

REJOICE...

For Lo, I Will Come

Zechariah 2:10



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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Historic Past • Contemporary Presence • Exciting Future

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Scripture Sentences

Chimes

Lighting of the Christ Candle *(from Isaiah 9 & 60, and John 1)*

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

People: *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end!*

ALL: *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Leader: Today is the first Sunday after Christmas. We light the Christ Candle to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the promised Savior, the coming of God-with-us, Light and Life, into our world.

People: *We no longer walk in darkness, or in fear, because we have faith in the One who loves us, and gave himself for us, that we may be called children of God. Now we shine as his lights in the world!*

ALL: *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." Christ our Savior is born!*

Prayer (unison): Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith and your persistent love shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Gathering in Song** *"Jesus, the Light of the World"* (insert)

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 *"Wonderful Counselor"* The Choir

Prayer Concerns

Invitation to Prayer (unison) *(Titus 2:4,5)*

"When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." 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 *"Emmanuel"* # 134

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:41-52

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Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Commitment *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* # 141

*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

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

1. *We wish you a Merry Christmas...*
2. *The joy of the Lord be with you, His love ever live within you, and bring you a merry Christmas each day of the year.*

*Good tidings we bring from Jesus the King,
Good tidings of Christmas and a happy New Year.*

3. *We wish you a Merry Christmas...*

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated



**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

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. (*Colossians 3:12-15, NIV*)

Announcements & Celebrations

***Forming Faith Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6pm.
Come and grow with us! Happy New Year!!!***

We are receiving our annual **Christmas Joy Offering** again today, for those of us who did not have the opportunity to give last Sunday. See the insert for more information as we join with other Presbyterians across the country to support The Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions (church workers), Schools and Colleges Equipping Communities of Color, and Leadership Development for People of Color. Please give prayerfully as you are able!

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. 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.

Today is Friends & Family Day—Plan to stay and share in our potluck repast after worship!

Jesus, the Light of the World

We'll Walk in the Light

CHRISTMAS

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1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Je - sus, the Light of the world;



"Glo - ry to the new-born King," Je - sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je - sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je - sus, the Light of the world.
hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness! Je - sus, the Light of the world.



Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light, come where the dew - drops of mer - cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the Light of the world.

