

**Blacksburg Presbyterian Church**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2016**

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*“God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.”*  
~ Augustine

**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.)*

INTROIT

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*  
Handbell Choir

JOHANN CRÜGER

† CALL TO WORSHIP

William Ducker

Praise the Lord, all you faithful people!

**With all the saints, we sing God’s praise.**

By the grace of Christ, we are God’s own.

**With all the blessed ones, we rejoice.**

† HYMN No. 1 vv.1-3

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

† PRAYER OF APPROACH

**God of the faithful in every age, show us what it truly means to be called “blessed” —suffering with the despised, weeping with the afflicted, hungering for justice and peace, desiring only your holy realm. Teach us to love one another even as you have loved us, so that all may know your blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. . . . (A time of silent confession follows.)** In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayers. Amen.**

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 1 v.4 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name,**

**in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

† 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 READINGS

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

SERMON

“Blessed and Backwards”

Dr. Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

† HYMN No. 691

*Lord, When I Came into This Life*

LAND OF REST

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

*Ave Verum Corpus*

Adult Choir

W. A. MOZART

† DOXOLOGY No. 708 v.1

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

SCHUMANN

**We give thee but thine own,**

**Whate’er the gift may be;**

**All that we have is thine alone,**

**a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Use the center aisle to reach a station, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle. Gluten, dairy and egg-free bread and individual cups are available at the center station in front. If you need to remain seated, the elements will be brought to you.*

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts,

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

...Therefore we join our voices to declare the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING BREAD AND CUP

### COMMUNION MUSIC

### PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN No. 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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†BENEDICTION

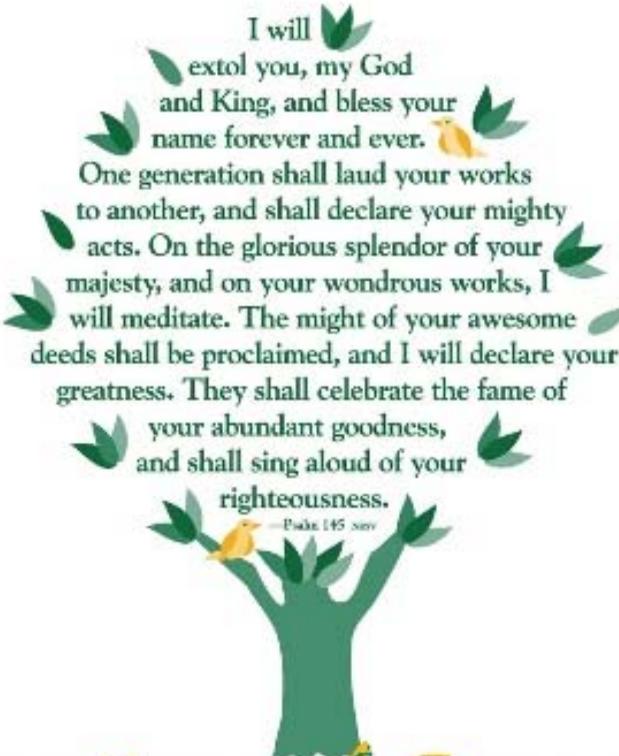
†POSTLUDE

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

adapt. DOREEN POTTER

\*please recycle your bulletin in the wooden bins on either side of the front doors.

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I will extol you, my God  
and King, and bless your  
name forever and ever.  
One generation shall laud your works  
to another, and shall declare your mighty  
acts. On the glorious splendor of your  
majesty, and on your wondrous works, I  
will meditate. The might of your awesome  
deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your  
greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of  
your abundant goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of your  
righteousness.

—Psalm 145:1-3

## Generations of Generosity

### Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

Ministers - All Members

Pastor - Catherine 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 – (Our Mission Partners names cannot be listed in the bulletin as they are working in an area with terrorism and we do not want to risk their safety.)

