



World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2019

*People shall come from east and west and from north
and south, to sit at table in the kingdom of God.*

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
301 Patton Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24016

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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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 6, 2019

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Scripture Sentences

Chimes

***Preparing for Worship (responsive)**

from Psalm 34

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good!

People: *Happy are those who rest in God.*

Leader: Come and listen, children of God.

People: *Teach us the way of truth and life.*

Leader: Let us depart from evil and do good.

People: *Let us seek peace and pursue it.*

***Call to Worship (unison):** Gracious and merciful God, we have come to worship you in your glory and your love. We come to thank you for your goodness to us, and to offer you our obedient faithful service. We come to gather at your Table for renewal and grace. Come to us, Lord, and teach us a new way of living in deeper faith and greater love, through Jesus Christ your Son. In one voice we say thank you, hallelujah and amen.

*** Gathering in Song**

"We're Marching to Zion"

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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 *"In Christ There is No East or West"* # 285

Call to Confession

Leader: 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): Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, much of the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now, we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

People: *Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.*

All: *And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.*

Leader: Friends, we have been called and claimed by the God of all creation; and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, our sins have been forgiven.

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.

Prayer Response *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"* # 580

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson Habakkuk 1:1– 2:4 page 1105

Special Music *"One Bread, One Body"* Joyce & Ellen

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon The Rev. Vernie Bolden

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Commitment** *"In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified"* # 394

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**

*** Choral Response:**

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Praise

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Hymn: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* # 323

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

"We Will Stand" (x 2) # 474

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

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In your service, Lord, defend us,
In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world where you have sent us,
Let your kingdom come, O Lord. Amen.

— Louis F. Benson, 1924

Announcements & Celebrations

Forming Faith Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6 pm.

Come 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. School is starting, and children are hungry. 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 or profess Jesus as Lord 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**

<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.

Mark your calendar:

MEN'S DAY

Sunday, October 27

World Communion Sunday



The first Sunday in October is designated as **World Communion Sunday**, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

“The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread.