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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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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 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 2 Corinthians 5*

Pastor: From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view.

People: *If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

Pastor: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation... entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

ALL: So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. Let us worship God!

Call to Worship (unison): God of the lost, the least, and all who long for home: when we wander from your ways and waste the gifts you have given us, welcome us back, we pray, so that we may celebrate and rejoice in your presence forever. Accept our worship, and strengthen us to serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Gathering in Song** "O How I Love Jesus" # 529

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Commitment** "Amazing Grace" # 202

***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 OUT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

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

We Carry Our Light Into the World "God Be With You" (insert)

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

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 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 earthquakes, hurricanes & floods* 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 (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; for those absent from our fellowship for any reason.

Announcements & Celebrations

*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

Next Sunday: Celebration of The Lord's Supper (April 7)

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.



**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.



This year marks the 70th anniversary of One Great Hour of Sharing! This annual offering is part of our Easter celebration. Our gifts provide funding for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self Development of People (investing in communities to fight poverty, injustice, and oppression). Stay tuned for details in the coming weeks, and plan to give as generously as you are able.



One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the most important offerings in the Presbyterian Church. The gifts you give enable the church to share God's love to our neighbors-in-need, at home and around the world, who are experiencing disaster, hunger, and oppression.

The programs supported by this offering are:

- (1) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- (2) The Hunger Program
- (3) Self Development of People.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to disaster throughout the world, whether it is on our own North Carolina coast, California's wild fires, volcanoes in Guatemala or tsunamis in Indonesia. Various volunteer teams help with a number of issues. Among them are mental health and spiritual care in great need after loss of lives and homes. (For example in the California Camp Fire, 10,000 homes were destroyed, 5,300 evacuated, and 79 people killed.) Further there is help getting access to basic services and temporary housing as well as mobilizing congregations to provide various types of care.

Presbyterian Hunger Program helps the church respond to the violence of hunger and poverty. Its mission is clear: alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. Tools used to do so include direct food relief, sustainable development and living, advocacy, and education.

Self-Development of People is a ministry that affirms God's concern for humankind. Poverty and oppression are addressed through partnerships with groups of disadvantaged low income people, also suffering injustice, who want to change their lives and communities. One funded project is in Gainesville, Alabama where a community garden will be established and a trainer hired to help combat diabetes, heart disease, and obesity among its residents. Another is in the Dominican Republic where education and training in technical skills are being taught to help alleviate very poor economic conditions.

One Great Hour of Sharing gifts impact people's lives throughout the world. Sharing the good news of Christ is our mission and our command. Give, Act, and Pray are watchwords for us to obey.

639 GOD BE WITH YOU

*Where can I go from Your spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?
Psalm 139:7*

God be with you, God be with you,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics 'God be with you, God be with you,'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/8.

God be with you, un-til we meet a - gain;

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are 'God be with you, un-til we meet a - gain;'. The musical notation includes various note values and rests, with the melody line clearly defined above the lyrics.

God be with you, God be with you,

The third system of musical notation repeats the first line of the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are 'God be with you, God be with you,'. The musical notation is consistent with the first system.

God be with you, un-til we meet a - gain.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece with the final line of melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are 'God be with you, un-til we meet a - gain.' The notation ends with a double bar line.

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