



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

## *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  
Email: don.wahls@gmail.com

#### **+ Notes from the Pastor +**

- Start the New Year off right with Bible Study! *"Forming Faith"* meets Tuesdays at 6 pm here at the church. Come for study, stay for fellowship, continue for growth!
- Office hours this week: By appointment—contact vernlee3@hotmail.com, or call the office—540.342.0264

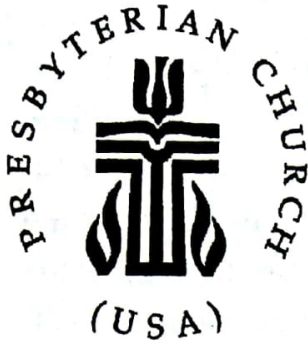
#### **+ Other Announcements +**

- 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)

#### **Celebrating Black History Month—February 24 & 25**

- The Youth will be hosting an event on Saturday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Jordan Bell will make a presentation and light snacks will be served.
- Our annual Black History Lunch will be held on Sunday, February 25. Bring a favorite family dish to share after worship!





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*Historic Past • Contemporary Presence • Exciting Future*

## **First Sunday in Lent**

February 18, 2018

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Organist..... 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**

**Gathering in Song (seated)**     *"Oh, What He's Done for Me"* (insert)

#### **Welcome**

**Prayer of Preparation (unison):** Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Chimes**

##### **\*Call to Worship**

*from Psalm 84*

**Leader:** How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**People:** *My soul longs for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God..*

**All:** *Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise. Praise the Lord!*

**\*Hymn of Praise.....** *"So Glad I'm Here"* .....(insert)

#### **Announcements and Celebrations**

##### **Welcome of Visitors**

##### **\* 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**

#### **Invitation to Confession**

**Leader:** "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts! See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**Prayer of Confession (unison):** God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We do not always extend this same love to others, as your disciples in this world. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Leader:** The Lord God said: "I will give you a new heart and a new mind."

**People:** "I will take away your stubborn heart of stone and give you an obedient heart."

**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**

The Choir

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

**Scripture Lesson**

Mark 1:29-39

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**Special Music**

The Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

**Sermon**

"The 3 R's"



## We Respond to God's Word

### \*Invitation to Discipleship

\*Hymn of Commitment ... .. "Guide My Feet" ... .. # 354 Blue

### \* 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): O God, as we bring our offerings to you, we dedicate ourselves to your service. By our study of your word may we strengthen our faith; by our prayers for your Church, may we further her work; by love for our neighbors may we honor your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

We Carry Our Light Into the World

"Sanctuary" (insert)

\*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

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

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.

Text: John Thompson, b.1950 and Randy Scruggs  
Tune: John Thompson, b.1950 and Randy Scruggs  
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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....

Text: Praise and Worship Song

Tune: Praise and Worship Song; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.



## Community Opportunities during Lent

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

February 21—Pastor Serenus Churn

February 28—Pastor Dwight O. Steele

March 7—Pastor Lee Pusha'

March 14—Pastor Michael Palmer

March 21—Pastor Sylvia Ball

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 first meeting is Wednesday, February 21 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).

**Watch for more information regarding our annual  
"One Great Hour of Sharing" offering!**

#### **DOLLARS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**For people in Africa suffering  
from malnutrition:**

\$50 40 Moringa  
tree seedlings

**One  
great hour  
of sharing**





## **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 The Congo; *for a peaceful Winter Olympics***

**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: *the Vernie Bolden family, the Joseph Breuer family, Russ Merritt & family*; 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, Cynthia & Nat Harris, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); Thom Witting; 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.**