



## FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

301 PATTON AVENUE, NW ROANOKE, VA 24016

HISTORIC PAST \* CONTEMPORARY PRESENCE \* EXCITING FUTURE





# **WELCOME!**

We are so glad that you decided to share with us in  
worship today...

Whether we are young or old  
Whether we are 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  
Whether clapping hands and stomping feet  
Whether shouts of praise and utterances to God...

In this place, by the loving acceptance of Jesus,  
we are family

***Please feel at home!***



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PIANIST .....KIMARI WRIGHT  
PASTOR.....REV. VERNIE L. BOLDEN, JR

SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 2020

## **We Gather Together...**

**Organ Prelude and Lighting of the Candles**

**Scripture** ..... Isaiah 40: 3-5

**Chimes**

**\*Preparation for Worship (inspired by Psalm 40)**

Leader: I waited and waited and waited for the Lord

*People: Then God picked me up from a desolate pit, cleansed away  
the muck and set my feet upon a firm foundation*

Leader: The Lord placed a new song in my mouth

*People: A song of praise to our God was placed upon my lips*

Leader: O Lord, my God, in your mercy do not withhold your love  
from me

*All: O Lord, my God, let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
keep me in your arms of care forever*



**\*Call to Worship (unison):** Lord, this is the day that you have made, so we will rejoice and be glad in it. We will rejoice in the glory of this new day; We will rejoice in your blessings upon our lives; We will rejoice in your love; We will rejoice in who you are and whose we are. When we assemble in this place, we are grateful for your love, we give thanks for your compassion and we are humbled by your grace and mercy. Guide us, lead us and encourage us in your presence. Together we say thank you, hallelujah and amen.

**\*Gathering in Song** ..... *This is the Day* ..... #590

**Greetings and Celebration of Visitors**

**Announcements and Celebrations**

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ**

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*

*(Congregants greet one another, exchanging words of peace)*

**Worship in Song**..... *Bind Us Together* .....The Fellowship

**Invitation to Prayer (unison):** O Lord, we come to you standing in the need of prayer. We come searching for relief from our hurts and cares; we come full of joy and hopeful expectations; we come as humble people confessing our need of forgiveness; we come in response to your love. O Lord, we come to you standing in the need of prayer. Amen

**Prayer Concerns/Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer (unison):** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, the 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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**...To Share God's Word...**

Scripture ..... John 1: 35-42  
Proclaim in Song ..... Choir  
Prayer of Illumination  
Sermon ..... Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr

**...And We Respond...**

- \*Hymn of Commitment..... *Here I Am, Lord* ..... #525 BLUE
- \*Invitation to Fellowship
- \*Affirm our Faith (the Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, 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. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

**The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts**

Offertory Prayer (unison):

Kind and Giving Lord, we offer our gifts not for vain glory, or boastful pride, or because we have been forced to. Lord, we give because of your love. Just as we can love because you first loved us, we can now give because you first gave to us. Allow these gifts to be used for the building of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.

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



**...By Telling The World!**

\*Charge/Benediction and Choral Response

We Carry Our Light..... *This Little Light of Mine*

\* *Those who are able may stand*

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**!!! Announcements & Celebrations!!!**

*Forming Faith Bible Study:*

Tuesday January 21 at 6pm... **Genesis 22** (Abraham & Isaac)

Come and **GROW** with us!

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**SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2020**

**Friends & Family Sunday Worship (and a Potluck Meal)**

**Congregational Meeting following morning worship**

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*Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church:*

*"Excavating Beyond the Stained-Glass Barrier to Uncover its  
Treasured Past"*

>>A presentation of history by Michael Blankenship<<

Saturday Feb 15 @ 2pm

Gainsboro Branch Library

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**Our Sick, "Shut-in" and those requesting Prayer**



Carnis Poindexter: Roanoke Memorial Hospital

Rev. Ellen: the health and care of her father

Bob Hale, Salem Health and Rehabilitation Center

1945 Roanoke Blvd, Salem VA 24153; 556-6680

Jim Slaughter, 1219 Grayson Ave NW, 24017; 366-0391

Shirley Calhoun 3087 Ordway Dr #J, 24017; 362-0617

Remember them with your prayers, a phone call or a visit!

**NOT "GOOD BYE"  
BUT...**

**FAREWELL!**

We pray this worship experience fulfilled a need in your life's journey and you found hope for the coming days ahead...

If we could further assist you - through prayer, a phone call or a listening ear, please let us know what help we may provide...

*May the Lord bless you and keep you  
May the face of the Lord shine upon you  
and be gracious to you  
May the Lord turn to you and give you peace...*

**We count it a joy that you came today,  
and we hope to see you again soon!**



## John 1: 35-42

(New Revised Standard Version)

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).



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