

*Christ before me, Christ behind me,*  
Christ before me,   Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,    
**CHRIST IN ME, CHRIST OVER ME,**

**CHRIST TO LEFT OF ME,**

*Christ in rising up, Christ in the heart  
of every person who may think of me,  
Christ in the mouth of every  
person who may speak of me,*  
**CHRIST IN EVERY EYE,  
WHICH MAY LOOK ON ME!  
CHRIST IN EVERY EAR, WHICH MAY HEAR ME!**

- st. patrick's breastplate -

# 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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## Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019

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Musican ..... Mr. Frederick Boiden  
Pastor ..... The Rev. Vernie Boiden, 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 43*

Pastor: Send me your light, O Lord, and your faithful care,  
let them lead me;

People: *let them bring me to your holy mountain,  
to the place where you dwell.*

Pastor: Then I will go to the altar of God,

People: *to God, my joy and my delight.*

**ALL:** *Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within  
me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,  
my Savior and my God.*

Call to Worship (unison): Almighty God, we praise you for the wonder  
of your creation, for the precious gift of life, and for sending your Son to  
bring us fullness of life. You know us, you made us, you chose us, you  
have called us, and we are yours. Accept our worship, and strengthen  
us to serve you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering in Song

"Morning Has Broken"

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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

The Choir

#### 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

*"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*

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## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### Scripture Lesson

Luke 9:28-43

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#### Special Music

*"Lead Me, Guide Me"*

The Choir

#### Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

#### Sermon

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Commitment      *"I Love to Tell the Story"*      # 297

\*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      *"What a Mighty God We Serve"*

\*Those who are able may stand

+ Late worshipers seated

## 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.

## 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:** 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.**