

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 14, 2010**

THE CHURCH GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION – “God has never pulled back his arms, never withheld his blessing, never stopped considering his son the Beloved One. ... Here the mystery of my life is unveiled. I am loved so much that I am left free to leave home. ... But the Father is always looking for me with outstretched arms to receive me back and whisper again my ear: ‘You are my Beloved, on you my favor rests.’” Henri Nouwen, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Susan Verbrugge

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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 contact you.)

PRELUDE

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Flor Peeters

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***LITANY OF ADORATION**

Oh Christ, out of your fullness we have received grace upon grace.

You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you.

Save us Lord.

Oh Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.

Save us Lord.

Oh Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation.

Save us Lord.

Oh Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you, and joy of all the saints.

Save us Lord.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

No. 84

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. Accept our repentance for the wrongs we have done to others and welcome us back home, through Christ our Lord. Amen...(a time of silent confession follows)...

PRAYERFUL RESPONSE

Kum Ba Yah

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

O Lord, kum ba yah!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!

O Lord, kum ba yah!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you. (Worshippers may exchange signs of God's peace through the use of these words alone or accompanied by a handshake, a hug, or a touch on the shoulder. Be aware of what you and others around you are comfortable doing. Children are invited at this time to come forward for the time of Sharing Faith with Children.)

THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS GOD'S WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

(Extended session, a time of nurture and fellowship for pre-school children, and Children's Worship for K-2nd grade are offered at this time. Children may depart the sanctuary with their leaders.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 32

LESSON FROM THE LETTERS

II Corinthians 5:16-21

Kirby Deater-Deckard

ANTHEM

Help Us Forgive, Forgiving Lord

S. S. Wesley

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15

SERMON

At Home

Charles Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

***HYMN** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* **No. 404**

INSTALLATION OF ELDER (Please see insert.) Winifred Myers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)
(pg. 16 in the Hymnal)

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord* African-American spiritual
(Please see insert.) arr. John L. Bell

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE** *By Providential Care* Tune: Darwall's 148th

**To You the Triune God, all glory now be giv'n,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, filling earth and heav'n.
Most gracious One, with hearts ablaze in thanks and praise,
to You we come!**

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN** *How Blest Are Those (Psalm 32)* **No. 184**

***BENEDICTION**

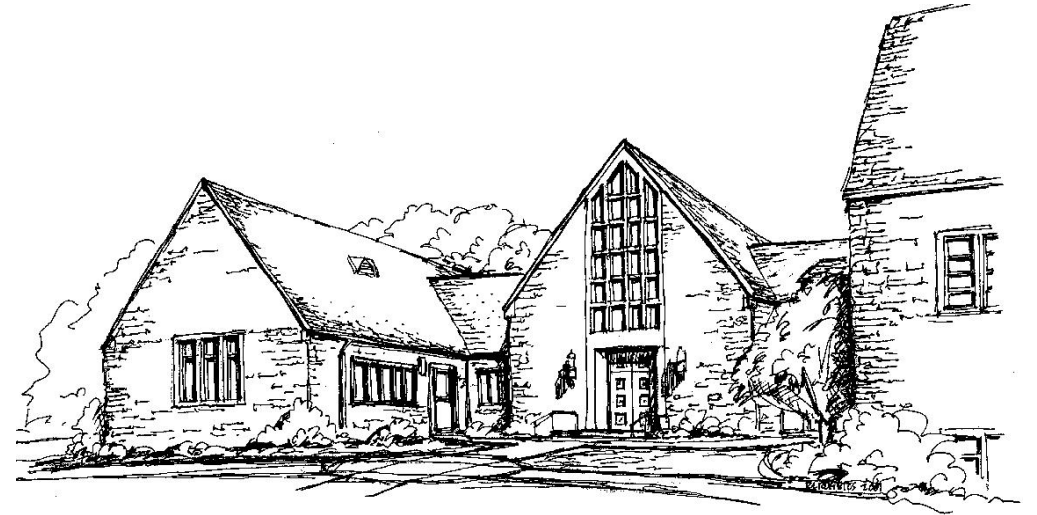
***POSTLUDE** *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* Southern Folk Hymn,
Arr. Nevett Bartow

COMMUNITY WORSHIP ENDS – DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE BEGIN AGAIN

*Those who are able may stand at these times.

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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.**

Ministers - All Members

Associate Pastor - Susan Verbrugge

Parish Associate - Charles Taylor

Director of Music, Organist, Bell Choir Director - James Bryant

Children's Choir Director - Mary Harder

Director of Children and Youth Ministries - Susan Hunter

Administrative Assistant - Sherry Ingham

Custodian - Viola Howery

Presbyterian Campus Minister at Cooper House - Catherine Snyder

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH 14, 2010

Welcome to all who gather for worship today. May each of us know something of God's grace today and be moved toward deeper faith, sincere love and service following Christ. Regardless of who you are, where you have come from, or what you are seeking, all are welcome here. **If you are visiting, or seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church.** Speak to the pastors for more information and be sure to sign the Friendship Register, which is found in the pew. We also invite you to leave us your address, phone number, and/or email that we might contact you.

