THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER
APRIL 10, 2016

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

"He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is." – Albert Schweitzer, *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — 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. If you are a first-time visitor and leave an address, we can welcome you more fully.)*

PRELUDE — *Little Prelude in C Major* — J. S. BACH, ed. ALBERT SCHWEITZER

✝CALL TO WORSHIP — Nancy Artis

Because we love our Lord Jesus Christ,
we will feed his lambs.
Because we love our Lord Jesus Christ,
we will tend his sheep.

✝ HYMN No. 246 — *Christ Is Alive* — TRURO

✝PRAYER OF APPROACH

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. . . (*A time of silent confession follows.*) In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayers. Amen.**

✝Please stand in body or in spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rise up from the dust!
Cast off the shroud of sorrow
and put on the joy of the Lord.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

✝GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 243 — *Be Not Afraid* (Repeat as directed) — BE NOT AFRAID

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

✝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 and children may come forward for a time of sharing faith together.)

HEARING THE WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

(Children 1st grade age and up are invited to remain in the sanctuary. Parents may take kindergarten and younger children downstairs to God's Garden or the nursery for nurture and care.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING — Acts 9:1-6

ANTHEM — *Christ Is Arisen* — arr. JAN BENDER
Adult Choir

Christ is arisen
From the grave's dark prison.
We now rejoice with gladness;
Christ will end all sadness.
Lord, have mercy.

All our hopes were ended
Had Jesus not ascended
From the grave triumphantly.
For this, Lord Christ, we worship Thee.
Lord, have mercy.

Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia.
We now rejoice with gladness;
Christ will end all sadness.
Lord, have mercy.

SCRIPTURE READING — John 21:1-19

SERMON — "Breakfast on the Beach" — Dr. Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✝HYMN No.726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION Community Ministry Linda Pospichal

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY *This Joyful Eastertide* arr. J. S. ANTHONY
Jeffrey Anthony, *soprano saxophone*; Jonathan Anthony, *alto saxophone*
Juliana Anthony, *tenor saxophone*; Ted Alt, *baritone saxophone*

✝DOXOLOGY No. 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

✝PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✝HYMN No. 721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

✝BENEDICTION

✝POSTLUDE *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* arr. J. S. ANTHONY
Saxophone Quartet

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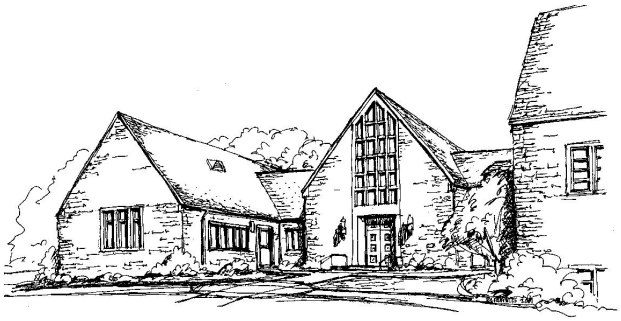

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

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 actively nurture our relationship with all of creation
To be generous, responsible stewards of God's gifts.

Ministers - All Members
Pastor - Catherine Taylor
Parish Associate - Charles Taylor
Director of Music, Organist - Jeffrey Anthony
Director of Children and Youth Ministries - Susan Hunter
Director of Communication and Church Life - Kendra Crabtree
Office Manager - Sherry Ingham
Custodian - Viola Howery
Campus Minister, UKirk Ministry at Virginia Tech – Ginny Taylor-Troutman
Mission Co-worker in Guatemala – Leslie Vogel
Mission Co-workers in Bangladesh - Les and Cindy Morgan
Mission Partner in Malawi – Dr. Ruth Shakespeare

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES
April 10, 2016

Welcome to all who gather for worship today. May each of us know something of God's grace and be moved toward deeper faith, sincere love and service following Christ. No matter who you are, or what you are seeking, you are welcome here**. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church.** Speak to the pastor for more information and be sure to sign the Friendship Register, which is found in the pew.

HEADSETS for the HEARING IMPAIRED are available. Speak to an Usher or Gavin Faulkner to use them for the worship service.

We give thanks to Nancy Artis who is our liturgist today.

THE PEACE LILIES ARE BEING USED INSTEAD OF FLOWERS TODAY IN WORSHIP and a donation is being made to Micah's Backpack by Forrest and Lynn Thye in loving memory of Forrest's parents, Wallace and Dorothy Thye.

A Called Congregational meeting has been scheduled for the close of worship today, for the purpose of electing five elders for the class of 2019. The Nominating Committee will nominate **Jama Hayes, Peggy Kincaid, Fred Piercy, Brian Smith, and Andrew Warren**. Nominations will also be taken from the floor; please obtain the permission of any person you wish to nominate.

Presbyterian Women Circles
All women are invited to join one of our Circles!

Lydia Circle -. May's meeting will be held on May 2 at 12:00 noon with an end of the year lunch. Contact Sylvia Echols at 951-1044, ssechols@aol.com or Elva Miller951-8407, elva.miller@comcast.net.

Hildegard Circle meets at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11th Peggy Kincaid's home, 910 Coalwood Way, Blacksburg. Please RSVP to Peggy at prkincaid1@gmail.com. If you need a study guide or have questions please contact Jama Hayes, 382-6649 or jamhayes240@gmail.com.

