



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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The Resurrection of the Lord

April 21, 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)

Pastor: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

People: *To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to serve his God and Father—
to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.*

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: *He is risen indeed!*

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: *Hallelujah! Let us worship God!*

Call to Worship (unison): God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. We come to you this Easter morning seeking to renew our relationship with you. As we worship together, increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you; through Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Gathering in Song "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" # 217

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

Joyce Bolden

Prayer Concerns

Invitation to Prayer (unison)

(from Isaiah 53:4-5)

"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...the punishment that brought us peace was laid upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." 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 remind us to trust God's promise of forgiveness, wholeness, and healing in Him.

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

"He is Lord"

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 20:11-18

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Special Music

"O Happy Day"

The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Commitment "Christ Arose" # 216

*An Affirmation of Faith from the New Testament scriptures

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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 & "One Great Hour" Offering

* 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 OUT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

*Charge and Benediction The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Carry Our Light Into the World

"What a Mighty God We Serve" (next page)

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

Announcements & Celebrations

* Please stay after Worship today for refreshments
in the Fellowship Hall! *

*Forming Faith Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6 pm.
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.

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.

*Our love and sympathy to Joe & Lois Bruer and
family in the loss of Joe's mother.*



**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	556-6680
<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.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet; and the last enemy to be destroyed is death. (from 1 Corinthians 15)

What a Mighty God We Serve!

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An-gels bow be-fore him, heav-en and earth a-dore him;



what a might - y God we serve.



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 Russia; for Venezuela; 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 the Bruer family**; 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 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*
- For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction, for those recovering from illness or surgery:** 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 (Parkinson's); Robert Woodworth; health care workers and researchers; for the elderly; Danielle
- 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; for those absent from our fellowship for any reason.**