



January 27, 2019

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

Our Mission

Proclaiming God's Word

Growing in faith and understanding

Welcoming all

Extending comfort and grace

Working for justice and peace

Nurturing creation

Being generous stewards of God's gifts

Ministers - All Members

Director of Music, Organist – Steve Lawrence

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 – Rev. Kathy Carpenter

PMA Mission Co-worker in Guatemala – Rev. Elaine Menezes

PMA Mission Co-workers in Bangladesh – Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan

Mission Partner in Malawi – Dr. Ruth Shakespeare

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 27, 2019

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the dark way with us; so be swift to love and make haste to be kind, that love and life, peace and joy, hope and light might emerge in you, and through you to all people everywhere, today and forever.”

Henri-Frederic Amiel

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The Prayers of the People are written by the congregation and read aloud as our corporate prayer. If you want to take part, write a one sentence prayer on the cards provided.

No signatures, please. The cards will be collected during the second hymn.

Together we pray whatever is on our hearts.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Come Holy Spirit, God and Lord

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Heidi Swartzwelder

† HYMN No. 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray for your mercy, forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ... *(A time of silent confession follows.)* In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† GRATEFUL RESPONSE

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on us,
and to the Son whose grace has pardoned us,
and to the spirit whose love has set us free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

† 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 READINGS

1 Corinthians 12:12-13:7

Ella Lawrence/Heidi Swartzwelder

Luke 4:14-19

SERMON

"The Community of Faith"

Rev. Charles Taylor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 arose 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 catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN No. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Congregation

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RACHEL AARONS

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

✠ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ella Lawrence

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN No. 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION OF MEMBERS AT LARGE FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
MOTION TO ADJOURN

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES JANUARY 27, 2019

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 welcome Reverend Charles Taylor to the pulpit today. Charles has long been associated with BPC and we are grateful for all of his gifts that he shares with us.

We are grateful for Ella Lawrence and Heidi Swartzwelder who are the liturgists today.

The Celebration Flowers in worship today are sponsored by Roy and Judith Jones in honor of their grandchildren Emma, Ciaran, Sean, Mabel and Ellie.

Music Notes: The BPC choir rehearses weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. High School students and adults are invited to participate. Also, our handbell choir has resumed rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. New ringers are always welcome! Please contact Steve Lawrence for additional information at steve@blacksburgpres.org.

Creation Care Thought: Emphasis: single-use plastic bottles

True or false: My purchase of bottled water is unrelated to safer drinking water for the whole world.

False. The UN estimates that if the world took half of what it now spends on bottled water (\$100 billion per year) and invested it in water infrastructure and treatment, everyone in the world could have access to clean drinking water.

BPC's Youth Group will not meet this evening.



Souper Bowl of Caring: BPC Youth will be collecting donations and selling Bean Soup mix (2/\$5) after worship next week, Feb. 3rd. All donations and proceeds will go to support the thermal shelter, To Our House. Youth will be going out to lunch following. Please bring \$10.

BPC's Fall Art Exhibit. If you think of colored pencils as a medium for children, plan to be amazed at what **Jennifer Carpenter** can do with them! See her **exhibit in Westminster Library** and know that you are looking at award-winning work which has been featured in a variety of art magazines and books. Jennifer lives in Christiansburg and will have an **Art Forum on Feb. 24 following worship.**

BPC's Annual Meeting will be held at the close of worship today to approve nominations to the 2019 Nominating Committee.

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener: Today: Dave Smith

Elder of the Week: Today: Sarah Woolsey **Mon-Sunday:** Jimmy Ritter

Prayer Room: Today: Jimmy Ritter/Jeananne Dixon-Bame

Next Sunday: Heather Polikoff/Nancy Furr

Ushers: Marcia Wright, Zach Swartzwelder, Jackson Lawrence, Phil Bailey

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

- Jan. 27 Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. – *Rev. Charles Taylor preaching*
Annual Called Congregational Meeting at the close of worship
No Youth Group tonight
- Jan. 28 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. – WM
PWCT meets at 3:00 p.m. – WM
Enneagram Class begins tonight at 7:00 p.m. – WM
- Jan. 29 Morningstars Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. – HCR
Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m.- FH
Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room All are welcome!
BPC –Feed the Flock - UKirk
- Jan. 30 Caring for the Community –9:30 a.m. – HCR
PJGM Annual meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Kendra's house-Potluck meal
- Jan. 31 Malawi Ministry meets at 12:00 p.m. - HCR
- Feb. 2-9** BPC Hosting **To Our House** - sign-up sheets in Gathering Space.
- Feb. 3 Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. – *Bob/Dusty Fiedler preaching at BPC*
Youth Group Souper Bowl of Caring following worship- Then out for lunch together
Arts Ministry meeting following worship- HCR

