

...what does
the Lord
require of you
but to do

JUSTICE,

and to love

KINDNESS,

and to walk

HUMBLY

with your

GOD?



Congregational Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

For our nation and its leadership, for President Trump; for our state and local officials, and those 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—for North and South Korea; for Iran; for Israel/Palestine; for The Congo; *for a peaceful Winter Olympics*

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 Vernie Bolden family, the Joseph Breuer family, Russ Merritt & family*; for victims of violence; victims of school shootings; California wildfires & mudslides, and others dealing with the aftermath of both natural disasters and manmade 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, with addiction; for those recovering from illness or surgery: Todd Moorman, Priscilla Preston, Bob Hale, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, Jim Slaughter, The Roberson family, Cynthia & Nat Harris, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); Thom Witting; 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 stationed around the world 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.



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The Transfiguration of the Lord
February 11, 2018

Organist..... Mr. Frederick Bolden
Pastor..... The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.
Substitute Minister..... The Rev. Ellen Woodworth

We Assemble in God's Name

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Gathering in Song (seated) *"I Love You, Lord"* (x 2) # 80

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation (unison): God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chimes

***Call to Worship** *from Psalm 147*

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

People: *He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.*

All: *Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure. Praise the Lord!*

***Hymn of Praise.....** *"Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty"* # 61

Announcements and Celebrations

Welcome of Visitors

*** Passing of the Peace +**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: *Peace be with you! Let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

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

Special Music.

Invitation to Confession

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession (unison): Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to change what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

from Psalm 51

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: *Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

All: *The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

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

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

Prayer Concerns

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 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (vss. 1 & 2)...# 259

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Ellen Woodworth

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

***Invitation to Discipleship**

***Hymn of Commitment** "Just a Closer Walk" # 337

*** 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 (unison): O God, as we bring our offerings to you, we dedicate ourselves to your service. By our study of your word may we strengthen our faith; by our prayers for your Church, may we further her work; by love for our neighbors may we honor your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*** Choral Response**

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

We Go in God's Name

Charge and Benediction
We Carry Our Light Into the World
*Those who are able may stand

The Rev. Ellen Woodworth
"In My Life Lord" # 394
+ 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 the pastor or one of the elders.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Our love and sympathy are extended to our pastor, The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr., and his family, upon the death of his father, **The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Sr.** A memorial service will be held in our sanctuary at a date and time to be announced

Remember our Shut-Ins/Friends and Members Away from Our Community

Mr. Bob Hale—Salem Health & Rehabilitation Center, 556-6680
1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153

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

Mr. Don Wahls—138 Whaley Rd, Raeford NC 28376

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Celebrating Black History Month—February 24 & 25

The Youth will be hosting an event on Saturday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Jordan Bell will make a presentation and light snacks will be served.

Our annual Black History Lunch will be held on Sunday, February 25. Bring a favorite family dish to share after worship!

+ Notes from the Pastor +

- Start the New Year off right with Bible Study! *“Forming Faith”* meets Tuesdays at 6 pm here at the church. Come for study, stay for fellowship, continue for growth!
- Office hours this week: By appointment—contact vernlee3@hotmail.com, or call the office—540.342.0264
- In an extension of our food ministry, there will be a special offering today to provide a meal for a family in need. Please give as you are led to assist our neighbors.

+ Other Announcements +

- A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session after worship today. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss the budget for 2018.
- The Adult Choir meets as announced. Come join the fellowship. New members are welcomed.
- *Remember:* No one should have to choose between heating their home and feeding their family. Bring a food offering to share with those who need our help.
- Check out our web page: www.5thavepresbychurchroanoke.com
- Please see the insert regarding this year’s Lenten Series, **“From Confession to Communion”**, co-sponsored by First Baptist (Gainsboro) and Greene Memorial United Methodist Church. Note: this is a *Supper* series which replaces the lunchtime services held in previous years. *The first meeting is Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist, with a meal of soup and sandwiches provided each week at no charge.*

January 30, 2011
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Seasonal Color: Green

Lectionary Readings for the day:
Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15:1-5
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?