



The Transfiguration  
of the Lord

# 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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March 3, 2019

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

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### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles**

**Scripture Sentences**

**Chimes**

**Preparation for Worship (responsive)**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Pastor:** The LORD bless you and keep you;

**People:** *the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;*

**ALL:** *the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

***Let us worship God.***

**Call to Worship (unison):** O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**\*Gathering in Song**

*"The Lord is My Light"*

*(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**

*"Higher Ground"*

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### **Call to Confession**

**Pastor:** **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):** 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 Pardon**

*(2 Corinthians 4:6; 1 John 1:5-7)*

**Pastor:** God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!" is the same God who made light shine in our hearts to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ.

*People: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.*

**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 all sin.***

**Pastor:** Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**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**

*"Because He Lives" (chorus only)*

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## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Lesson**                      Exodus 34:29-35                      page 106  
**Special Music**  
**Prayer for Illumination**                      The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.  
**Sermon**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn of Commitment**                      *"Search Me O God"*                      # 439

**\*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.*

## Celebration of Holy Communion

**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):** Illumine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ's love, and inspire us to shine in faith and witness as his holy disciples. Transform us into his likeness that we may live for you, as he lived, and love others, as he loved them. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

## WE GO OUT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

### \*Charge and Benediction

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

### We Carry Our Light Into the World

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

\*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	<b>556-6680</b>
<u>Mr. Jim Slaughter</u> —1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017)	<b>366-0391</b>
<u>Ms. Shirley Calhoun</u> —3087 Ordway Drive # J (24017)	<b>362-0617</b>

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. (Matthew 5:14-15, NIV)

## **Announcements & Celebrations**

*Forming Faith Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6 pm.*

**No meeting this week**

*Come and grow with us!*

The Pastor's Office hours are by appointment—contact [vernlee3@hotmail.com](mailto: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 we celebrate the sacrament of **The Lord's Supper**.  
All who have been baptized are welcome at the Table.*

### **Why the chimes?**

*For centuries, churches have used bells to announce to the community that it is time for worship. Many churches now use organ or bell chimes to signal the start of worship to the congregation which is gathered in the sanctuary.*

*The 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.*

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- For our nation and its leadership**, for our state and local officials, and those elected to national office— **for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation; for a capacity to seek the greater good** instead of personal gain; for families who are separated
- For the leaders of other countries, and the efforts of all who seek to bring peace to the world**—for Russia; for Venezuela; for North and South Korea; for Iran; for Israel/Palestine; for Syria; 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: *Carnis Poin-dexter and family; for refugees who have lost children; for victims of violence: for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region; victims of mass shootings throughout the world; the families who have lost their homes and loved ones in **wildfires**; survivors of **earthquakes, hurricanes & floods** and manmade accidents, & for those who work to help them rebuild their lives; for those suffering from famine and hunger*
- For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction, for those recovering from illness or surgery:** Priscilla Preston, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, The Roberson family, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); 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 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.**
- For broken hearts and broken relationships; for those absent from our fellowship for any reason.**