

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## Listening and Learning from Each Other

NOVEMBER 13, 2011

### THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading.*

--Oswald Chambers, 1874-1917

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Catherine Taylor

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you...** *(All are encouraged to sign the Friendship Pad in the pews.*

*We hope our visitors will leave an address so that the church can welcome more fully.*

#### PRELUDE

*Praeambulum*

J. HEINRICH SCHEIDERMANN

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Source of all hope and holiness,

**We gather to be church.**

Bless those who are absent, but not from our hearts;

**Bless those who are distant, but not from your love.**

Bless each of us here, and grant us your guidance

**As we seek your Voice within our voices.**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE (Insert)

*By Providential Care*

DARWALL'S 148TH

*(The words to this hymn were commissioned for the 175th anniversary celebration of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church in 2008.)*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Marilyn Hutchins

**Lord you have been our dwelling place in all generations, yet often we regard your love as an option, instead of the basis of reality. Forgive the ways that we forget you, and put our needs and wants ahead of what you want for us. Forgive the ways we fail to act our faith, using words in the place of actions. Forgive our failure to pray, read your Word, and love others as we've been loved. For we ask in the name of the One whose every act was an act of love. ...*(a time of silent confession follows)***

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,**

**The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;**

**With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:**

**To God all praise and glory!**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.** *(Worshippers may exchange signs of God's peace.)*

### HEARING THE WORD

#### SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

*(Children 1<sup>st</sup> grade age and up are invited to remain in the sanctuary. Parents may take kindergarten and younger children downstairs for nurture and care.)*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11a

Ed Spencer

#### ANTHEM

*"The Eyes of All"*

JEAN BERGER

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 15: 14; 18-21

Tom Tillar

#### SERMON

*"To Instruct One Another"*

The Congregation

*The sermon this morning is a conversation we are having with ourselves about our building debt. You are invited to share comments and questions at any microphone.*

*If you prefer, write your question or comment on a blue card and pass it to the outside aisle. Cards will be brought forward and shared as time allows.*

*Please write clearly.*

*The Debt Retirement Team has no script to follow. They will respond from their individual perspectives. The goal for the conversation is not decision-making, but listening and learning from each other before God.*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### \*HYMN (Insert)

*Christ, Master Builder*

CENTRAL CHURCH

*(The words to this hymn were commissioned for the 175th anniversary celebration of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church in 2008.)*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

*Dialogue in C Major*

JULES MASSENET

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Christ all creatures here below.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.  
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jonathan Anderson

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN No. 132, vv.1 & 2

*Come, Great God, of All the Ages*

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

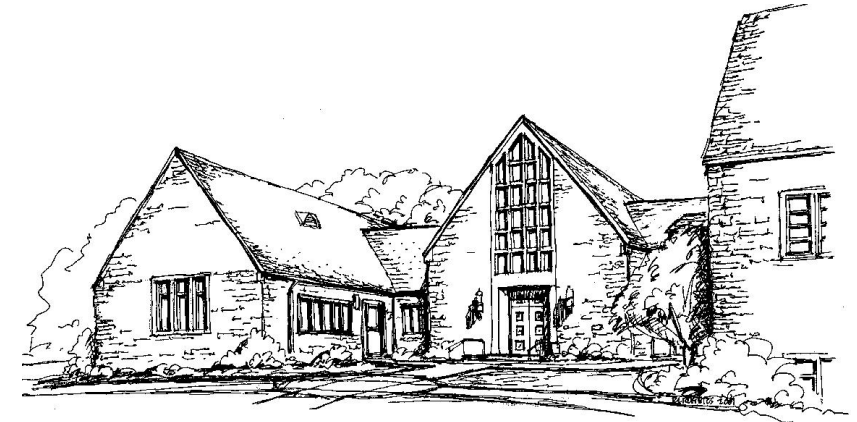
\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Grand Choer*

CESAR FRANCK

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### Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

#### Our Mission

To proclaim God's Word in our contemporary world  
To grow with commitment, faith, and understanding  
To welcome all to our community and fellowship  
To extend comfort and grace to those in need  
To work actively for justice and peace in the world  
To be generous, responsible stewards of God's gifts.

#### Debt Retirement Team Members

Jonathan Anderson, Greg Campbell, John Dillard, Steve Drumheller,  
Marilyn Hutchins, Ned Lester, Bill Neely, Nancy Phillips, Ed Spencer,  
Forrest Thye, Tom Tillar, and Catherine Taylor, staff

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

You are enjoying enhanced sound and lighting this morning installed in 2008.  
Our thanks to Anne Campbell for the many photographs throughout the building today  
of how it looked prior to the renovation.

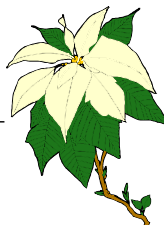
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Our featured artist is Joni Pienkowski. Her display of paintings and drawings are in Westminster Hall to go with Allan Wolf's poetry performance and workshop that took place on November 6.

Firewood, cut by The Men of the Church, is for sale at a cost of \$100 a truckload. For more information, contact John Lipsey, 540-951-7775

**IT IS TIME TO ORDER CELEBRATION  
(White)POINSETTIAS AND PINE  
Or SUPPORT MICAH'S BACKPACK**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes I/We would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ (#) poinsettias and greenery.

Yes I/We would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ (#) Micah's Backpack.

