**Luke 15: 1-10**

*Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.****2****But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”*

***3****Then Jesus told them this parable:****4****“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?****5****And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders****6****and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’****7****I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.*

***8****“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?****9****And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’****10****In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

**Our Prayer List Jon Barton, Rhonda Hale, Jim Slaughter, Joe Loving, Jr, Thom Whitting, Gabriela Rangel, Geri Tankersly, Lucy Glymph, Camelia Cherry, Carolyn Coleman, the family of Priscilla Roberson, Virginia Robinson, the family of William “Bill” Austin on his passing**

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, September 28** following theworship service



**Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church**

301 Patton Avenue NW, Roanoke VA 24016

Sunday, September 14, 2025

**We count it a joy that you would share with us today!**

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

May the face of the Lord shine upon you and be gracious to you,

May the Lord turn to you and give you peace…

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**We Gather**

**Musical Prelude** … Kimari Spangler (2)

**Scripture Reading** … Ezekiel 34: 15-16 … Brooke Stephens

***15****I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord.****16****I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.*

**Greetings/Call to Worship** … Lisa Robinson “I once was lost but now am found!” We have gathered to give thanks for all we have received from the Lord’s good hands: to praise God’s holy name, to acknowledge and confess our sins, to hear God’s holy word, and to ask those things needful for life. Let us draw near to God in all humility and celebrate God’s infinite goodness and mercy. O Lord, we have gathered to say thank you, Hallelujah, and AMEN.

**We Call Upon the Lord**

**Invitation in Music** … Avery Bolden

**Prayers of the People** … Rev. Ellen Woodworth

**The Lord’s Prayer**  *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, the 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.*

**Gloria Patri** … Kimari Spangler

**Blessed Break** *(Let us greet one another in the name of Jesus)*

**We Share God’s Word**

**Scripture** … Luke 15: 1-10

**Reflect in Song** … Avery Bolden

**Message** … Lost … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden. Jr

**We Respond**

**Respond in Song** … Rev. Ellen Woodworth

**Celebration of Giving**

**Giving Prayer** O Lord, the Apostle Paul told us, *“…each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver…”* O Lord, remind us that rather than lose ourselves in a world that demands so much of our time, our talents, and our very spirit, that in you there is more than enough for us; that in you there is more for us to become. O Lord, in you, thank you for the blessing of cheerfully giving of our time, our talents, and our resources toward the lifting of your community of love. AMEN.

**Affirm Our Faith** (Luke 10: 25-28) ***25****On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”* ***26****“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”* ***27****He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”* ***28****“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”*

**We Tell the Good News**

**Go in Peace** … Rev. Ellen Woodworth

**Benediction** … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr