



Then the devil led Jesus up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. [And he said to him,] "If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

(Luke 4:5, 7)

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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First Sunday in Lent

March 10, 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)

Psalm 91:14-16

Leader: God has promised: "Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name."

People: *"When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,"*

ALL: *"I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will
satisfy them, and show them my salvation."*

Call to Worship (unison): Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

***Gathering in Song**

"The Solid Rock"

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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 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" # 80 **Blue**

Prayer Concerns

Invitation to Prayer (unison)

(Romans 10:8b-9)

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. These words speak to us today as we try to live our lives, sometimes not knowing if we have done right or if we can live right. These words speak to us when we are hurting and feel as though we have no value to any one. These words speak to us when we feel isolated and afraid. These words remind us to trust God's promise of forgiveness, wholeness, and healing in Him.

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 "I Must Tell Jesus" (chorus) # 430

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:1-13

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Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Commitment** *"Lord, Who Throughout ..."* # 81 Blue

***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.

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

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. 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.



**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	556-6680
<u>Mr. Jim Slaughter</u> —1219 Grayson Ave NW (24017)	366-0391
<u>Ms. Shirley Calhoun</u> —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. 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.

The artwork on the bulletin cover is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community (Jesus Mafa) in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings were selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

Jesus is always dressed in red, except in the Transfiguration and after his Resurrection, when he is dressed in white.

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: *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 earthquakes, hurricanes & floods* 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 (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.

The Season of Lent

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days – like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (*The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*)



In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil. In many communities of faith it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism and confirmation and to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship.

The Paschal mystery (The Christian understanding of human salvation through Christ, dead, risen from the dead, and ascended to heaven, who is the Lamb of the new Passover [*pascha*].)

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003 110-111)

What we hear during Lent is the power and possibility of the paschal mystery, and that the way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through death. To appropriate the new life that is beyond the power of death means we must die with Christ who was raised for us. To live for Christ, we must die with him. New life requires a daily surrendering of the old life, letting go of the present order, so that we may embrace the new humanity. "I die every day!" asserts Paul (1 Corinthians 15:31). Resurrection necessitates death as a preceding act. The church's peculiar Lenten claim is that in dying we live, that all who are baptized into Christ are baptized into his death. To be raised with Christ means one must also die with Christ. In order to embrace the resurrection, we must experience the passion of Jesus. The way of the cross, the way to Easter, is through death of the "old self." In dying, we live.

Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Other ways to “fast” during Lent:

- Stop or minimize the time you spend doing something that doesn't necessarily add value to your life. It could be playing computer games, using your cell phone, or watching a TV show, for example.
- Use that time to pray or read your Bible; listen to uplifting music; meditate; or volunteer for a community organization. Write notes to our shut-ins. Fix a meal for another family. Do a chore for someone else. Clean out your closet and make a donation to Goodwill. Call your legislators and speak up for justice, equal rights, the environment. Commit to helping or reaching out to one person every day in Lent.
- If you want to give up something like soda, chips, ice cream, Starbucks, eating fast food, or going out for lunch every day, plan to give the money you save to One Great Hour of Sharing or another worthy cause. Collect food for the Food Bank.