Mission Partner in Malawi – Dr. Ruth Shakespeare

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

November 6, 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.**

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

**We give thanks for William Ducker who is our liturgist today.**

**THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS IN WORSHIP are given by Marilyn Hutchins in loving memory of David Hutchins.**

**FREE Tech Support 101: Free Cellphone and iPad Advice (Today) November 6 and 13 after Worship.** Do you know how to get an app onto your phone or iPad? What about sending a text message? Do you know how to Facetime or Google hangout with your family from your phone or iPad? How do you use Overdrive to listen to audio books from our town library? How could you download a Bible to your phone? Just bring your phone, iPad, questions and your **PASSWORDS**. Anyone wishing to assist is welcome to join us.

**Pork and Bean collection for the Montgomery County Christmas Store is beginning today, Sunday, November 1 – Sunday, November 27, 2016.** BPC's annual canned food drive for the Christmas Store is November 1<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is 1,000 cans of pork and beans. The Christmas Store serves over 1500 low income households, enabling them to celebrate a dignified Christmas holiday. Please bring your cans of Pork and Beans to the church, and deposit them in one of the large green plastic containers located near each entrance and in the Narthex. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase Pork and Beans at the wholesale price. Please mark "Pork and Beans" on checks left in the offering plate. Contact Peg Warren at 540-961-0009 or [peg@pegwarren.com](mailto:peg@pegwarren.com).

**Words from Creation Care:** While the sage, Honi, was walking along a road, he saw a man planting a carob tree. Honi asked him, "How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?" "Seventy years," replied the man. Honi then asked, "Are you so healthy a man that you expect to live that length of time and eat its fruit?" The man answered, "I found a fruitful world because my ancestors planted it for me. Likewise I am planting for my children." --*Babylonian Talmud, Taanit 23a (3rd Century or before)*

**BPC Work Day, Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.** Please join the Building and Grounds Ministry for a BPC Work Day. We'll be tackling a variety of indoor and outdoor maintenance tasks, with frequent breaks for refreshments and implausible tales. If you're able to join us, please contact Craig Woolsey ([cwoolsey@vt.edu](mailto:cwoolsey@vt.edu) or 540-449-9182).

**Forum on: Opioid and Heroin Addiction in the New River Valley, Monday, Nov. 14 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in the Unitarian Universalist meeting house, 1301 Gladewood Rd, Blacksburg, VA. There will be a panel discussion on the extent of opioid and heroin use and abuse in our area, as well as health care, law enforcement, and judicial interventions. The panel will feature speakers who will describe current activities to further map the extent of the problem, to inform the public, to train health care professionals and reduce the stigma of substance abuse, as well as to provide treatment and alternatives to incarceration for persons addicted to drugs. The program is free and open to the public.

**Come out and shop and help Micah's Backpack! Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Talbots at First and Main Blacksburg, 1520 South Main Street, Blacksburg, VA.** 10% of pre-tax sales will be donated to Micah's Backpack in Blacksburg, VA.

### SERVING TODAY

#### Church Opener:

John Perumpral

#### Elder of the Week:

Today: Jan McGilliard

Mon-Sunday: Susan Bailey

#### Ushers:

Rick Davis, Dick and Joyce Frahm, and Rob Kincaid

#### Counters:

John Dillard and Bob Hendricks

#### Coffee Hosts:

Heidi Ann Mesmer

Next Week: Melanie and Scott Smith

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

Nov. 6

**Daylight Saving Time Ends-Fall back 1 hour**

Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m. with communion

Rent-a-Techie following worship - HCR

Youth Group meets at BPC for Dinner & Program 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 7

Staff meets at 9:30 a.m. – HCR

Lydia Circle meets at Warm Hearth-Showalter at 1:30 p.m. Hostesses:

Phyllis Hain and Sylvia Echols

Nov. 8

Election Day! Please get out and vote! Every vote counts!

Morningstars Bible Study meet at 7:30 a.m. – HCR

Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – FH

Prayer Group meets at 11:45 a.m. – Prayer Room- All are welcome!