Students, welcome to BPC! Please include your email address on the red friendship register so we can contact you. There are many ways that you can participate here, and there are a number of student programs. There are also fellowship and many programs for you at the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Cooper House. Check the Student Welcome Table in the Narthex for more information.

One Induction Neckloop is now available for use with the Hearing Assistance Units in the Sanctuary, Westminster Hall and Hatcher. It is used in place of the earpiece or headphones and communicates directly with most hearing aids. Speak to the Head Usher or Gavin Faulkner to use one for the worship service.

THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS today are given by Forrest and Lynn Thye in loving memory of Lynn's grandmother, Hazel Sands.

After worship today in Fellowship Hall, we will be having a Luncheon and discussion on Palliative Care, Hospice Care and our dream for Sojourn Center, A Hospice House in the NRV. Dr. Tina Smuz will lead the discussion. Others working on the dream at BPC are Anne Campbell, Susan Verbrugge, and Pam Forsyth.

The Congregational Care Committee will meet Thursday, March 18th at 5:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall. All who are interested in this special ministry are invited. Please call Judy Pospichal at 239-9513 if you have any questions.

All are invited to an Easter Sunrise Service at Historic Smithfield, in collaboration with Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 7:00 a.m. on April 4th. The worship will reflect the 18th century Scotch-Irish heritage of the Preston family, with period music by *Deo Gloria* and message by Dr. Charles Taylor. The community is invited to participate in this service. Frontier attire is optional. For more information call Historic Smithfield at 540-231-3947.

CELEBRATION FLOWERS ARE STILL IN NEED OF SPONSORS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

May 2 May 9 July 11 Aug. 1 Aug. 15 Aug. 29

Arrangements are \$50 or Peace Lilies may be used in worship and a donation made to your favorite charity. Forms are available in the Gathering Space if you are interested in sponsoring any of these dates or you can contact Sherry in the office at 552-2504.

SERVING TODAY

Elder of the Week: Dale Wolf/Mary Spencer **Next Week:** B'easy Thompson
Head Usher for March: Ken Goff
Greeters: Lynn Logan and Les and Winnie Myers
Children's Worship: Sarah Woolsey
Ushers: Susan and Ken Goff, and Sylvia and Jim Echols
Counting Assignment: Jim Hardell and Easley Smith
Next Week: Forrest Thye and Rosalyn Lester

THIS WEEK AT BPC- *HCR-Hatcher Conference Room, *WM-Westminster,*FH-Fellowship Hall

March 14 Sojourn Center Luncheon, with Dr. Tina Smuz, following worship-*FH
PJGM meets at 12:15 p.m.-*HCR
Youth Group Dinner and Youth Sunday Program-5:30 – 7:30 p.m.*HCR
March 15 OCT Grant Proposals due today
Staff Meeting at 9:30 a.m. - *HCR
March 16 Bible Study meets at 7:30 a.m. - *HCR
Quilting Group meets at 9:30 a.m. -*FH
Prayer Group meets at 10:00 a.m. – Prayer Room
Youngish Women meet at 7:30 p.m.-at Sarah Woolsey's home
March 17 Way Cool Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. – St. Patrick's Day
Adult Ed. Lenten Series meets at 5:45 p.m.-Prayer Room
Nominating Committee meets at 5:45 p.m. -*HCR
March 18 Congregational Care committee meets at 5:30 p.m.-*HCR
March 20 Youth Sunday Rehearsal 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
March 21 Youth Sunday
BPC's Two Cents a Meal collection
Treat Students to Lunch
Youth Group- go to lunch following worship
Stewardship Committee meets at 12:15 p.m.- *HCR
Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.-*HCR

UP-COMING ACTIVITIES AT BPC- *HCR-Hatcher Conference Room, *WM-Westminster, *FH-Fellowship Hall

March 22 Lily/One Great Hour of Sharing deadline
OCT meets at 5:30 p.m.-*HCR
March 23 Knitwits meet at 6:30 p.m. -*WM
Children's Ed. Comm. Meets at 7:15 p.m.-Senior Pastor office
March 24 Way Cool Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. – Rainbows
March 28 Congregational Meeting following worship
March 29 OCT meets at 5:30 p.m.-*HCR
March 31 **No** Way Cool Wednesday today
April 1 Maundy Thursday worship at 6:30 p.m.-*FH
April 3 Easter Egg Hunt at BPC-10:00 a.m.
April 4 Easter Day/Resurrection of the Lord
Worship at Smithfield Plantation at 7:00 a.m.
All Church Breakfast at BPC begins at 9:30 a.m.
Special Music at 10:45 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m.

