



*"I will follow you, Lord,  
But first..."*

# 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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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 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)** *from Psalm 40*

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

People: *He set my feet on a rock, and gave me a firm place to stand.*

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

**ALL: *Many will see and hear and put their trust in the Lord.***

***Praise the Lord!***

**\*Call to Worship (unison):** God of might and mercy, on this day which you have made, in this time which you have given to us, in this place where we have gathered—we come to offer You our thanks and praise, for You alone are worthy. Help us to put aside the burdens of our hearts and minds by giving them to you. Bless our fellowship as we embrace one another in your love. Accept our worship, and strengthen us for service, we pray. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Gathering in Song** *"We Have Come Into His House"* # 588

**Welcome and Recognition of Visitors** - *Friends & Family Sunday*

**\* 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**

Recognition of Jr. Youth Directors

Lisa Robinson

*Kevin McNeil, Ja'da Robinson, and Keely Watson*

**Worship in Song**

*"He Touched Me "*

The Choir

**Prayer Concerns**

**Invitation to Prayer (unison)**

*(Luke 11:9-10)*

"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." With these words to reassure us, we remember our total dependence on God's grace and God's unfailing love for all people. As we come to God in prayer, these words remind us to *listen* and to trust in God's promises—for guidance, mercy, forgiveness, healing, and hope.

**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**

*"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

# 614

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 9:51-62

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**Special Music**

*"Kneel at the Cross"*

The Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

The Rev. Vernie Bolden

**Sermon**

*"First Things First"*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Commitment      *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*      # 376

\*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 at the right hand of the Father. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end.

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

\* Choral Response

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

## WE GO OUT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

\*Charge and Benediction      The Rev. Vernie Bolden

**We Carry Our Light Into the World**

*"God Be With You" (insert)*

\*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

*"Ask Jesus what He wants from you and be brave." (Pope Francis)*

## Announcements & Celebrations

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

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.



**Remember our Shut-Ins/Friends  
with a call, a card, a visit, your prayers**



Mr. Bob Hale—Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center,  
1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153

556-6680

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

366-0391

Ms. Shirley Calhoun—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.*

**Now through Labor Day Weekend 2019:**  
*Casual Summer Sundays—come dressed for comfort!*



**August 4—Our monthly celebration of  
The Lord's Supper and special offering  
for assistance of those in need**

# 639 GOD BE WITH YOU

*Where can I go from Your spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?  
Psalm 139:7*

God be with you, God be with you,

God be with you, un-til we meet a - gain;

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

**For all who mourn** the deaths of loved ones and friends: *for the Roberson & Otey families; for the Bolden and Charlton family; for the Bruer family; for the Poindexter family; 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 natural disasters and manmade accidents, & for those who work to help them rebuild their lives; for those suffering from famine and hunger; for refugees*

**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 (Parkinson's); Danielle Dupree (Angela's friend); 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.**

**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**