert Cole, Carnis Poindexter, Phillip Claytor, Shannon Pendleton, Priscilla Preston, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Sondra Harris, 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 (Parkinson's); Robert Woodworth; health care workers and researchers; **for the elderly**

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; for those absent from our fellowship for any reason.

For our enemies, both personal and national, including terrorists

For our nation and its leadership— for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation; 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 the Kurds; for Russia; for Venezuela; for North and South Korea; for Iran; for Israel/Palestine; for Syria; for The Congo

For our pastor and his family; for our ministry together

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*Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts...
Psalm 24:3-4*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You."

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And now, our God, we give thanks to You and praise Your glorious name.

1 Chronicles 29:13

1. So glad I'm here in Je - sus' name;
2. Pray* while I'm here in Je - sus' name;

Oh Lord, I'm
Oh Lord, I'll

So glad I'm here in Je - sus' name!
Pray while I'm here in Je - sus' name!

I don't know what you've come to do,

I've come to praise His name,

I've come to praise His name!

*3. Sing while..., 4. Shout while....

Announcements & Celebrations

Forming Faith Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6 pm.

Come 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.

Remember: No one should have to choose between paying rent and feeding their family. School has started, and children are hungry. Bring a food offering to share with those who need our help.



**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	541-8898
<u>Mr. Jim Slaughter</u> —1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017)	366-0391
<u>Ms. Shirley Calhoun</u> —3087 Ordway Drive # J (24017)	362-0617

Why do we ring the chimes?

For centuries, churches have used bells to announce to the whole community that it is time for worship. Bells, or chimes, tell us it is time to cease our chatter so that we can focus on the reason we are here: we have come to worship a sovereign God who demands our full attention.

We sound our chimes three times, once for each member of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.