Nov. 9

Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – HCR

Adult Ed Ministry meets at 3:00 p.m. – WM

Nov. 12

BPC Work Day 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Nov. 13

Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT BPC

Nov. 14

Smyth Lecture Meeting at 2:00 p.m. – WM

Hildegard Circle meets at Peggy Kincaid's home at 6:00 p.m. for potluck and bible study

Faith Circle meets at Linda Pospichal's home at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 17

PEAKS Presbytery meeting at Christiansburg Presbyterian Church with CEDEPCA partners celebrating 30 years of ministry together.

Dinner with CEDEPCA Partners at Gillie's Restaurant at 5:00 p.m. –

RSVP to Kathy Carpenter at [olekack@gmail.com](mailto:olekack@gmail.com) by Nov. 15

We hope you can attend to support Renae & CEDEPCA!

Nov. 18

Lunch at Panera with CEDEPCA at 11:30 a.m.

Potluck Dinner at Sydney Nordt's home in Salem at 6:30 p.m.

RSVP to Kathy Carpenter at [olekack@gmail.com](mailto:olekack@gmail.com).

Nov. 20

All Church Advent Workshop 9:00 a.m. –during Sunday School- FH

Dec. 3

Kid's Fun Day/ Parents Day Out- 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.





# CELEBRATE THE SEASON

at BPC's HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER,  
GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING



Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

## PLEASE BRING:

- a main course, side dish or salad to share,
- a bag of candy, cereal or pretzels for decorating.



## Prior to the event :

**BAKERS** are needed to **bring** the gingerbread to the BPC kitchen either on Sunday, **Nov. 27<sup>nd</sup>** or Sunday, **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please put the unassembled parts in zip lock bags in the freezer. Recipes and patterns are available on the Gathering Space window sill.

**BUILDERS** are needed to assemble the houses using hot glue on Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 6 (TBA) downstairs in classroom 007.

## On the day of the event :

- Four **STAND MIXERS** and **OPERATORS** are needed to mix frosting on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

## After the event:

A **CLEAN-UP CREW** is needed afterward to keep our church in good condition.

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**

*There are plenty of ways to get involved and help make this a special event!*

Would you like to help with the Gingerbread Houses or the Potluck Dinner?  
Please contact Susan Hunter at 552-2504 or  
[susanh@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:susanh@blacksburgpres.org)

## Celebrating 30+ years of Partnership

PEAKS Presbytery, CEDEPCA, and BPC are recognizing 30+ years of ministry together! We would like to invite you to some events where you could meet and visit with our Guatemalan friends.



### **Thursday, Nov. 17**

**Presbytery Meeting at Christiansburg Presbyterian Church** – Program will be at 8:30 a.m.

**Dinner at Gillie's Restaurant** at 5:00 p.m. Ranae has graciously offered to close the restaurant for this private gathering. Buffet: (fish and vegetables) and entrée. Music, camaraderie, visit with Judith Castañeda and Emerson Morales. **Please RSVP** to Kathy Carpenter at [olekack@gmail.com](mailto:olekack@gmail.com) by **Tuesday, Nov. 15**. We need at least 25 people to make this a go! So, please show your support and come out for an evening of fun!

### **Friday, Nov. 18**

**Lunch at Panera Bread**, University City Blvd. at 11:30 a.m.

**Potluck dinner at Sydney Nordt's home in Salem at 6:30 p.m.** for all alums of trips to Central America or those who would like to know more about our partnership. Please RSVP to Kathy Carpenter at [olekack@gmail.com](mailto:olekack@gmail.com).

We hope you can attend and show your support!



# Generations of Generosity

“One generation shall laud your works to another.”

—Psalm 145:4a NRSV



**BPC Kid's Fun Day**  
**FREE BABYSITTING for Holiday Shopping!**  
**December 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



*BPC's Hospitality and Fellowship Committee will arrange for free babysitting so parents can do Christmas errands without little ones!*



**Who:** Healthy BPC children 2 years old through 5th grade  
**When:** Saturday, December 3, 2016  
**Where:** Blacksburg Presbyterian Church Nursery  
**Times:** 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



You can come *late* or pick up *early*, but all children must be picked up no later than 12:00 p.m.!

