



# 304 SO GLAD I'M HERE

*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....



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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
September 15, 2019

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

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## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles**

**Scripture Sentences**

**Chimes**

**Preparation for Worship (responsive)**

*(Philippians 4:4-7)*

**Pastor:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

**People:** *Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.*

**Pastor:** Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer  
and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made  
known to God.

**ALL:** ***And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus***

**Call to Worship (unison):** God of might and mercy, on this day which  
you have made, in this time which you have given to us, in this place  
where we have gathered, we come to offer You our thanks and praise,  
for You alone are worthy. Help us to put aside the burdens of our hearts  
and minds by giving them to you. Bless our fellowship as we embrace  
one another in your love. Accept our worship, and strengthen us for ser-

vice, we pray. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. 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**                      “Seek Ye First”                      The Choir

### **Prayer Concerns**

**Invitation to Prayer (unison)**                      *(Psalm 138:8)*

“The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.” God is with us! 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 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**                      “People Need the Lord”                      # 303

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson**                      Luke 15:11-32                      page 1257

**Special Music**                      “I’ve Got a Feeling”                      The Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**                      The Rev. Vernie Bolden

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Commitment "Jesus is Tenderly Calling" # 327

\*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

*"Take the Name of Jesus With You" (v. 1) # 116*

\*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

## 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](mailto:vernlee3@hotmail.com), or call the office—540.342.0264

The Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. We are grateful for Rayfus Parham's volunteer leadership!

**Remember:** No one should have to choose between paying rent and feeding their family. School is starting, 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**

Mr. Bob Hale—Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, 1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153	556-6680
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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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

# 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)*

## 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: **the Shepperson/Watson 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 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:** 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); Danielle Dupree (Angela's friend); 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 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**

**For unity in the Church,** cooperation among denominations, for people of other faiths and for those who have no faith