Faith Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11th at Jen Stewart's home, 304 Lucas Drive Blacksburg. For more information on Faith Circle contact Jen Stewart at 951-1808 or jenbusickstewart@yahoo.com.

Creation Care Notes: The initial step for a soul to come to knowledge of God is contemplation of nature. *–Irenaeus (120-202)*

SPRING ART EXHIBIT FEATURING Phyllis Northup. A new exhibit, ART INSPIRED BY NATURE, is gracing the walls of Westminster Hall. Come see Phyllis Hain Northup's landscape paintings based on a variety of places in our country. She has lived near several national parks and beautifully expresses in paint what she has experienced there. Phyllis' mother (Phyllis Hain) and sister (Judie Reemsnyder) are members of our church.

There are dates still available for you to sponsor Celebration Flowers in the sanctuary! The following dates are available: June 5, 12; July 17, 31; Aug. 7; Sept. 4, 11; Oct. 2, 9, 23; or Nov. 13. Please contact Sherry at sherry@blacksburgpres.org if you would like to sponsor one of these dates.

If you aren't receiving the weekly Happenings, MidWeek Musings or the Newsletter, please contact Sherry by email: sherry@blacksburgpres.org or 540-552-2504, so we can make sure that you're on the ListServe!

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener:	Howard Long	
Elder of the Week:	**Today**: Lynn Thye	**Mon-Sunday:** Susan Bailey
Ushers:	Brent Opell, Charles Goodsell, Dick and Joyce Frahm	
Counters:	Forrest Thye and Greg Campbell	
Coffee Hosts:	Lois Price	**Next Week:** Brian and Lisa Smith

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

April 10	Sunday School at 9:10 a.m.
	Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
	Worship at 10:30 a.m.
	Called Congregational meeting at close of worship to elect the 2019 Elder Class
	Youth Group at BPC from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
April 11	Hildegard Circle meets at Peggy Kincaid's home at 6:00 p.m.
	Faith Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. at Jen Stewart's home
April 12	Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. – HCR
	Quilters gather at 9:30 a.m. – FH
	Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room –All are welcome!
April 13	Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – Small Conference Room
April 15-18	Ecumenical Advocacy Days – Washington, DC
April 16	Youth Group meets at BPC Youth Sunday Preparation at 10:00 a.m.
	Baby Shop sorting & organizing 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul Methodist Church, 220 W, Main Street, Christiansburg
April 17	Youth Sunday
	Cents-Ability Collection at BPC
	Session meets at 7:00p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BPC

April 19	Dining Out for Shelter- To Our House
April 21	Third Thursday F.E.A.S.T. at 11:30 a.m.- sponsored by the Adult Choir with Mission Co-worker Leslie Vogel
April 24	Community Around the Table Lunch & Forum at 12:00 noon at BPC
May 2	Lydia Circle meets at 12:00 noon End of the Year Lunch
May 5	PEAKS Presbytery meeting at Trinity Ecumenical Parish in Moneta
May 15	Pentecost/Presbyterian Women Sunday
May 22	All Church Potluck after church- Save the date!

To Our House

Over the 2014-15 Housing Season, TOH—

- **Sheltered** 52 different guests at 15 host sites over a 21-week period for a total of 1,141 bed nights.
- **Brought** together over 50 faith communities and service organizations.
- **Engaged** over 1,000 volunteers representing over 6,000 service hours.
- **Served** a total of 3,423 meals.

Additionally,

25 guests found more permanent housing.

19 guests found employment.

Homelessness looks very different in the New River Valley than it does in more urban areas. Individuals in our area who find themselves without housing often include those:

Experiencing long-term unemployment due to the economy.

Facing foreclosure or eviction.

Awaiting approval for government homeless-intervention programs or disability determination.

Persons in our area who have no permanent home are generally less visible because they may temporarily live in motels or with friends. Many of the guests who have found shelter through TOH have previously lived in:

the woods, caves, storm culverts, a friend's pickup truck, a cardboard box

I was surrounded by warmth and meals and a group of homeless men who became like family to me . . . .

The TOH program literally saved my life.

—TOH Guest

Dining Out for Shelter

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

On Dining Out for Shelter Day, these restaurants will donate a portion of their sales to support the efforts of *To Our House* to provide winter shelter for homeless men in the New River Valley, and to connect them with resources that lead to employment, more permanent housing, and personal economic sustainability. We invite you to join us in eating out on that day and help provide shelter for those in need.

Blacksburg

- Bollo's Café & Bakery
- Café de Bangkok (Noon—3 p.m.)
- Ceritano's Ristorante
- Gillie's
- Mellow Mushroom (5-9 p.m.)
- Moe's Southwest Grill
- Next Door Bake Shop (9 a.m.—Noon)
- Our Daily Bread Bakery & Bistro (7 a.m.—5 p.m.)
- Social House (4—8 p.m.)
- The Cellar Restaurant

Christiansburg

- Amelia's Pizzeria & Restaurant
- El Gran Rodeo (11 a.m.-8 p.m.) [visit www.toourhouse.org for voucher]

Radford

- Crumb & Get It Cookie Company
- Sharkey's

Unless otherwise indicated, fundraising will take place during full hours of operation.

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