



"You are my Lord
and my God!"

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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Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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)

Psalm 92:1-4

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: *to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,*

ALL: *For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

Call to Worship (unison):

Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross, you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.

***Gathering in Song**

"May Jesus Christ Be Praised"

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(verses 1, 3, 4 & 6)

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 *"Just a Little Talk With Jesus"* (insert)

Call to Confession

Pastor: By grace we have been saved through faith;

People: *and this is not our own doing; it is a gift from God.*

All: *Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.*

Prayer of Confession (unison): Father in heaven, your love brings life to dead souls, light to darkened minds, strength to weak wills. We know that we have not loved you with our whole heart, or loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. As we confess our sins, help us to believe and trust that no wrong we have done, no good we have failed to do, is too great for you to pardon, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

People *God does not hold our sins against us. When we confess, he wipes the record clean. Continually his Spirit is at work in us and with us, that we may be more loving and faithful people.*

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

People: "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" Amen!

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: *In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!*

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.*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-31

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Special Music

E Woodworth

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Commitment

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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*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.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Praise

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Hymn: *"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"* (insert)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison): O God, the Lord of all life, we thank you for this sacrament of bread and cup. We thank you for your joyous gifts of love and peace and gladness of heart. We ask you now for courage, that we may do what is right, proclaiming the good news of your salvation by our words and deeds, and finding joy in serving others as Christ has served us. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

***Charge and Benediction**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Carry Our Light Into the World

"I've Got Peace Like a River" # 498

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

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*)

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 Dupree (friend of Angela Bolden)
- 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

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.

Today we celebrate the sacrament of The Lord's Supper. All who have been baptized are welcome at the Table. We will also receive our monthly special offering for assistance of a family in need.



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

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

Ms. Shirley Calhoun—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.

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Loudon Avenue Christian Church
Pastor Anthony Holmes, M.Div.

Spring Revival


May 1st, 8th, & 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8—Pastor Calvin Curry
Wednesday, May 15—Rev. Dr. William Lee



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Just a Little Talk with Jesus


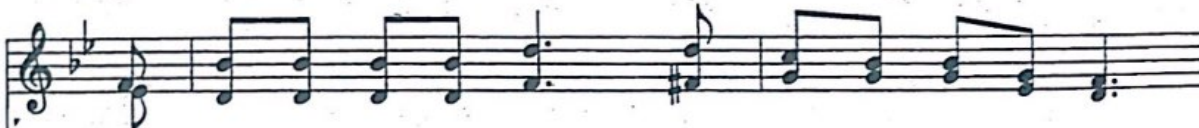
*Beloved, pray for us.
1 Thessalonians 5:25*



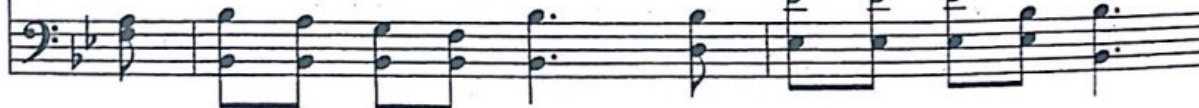
1. I once was lost in sin But Je - sus took me in,
2. Some - times my path seems drear, With - out a ray of cheer,
3. I may have doubts and fears, My eyes be filled with tears,

And then a lit - tle light from heav - en filled my soul;
And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day;
But Je - sus is a friend who watch - es day and night;

It bathed my heart in love And wrote my name a - bove,
The mists of sin may rise And hide the star - ry skies,
I go to Him in prayer, He knows my ev - 'ry care,




And just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus made me whole.
But just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus clears the way.
And just a lit - tle talk with Je - sus makes it right.



Have a lit-tle talk with Je-sus, tell Him all a-bout our
Now let us -let us

trou- bles, Hear our faint - est cry,
He will and He will

an - swer by and by; Feel a lit - tle prayer wheel
Now when you

turn - ing, know a lit - tle fire is burn - ing,
and you you will

right.
Find a lit - tle talk with Je - sus makes it right, makes it right.

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