



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church
301 Patton Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016

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 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 Vernie Bolden family, the Joseph Breuer family, Russ Merritt & family*; for victims of violence; victims of *school 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: Rev. Joseph Keaton & Central Baptist church; Rev. Sylvia Ball, Todd Moorman, Priscilla Preston, Bob Hale, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, Jim Slaughter, The Roberson family, Cynthia & Nat Harris, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); Thom Witting; 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.



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Historic Past • Contemporary Presence • Exciting Future

Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 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)

"Bless His Holy Name" # 13

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation (unison): Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Chimes

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

People: *The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?*

All: *Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.*

***Hymn of Praise..... "He's Got the Whole World"# 344**

Announcements and Celebrations

Welcome of Visitors

*** Passing of the Peace +**

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

People: *Peace be with you! Let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

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

Special Music *"You Can't Make Me Doubt Him"* The Choir

Psalms 139:23-24

Invitation to Confession

Leader: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts! See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession (unison): God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ezekiel 36:26

Leader: The Lord God said: "I will give you a new heart and a new mind."

People: *"I will take away your stubborn heart of stone and give you an obedient heart."*

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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 *"God Has Smiled on Me"* The Choir

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Lesson Mark 9:2-9 page 1205

Special Music *"The Storm is Passing Over"* The Choir

Prayer for Illumination The Rev. Vernie Bolden

Sermon *"The Price is Right"*

We Respond to God's Word

* Invitation to Discipleship

* Hymn of Commitment "Soon and Very Soon" # 551

* 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 (unison): God of compassion, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding, and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ. We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life. By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. 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

We Carry Our Light Into the World

* Those who are able may stand

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

"This Little Light of Mine"

+ 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

Email: don.wahls@gmail.com

+ Notes from the Pastor +

- Start the New Year off right with Bible Study! *"Forming Faith"* meets Tuesdays at 6 pm here at the church. Come for study, stay for fellowship, continue for growth!
- Office hours this week: By appointment—contact vernlee3@hotmail.com, or call the office—540.342.0264

+ Other Announcements +

- Our annual **Black History Potluck Lunch** will be held today after worship. Everyone is invited to stay!
- Our **First Sunday Hunger Offering** will be received next Sunday as part of our expanding outreach to the community. Please give as generously as you are able.
- The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated as part of our worship next Sunday, March 1. Lois Breuer and Katrine Cole will prepare and serve.
- 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

Community Opportunities during Lent

Loudon Avenue Christian Church Community Lenten Revival

February 28—Pastor Dwight O. Steele

March 7—Pastor Lee Pusha'

March 14—Pastor Michael Palmer

March 21—Pastor Sylvia Ball

March 28—Pastor Melton Johnson

March 30—*Good Friday*—Pastor Anthony L. Holmes, Sr.

All services begin at noon each Wednesday and last for 30 minutes. A light lunch of soup and sandwich will be served after each service.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Study/Worship Series "From Confession to Communion"

This *supper* series is co-sponsored by First Baptist (Gainsboro) and Greene Memorial United Methodist Church. *The group meets each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist, with a meal of soup and sandwiches provided each week at no charge.* The intention of the series is to facilitate the building of community, to overcome our disconnections over race, gender, politics, generations, and change. It will conclude on Wednesday, March 28.

A flier is posted in the vestibule with additional information, or you may call First Baptist (981-1241) or Greene Memorial (344-6225).

Watch for more information regarding our annual "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering!

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Your gift of \$20 can help a Haitian villager purchase a pair of goats which can help support his family with milk and offspring;

It's Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do.