



**"Follow me,
and I will make you
fish for people."**



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church
301 Patton Avenue NW, Roanoke, Virginia 24016

"Celebrating 125 Years of Faith & Service"

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

Organist..... Mr. Frederick Bolden
Supply Minister The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr..

We Assemble in God's Name

Organ Prelude

Chimes & Lighting of Candles *We prepare for worship*

*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?*

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me
and answer me!

All: *"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.*

* **Prayer of Invocation (unison):** Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. As we come to worship you, we pray that you will bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. Amen.

* **Hymn of Praise**..... *"May Jesus Christ Be Praised"*# 87

* **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 Pi-
late, 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.

Invitation to Confession Worship Leader

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God is light;
in God there is no darkness at all.

People: *Anyone who claims to be in the light, but hates his brother or sister, is still in the darkness.*

All: *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 every sin.*

Prayer of Confession (unison): Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of our world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us?

People: *Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.*

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: *The old life has gone; a new life has begun.*

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

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.*

*** Passing of the Peace and Welcome of Worshippers +**

Leader: Since we have been reconciled with God and with each other,
People: *let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

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

Welcome, Announcements and Concerns of the Church

Celebrations and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of Intercession 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..... *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*# 614

Musical Selection..... The Choir

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Lesson..... Matthew 4:12-23.....page 1141

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord! **People:** *Thanks be to God!*

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

Sermon

*** Hymn of Commitment**..... *"Jesus Calls Us"*# 375

We Give Thanks to God

Offertory (unison): Almighty God, you sent Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Like Christ's first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world. Accept our tithes and offerings as we rededicate our lives to you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*** Choral Response**

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

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**... *"They'll Know We are Christians"* ...# 284

We Go in God's Name

Charge, Benediction and Choral Response

We Carry Our Light Into the World (Congregation Seated)

Closing..... "Because He Lives" (chorus only).....# 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 one of the elders.

Announcements

- *The Adult Choir* meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. New members are welcomed.
- *"We Believe" Youth Outreach Program* meets first and third Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers.
- *Remember: When temperatures drop, fuel bills go up!* Bring a food offering for those less fortunate. Suggested items include: cold cereals, oatmeal, syrup, beef stew, Treet, tuna, salmon, PB & J, canned & dry beans, canned vegetables, tomato and chicken noodle soups

Remember to Reach Out to and Pray for Members & Friends Who are Ill, Lonely, Recovering from Surgery or Shut-In

Mr. William Copney—7924 Carriage Park Drive NW(24019) 982-6508

Ms. Lois Hooks—1702 Franwill Ave NW (24017) 345-9173

Mr. Ralph Shepperson—VA Veterans Care Center
4550 Shenandoah Ave., Roanoke VA 24017

Mr. Jim Slaughter—1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017) 366-0391

Congregational Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

- For our enemies, both personal and national, including terrorists
- For our nation and its leadership, for President Trump; for our state and local officials, and those newly-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; the threat of ISIS, Boko Haram, the Taliban, and similar groups
- 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: *for victims of violence; of fires, earthquakes, typhoons, hurricanes & tropical storms, dealing with the aftermath of both natural disasters and man-made 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, for those recovering from illness or surgery: Lois and Joe Bruer; Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, Jim Slaughter, The Roberson family, Betty McFadden (Russ' mother), Cynthia & Nat Harris, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); health care workers and researchers
- 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, including Kevin & Bryan Preston.
- 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.

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*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!*