



“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

Eastertide

Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter [The Resurrection of the Lord] is only the first of fifty days of Eastertide, the “Great Fifty Days” that lead up to Pentecost. [This year, Pentecost falls on May 20.]

This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the ramifications of Easter for the redemption of all creation, and for joyful Christian living.... Jesus Christ's resurrection is the central event of all human history. Christians who make this confession are talking not about resurrection of faith in the disciples, or of hope in the women at the tomb, or of tulips in the spring. They are confessing the real resurrection of Jesus.

(from The Worship Sourcebook)



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Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

Organist.....Mr. Frederick Bolden
Pastor The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Assemble in God's Name

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Gathering in Song (seated) *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* #106

Welcome

Prayer of Invocation (unison): Lord of life, 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. All praise is yours, now and throughout eternity, with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Chimes

*** Call to Worship.....***from Job 19:25-26; 1 John 2:2*

Leader: I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my body has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God.

People: *Jesus Christ, the Righteous One—He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins; and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: *He is risen indeed!*

All: *Hallelujah! Let us worship God!*

Hymn of Praise....."The Day of Resurrection"*.....# 226

Announcements and Celebrations

Welcome of Visitors

*** Passing of the Peace +**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: *And also with you!*

Leader: Let us now share the peace of God with one another.

(Congregation greets one another, exchanging words of peace.)

Special Music "Standing in the Need of Prayer" **The Choir**
Invitation to Confession *from 1 John 1:5-7*

Leader: "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in darkness, we lied and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin." Let us confess our sins before God. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (unison): Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We know that we have failed to be the people you call us to be. Come, Holy Spirit of God, and search our hearts with the light of the risen Christ. Hear our prayers of confession. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon..... *1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24*

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

People: *May the risen Christ of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life.*

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..... "He Is Lord" (chorus).....# 105

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Acts 3:1-10

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Special Music

"Woke Up this Morning"

The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

***Invitation to Discipleship**

***Hymn of Commitment**

"Jesus Saves!"

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*** 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

Offertory (unison): We bring our gifts to you, O God, with cheerfulness and joyful hearts. Grant that with our tithes and offerings, we may also offer the whole of our lives to your service in the world. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. 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

"Because He Lives" (chorus x 2) # 213

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

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

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+ Notes from the Pastor +

- Bible Study: ***"Forming Faith"*** meets Tuesdays at 6 pm here at the church.
- **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


Standin' in the Need of Prayer

Traditional *Leader*

Traditional



1. Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord,
 2. Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord,
 3. Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord,
 4. Not the stran - ger, nor my neigh - bor, but it's me, O Lord,

*Response**Leader*


Stand - in' in the need of prayer; Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter,
 Stand - in' in the need of prayer; Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con,
 Stand - in' in the need of prayer; Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er,
 Stand - in' in the need of prayer; Not the stran - ger, nor my neigh - bor,

Response


but it's me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer.
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All


It's me, It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer;

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 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: *The Preston Family upon the death of Todd Moorman; Central Baptist congregation family & friends of Rev. Joseph Keaton; Sweet Union congregation, family & friends of Rev. Sylvia Ball*; for victims of violence; **victims of mass 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: Priscilla Preston, Bob Hale, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, Jim Slaughter, 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 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.