BPC'S Spring - Children's Education Teachers are:

Preschool : Arlice Banks, Judy McCord, and Cynthia Wimberley

K-2nd Grade: Susan Barnard and Patti Giles

3rd-5th Grade: Janet Rakes, Sally Greenfield and Dale Wolf

Mid-High: Austin Banks and Mac McCord

Senior High: Mary Spencer and Amy Mauldon



**Spring Adult Sunday School Classes begin-
March 14 to May 30, 2010**

“Rediscovering Values on Wall Street, Main Street, and Our Street”, a new book by Jim Wallis, will offer an opportunity for us to discuss our current economic situation from a faith perspective. Michael J. Sandel, Professor of Government at Harvard University says of the book, “Jim Wallis argues persuasively that the financial crisis is also a moral crisis”. A vivid storyteller and prophetic voice, he shows how the worship of markets has led us astray--and how repairing the economy requires a moral awakening and a new commitment to the common good. This wise and hopeful book points us toward a new economy and a more spiritually satisfying public life. Wallis--founder and president of Sojourners, worker with and prophet of the poor, author of 4 books, and Harvard Divinity School lecturer--hopes people of faith will join together in understanding where we need to go, both personally and as a nation.

Coordinated by Phyllis Albritton-Webb and Dave Synder. ***Meet in Westminster Hall.***

Are you a Young Adult at Blacksburg Presbyterian? Young at heart? Join us as we continue from the Winter Quarter to gather together during the Sunday School hour. We will read about and discuss contemporary issues and how we as Christians should respond. For young to youngish adults (young parents, professionals, grad and undergrad students), though “youngish” is how you define it – all are welcome!

Coordinated by Angela and Jonathan Anderson. ***Meet in the Prayer Room.***

The Healings and Miracles of Jesus as told by Mark. In this bible study, we will address several questions: What can we learn from the healings and miracles of Jesus? Why did Jesus do these things? How do these stories about the healings and miracles relate to our lives today? Let's explore these and other aspects of Jesus' life through Tom Wright's book, “Mark for Everyone”. This book is part of a series that serves as a contemporary and accessible guide to the books of the Bible. Tom Wright offers a straightforward interpretation of the Gospel of Mark that is true to the original text but presented in today's language in a way that speaks to all of us. Join us and bring a friend as we read, discuss and pray together.

Coordinated by Keirsten Deater-Deckard. ***Meet in Hatcher Conference Room.***

 **LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

February 24—March 24, Wednesday Evenings (5 weeks)
***1 more week added!**

5:45 p.m. Fellowship and food
 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Adult Lenten Study**-Prayer Room

April 1, Maundy Thursday
 6:30 p.m. **Simple Dinner and Worship**

April 3, Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:00a.m.

April 4, Easter Day
 7:00 a.m. **Sunrise Service** at Smithfield Plantation
 Worship led by Charles Taylor
 9:30 a.m. Church-wide **Breakfast**
 10:45 a.m. Special Music
 11:00 a.m. **Worship** with Communion

The Labyrinth will be available to walk during Holy Week in Fellowship Hall.



***Easter Lily Order Form or
 One Great Hour of Sharing Donation***



If you wish to place a lily in the Sanctuary for Easter or to make a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing in honor/memory of someone, please fill in the form below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. The price of a lily is \$13.00 each.

____ number of Lilies ordered ____ One Great Hour of Sharing Donation

Given by: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Deadline for placing orders is Monday, March 22.

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."



Actually, we don't always do the feeding. But if we can help people plow the fields or plant the seedlings, God takes care of the growth so people can feed themselves.

Help plant a seed. Support One Great Hour of Sharing with a generous gift.



INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDER CLASS OF 2012

Winifred Myers

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO WINNIE

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of this church, accept Winnie as an Elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, answer, "We do."

Do we agree to encourage her, respect her decisions, and follow her as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is head of the Church? If so, answer, "We do."

PRAYER

LITANY FOR THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Leader: We understand that the church is a family of people with varieties of gifts. Today, we affirm Winnie's gifts and also the gifts of each and every one of us as we are all called to be ministers of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Men: **Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

Women: **Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

Men: **Where there is injury, pardon.**

Women: **Where there is despair, hope.**

Men: **Where there is doubt, faith.**

Women: **Where there is alienation, relationship.**

Men: **Where there is pain, healing.**

Women: **Where there is sadness, joy.**

All: **And may we walk in your ways, look to you for strength, be mindful of your promises, trust you in all things, and serve you with love, hope and joy. Amen.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Ecumenical)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**