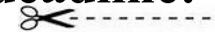
**What To Bring:** a coat, hats and gloves, for outside play.

**What Will The Children Do?**

We will set aside time for snack, crafts, play time, a Christmas story, etc.

For more information, contact Peggy Kincaid at [fellowship@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:fellowship@blacksburgpres.org) or Susan Hunter at 540-552-2504.

**Registration deadline: November 27!**



Put form below in offering plate or turn in to the BPC office.

Child's name:		Age:	
Child's name:		Age:	
Child's name:		Age:	
Parent's name			
Cell phone or # where you can be reached:			
Emergency contact & phone #:			
Allergies:			
Other information we may need to know about your child:			
Favorite activities:			



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

**Lydia Circle** meets at 1:30 p.m. at Warm Hearth/Showalter on Monday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. Janet Rakes will lead the Horizons Lesson 3. Phyllis Hain and Sylvia Echols will be refreshment hostesses.

**Hildegard Circle** meets at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14 at Peggy Kincaid's home, 910 Coalwood Way, Blacksburg. We will gather for a simple potluck meal at 6:00 PM followed by a Bible study. Newcomers are welcome. If you have questions please contact Jama Hayes, 382-6649 or [jamhayes240@gmail.com](mailto:jamhayes240@gmail.com).

**Faith Circle** meets at 7:30 p.m. at Linda Pospichal's home, 2009 Scott Drive, Blacksburg, on Monday, Nov. 14. For more information on Faith Circle contact Jen Stewart at [jenbusickstewart@yahoo.com](mailto:jenbusickstewart@yahoo.com) or 951-1808.

*It's time to order*

**WHITE POINSETTIAS & PINE**

Help make our sanctuary glorious for the holidays. You may purchase one or more poinsettias, and take the opportunity to honor or remember someone special. A booklet listing all of the poinsettia sponsorships will be published in December as part of the bulletin.

Deadline for orders is Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016.

If you have any questions please contact Sherry at [sherry@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:sherry@blacksburgpres.org) or 540-552-2504.

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

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

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 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on December 18, 2016, or on Christmas Eve (please circle one).

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

Cost of poinsettias is \$15.00 each.

Total number ordered \_\_\_\_\_

## A Portrait of Priorities

“Money and its use are matters of the soul, because they cannot be separated from where our ultimate commitment lies.”

—Arthur Simon, *How Much Is Enough?*

An important part of the elderly woman's hospitality was all the photographs that greeted guests from the walls of her small entryway. A receiving line of photographs and portraits lined the narrow hall, flowed up the staircase, and peered out from side rooms: generations of family, friends, and neighbors; images of church gatherings, vacation spots, workplaces, celebrations, and solemn assemblies.

Behind the images were stories deeply rooted in a lifetime, several lifetimes, of decisions. As choices were explored and decisions made, what was valued most came to the surface and began to shape this household.

**Reflection:** Behind the numbers on a chart like the one below is evidence of what we have come to value in our homes, places of work, neighborhoods, and communities of faith. The rows of our receiving and columns of our giving meet at decisive places. In our receiving and in our giving, we choose to welcome the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Prayer:** Gracious God, in your wisdom and mercy, guide the decisions we make. Help us choose community. Help us choose compassion. Help us choose generosity. Help us choose Christ, again and again and again, that we might know your delight in abundant life. In gratitude we pray. Amen.

### Weekly giving guide

ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME	WEEKLY INCOME	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
12,000	1,000	231	5.00	9.00	14.00	18.00	23.00	35.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115.00
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144.00
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115.00	144.00	216.00
100,000	8,333	1,923	38.00	77.00	115.00	154.00	192.00	288.00
150,000	12,500	2,885	58.00	115.00	173.00	231.00	289.00	433.00