



Zaccharys

hurry and come down;
for I must stay
at your house today

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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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2019

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Scripture Sentences

Chimes

Preparation for Worship (responsive) *from Revelation 7:10-11*

Pastor: "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!"

People: "*Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might be to our God forever
and ever! Amen.*"

ALL: *Let us worship God.*

Call to Worship (unison): God of boundless grace, you call us from our busy lives to join together in worship. You invite us to feast upon your word, to drink deeply from the well of your Spirit, and to share in the love of your holy being. Open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you. Bind us together in love, and enliven us by your Holy Spirit. May the glory of your love, made known in the victory of Jesus Christ, our Savior, transform our lives and the world he lived and died to save. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

*** Gathering in Song** "*I Just Came to Praise the Lord*" # 113

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors

*** Passing of the Peace †**

Leader: 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**

"The Solid Rock"

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Call to Confession

from I John 1:8-9

Leader: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us.

People: *If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive
our sins. He will purify us from all unrighteousness.*

All: *Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.*

Prayer of Confession (unison): Father in heaven, your love brings life to dead souls, light to darkened minds, strength to weak wills. We know that we have not loved you with our whole heart, or loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. As we confess our sins, help us to believe and trust that no wrong we have done, no good we have failed to do, is too great for you to pardon, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

People *God does not hold our sins against us. When we confess, he wipes the record clean. Continually his Spirit is at work in us and with us, that we may be God's loving and faithful people.*

Leader: By grace we have been saved, and this is the gift of God.

ALL: *We believe the good news of the Gospel:*

In 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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 19::1-110

(back cover)

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

Sermon

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 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

Pastor Bolden

* 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): O God, the Lord of all life, we thank you for this sacrament of bread and cup. We thank you for your joyous gifts of love and peace and gladness of heart. We ask you now for courage, that we may do what is right, proclaiming the good news of your salvation by our words and deeds, and finding joy in serving others as Christ has served us. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

***Charge and Benediction**

We Carry Our Light Into the World "God Be With You" (insert)

*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12: 9-13, 21 (NIV)

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, 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.

Today we celebrate the sacrament of The Lord's Supper. All who have been baptized or profess Jesus as Lord are welcome at the Table. We will also receive our monthly special offering for assistance of a family in need.



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

- Mr. Bob Hale—Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, 541-8898
1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153
- Mr. Jim Slaughter—1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017) 366-0391
- Ms. Shirley Calhoun—3087 Ordway Drive # J (24017) 362-0617
- Ms. Carolyn Coleman—7505 Julia Terrace, Derwood, MD 20855

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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 all who mourn the deaths of loved ones and friends: *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 the hurricane, 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 & families who are separated**

For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction, for those recovering from illness or surgery: Robert Cole, Camis Poindexter, Shannon Pendleton, Priscilla Preston, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Sondra Harris, 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); Robert Woodworth; health care workers and researchers; *for the elderly; KIM MERRITT (cancer - Russ' wife)*

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 enemies, both personal and national, including terrorists

For our nation and its leadership— for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation; 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 the Kurds; for Russia; for Venezuela; for North and South Korea; for Iran; for Israel/Palestine; for Syria; for The Congo

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

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;

God be with you, God be with you,

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

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Lectionary Readings for the day:
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

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He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."