In Honor / or In loving memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please circle one)

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be taking the poinsettia(s) with me. I will take it/them with me after the Worship Service on December 24, 2011 or on Christmas Day.  
(circle one)

\_\_\_\_ No, I will not be taking the poinsettia(s) with me.

Poinsettias cost is \$13.50 each. Total # ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Micah's Backpack donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a check for the total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the order.

**RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.  
ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, November 20, 2011**



**About Micah's Backpack**

Many families struggle to afford healthy meals and snacks every day. **Micah's Backpack**, a free ministry of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Blacksburg helps families eat more healthy meals and snacks through their local school.\* Each Friday afternoon, some elementary school children within low income households receive a backpack of healthy food and snacks for the weekend. On Monday, the child returns the empty backpack to their school to be restocked with food for the following Friday. You can provide food for one child for one weekend for \$10 or provide food for one child for one school year for \$400. Visit [www.micahsbackpack.org](http://www.micahsbackpack.org) for more information.

\*Micah's Backpack serves all five elementary schools in Blacksburg in addition to Blacksburg Middle School, Blacksburg High School, and Virginia Interfaith Childcare Center (VICCC) and Head Start preschools.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!** We need cooks to bake gingerbread house parts for the gingerbread house decorating potluck dinner by December 11th. Pieces can be put in the BPC freezer in zip lock bags. Copies of the recipe are available in the Gathering Space window sill or can be received by email (contact Keirsten at [keirstendd@verizon.net](mailto:keirstendd@verizon.net)).



**WANT TO HELP BUT DON'T FEEL LIKE BAKING?** We will need some help assembling the houses and icing whippers! To volunteer as a builder or icing whipper, contact Keirsten at 951-2076 or [keirstendd@verizon.net](mailto:keirstendd@verizon.net).

# 2011 ANNUAL CANNED FRUIT COLLECTION FOR THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHRISTMAS STORE



BPC's annual canned fruit drive for the Christmas Store has begun. Our goal is 1,000 cans of fruit (14-15.25 ounce cans preferred). The Christmas Store serves about one thousand low income households, enabling them to celebrate a dignified Christmas holiday. Please bring your canned fruit to the church, and deposit it in one of the large green plastic containers located near each entrance and in the Narthex. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please mark "Christmas Store" on checks left in the offering plate. Deadline is November 20. For further information, please contact John Browder at 540-315-2649.





# BPC PROGRESSIVE DINNER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 2011



Appetizers for All (At the home of John & Nancy Phillips) - 5:00pm to 6:15pm

Dinner (At various homes within small groups) - 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Dessert for All (At the home of Catherine Taylor & Robert Dean) - 8:15pm to 9:30pm

Join the fun as we celebrate the advent season together! The evening of fellowship begins with appetizers for everyone at the home of John & Nancy Phillips. After appetizers, we will progress as smaller groups to various homes for dinner and will finish the evening at the home of Catherine Taylor & Robert Dean for dessert.

R.S.V.P. - Please respond with complete information by:

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Small group and dish assignments will be sent out via email. Check here if you prefer a letter by mail. \_\_\_\_

Students: Did you sign up through Cooper House? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

### HOW CAN YOU HELP MAKE THIS A WONDERFUL EVENT?

\_\_\_\_\_ I / We can Host Dinner for a small group (8-12). \* For how many people? \_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I / We can provide a Main Dish for approx. 10-12 people.

\_\_\_\_\_ I / We can provide an Appetizer, Salad, Side Dish, or Dessert for 10-12.

\_\_\_\_\_ I / We can provide more than 1 dish, if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I / We need a ride. \_\_\_\_\_ I/We can provide ride(s) for \_\_\_\_\_ people.

*\*It's easy to host! Hosts simply provide bread and beverages to be served during dinner.*

**Any questions?** Contact Colleen Drumheller (colleen.drumheller@gmail.com or 540-588-0116) or Peg Warren (andrewandpeg@yahoo.com or 961-0009) for more information.

## FREE BABYSITTING for Holiday Shopping! December 3, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

You asked for it and we have responded. BPC's Hospitality and Fellowship Committee will arrange for free babysitting so parents can do Christmas errands without little ones!

**Who:** BPC children in the nursery through 6th grade

**When:** Saturday, December 3

**Where:** Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

**Times:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

You can come late or pick up early, but all children must be picked up no later than 2:00 p.m.!

**What To Bring:** A labeled diaper bag and sipper cup (if needed), and anything else that you would normally bring when leaving him/her with a sitter. Snack will be provided. **BRING A BAGGED LUNCH if your child will be here at noon.**

**What Will The Children Do While I Am Gone?** We will try to set aside time for snack, lunch, crafts, service project (see below), music time, outdoor play (if weather is permissible), read a Christmas story, etc.

**Service Project:** Those children who are able will make paper Christmas wreaths and cards for members of the BPC congregation to bring joy to those who are sick or home bound during the holidays.

For more information, contact Arlice Banks at [arbanks@vt.edu](mailto:arbanks@vt.edu) or Joyce Frahm at [jlfrahm@comcast.net](mailto:jlfrahm@comcast.net).

**Registration Deadline: November 27! Put form below in offering plate or turn in to the BPC office.**

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### **Dec. 3 Holiday Babysitting Registration Form - Due by Nov. 27!**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone or # where you can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact & phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other information caregiver may need about your child:

Favorite activities: \_\_\_\_\_