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Feb. 4 Enneagram Class at 7:00 p.m. – WM
- Feb. 10 *Bob/Dusty Fiedler preaching at BPC*
21st UKirk Chili Cook-off at Northside Presbyterian, 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 13 Faith Circle meets at Angela Anderson's home, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

- Feb. 17 *Elizabeth Link preaching at BPC*
- Feb. 22-23 PW Winterlude Retreat at Camp Alta Mons
- Feb. 24 *Dave Snyder preaching at BPC*
 Art Forum with Jennifer Carpenter following worship-WM
- March 6 Ash Wednesday 12:00 p.m. service - WM
- Mar. 10 Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m.– Spring forward 1 hour

2019 CELEBRATION FLOWER RESERVATION

Celebration flowers glorify God, and add beauty and a sense of hospitality to our worship services. Flowers are often given in memory or honor of a loved one or to celebrate a special event in our lives. To give everyone a chance to participate, all Sundays, except those dates with an “X” during Lent and Advent, are available to be reserved on a first requested basis. If you would like to sponsor the celebration flowers for any of the following dates in 2019, please complete this form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		3			2						X
	10	X	X	5			4	8	6		X
		X	X				11	15	13		X
	24	X	21			21					X
		X		26	30		25	29	27		29

Choice of dates: First : _____ Second: _____ Third: _____
 (Please indicate optional choices in case your first choice is no longer available.)

Sponsor’s name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Flower/color preferences: _____
 (If no preference is specified, the florist will select flowers/colors from the best available.)

TO BE PRINTED IN BULLETIN: “Flowers given by _____

_____ in loving memory of _____

_____ in honor of _____

_____ other _____

After church (please check one:

_____ Sponsor will take arrangement(s) home

_____ Deliver to shut-in(s) (names) _____

_____ Other _____

**The cost for two arrangements will continue to be \$50 for 2019,
 Payments will be made to “BPC”.
 Special flower are requests may increase the cost-
 you will need to contact Gates Flower Shop directly for these arrangements.**

All Women Winterlude Retreat 2019

February 22-23 at Camp Alta Mons

Shawsville, VA (40-minute drive)

Register by February 3rd with a \$30 deposit.

LOVING JUSTICE

Presented by Pam Snyder

Missions are Pam's passion! She served as Vice Moderator for Mission Relationships for Presbyterian Women Church wide 2012 through 2015 Mission Partners Chair for the PW Church wide Gathering in 2018. She work trip to NY to repair homes after Super Storm Sandy and has participated in mission trips abroad and in the USA. She also participated in a Women of the Reformation study trip and currently a delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women.



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Join us and bring a friend!

Ways to Participate

Option 1: Entire retreat (overnight and all meals)

Option 2: Saturday only (9am - 6pm, with lunch and dinner)

Costs:

- \$130 overnight private room, program and 2 Saturday meals.
- \$90 overnight shared (double) room, program and 2 Saturday meals.
- \$45 Saturday only, program and 2 meals.

Note: Dinner on Friday will be provided by participants (sign-up), and breakfast on Saturday will be BYO. Financial assistance available.

Questions?

Winnie Drummond 434-826-9639 winnie.drummond@gmail.com

Register online or fill out the information below. All payments and forms can be turned in to the church office (checks made out to BPC-PW)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

I plan to attend: Fri. and Sat. _____ Sat. Only _____ Private Room: _____ Shared Room: _____ Requested Roommate _____ Need a roommate? _____

Vegetarian, gluten-free or vegan meals? (Please circle all that apply)



save the date:

February 2nd – February 9th

**SHELTERING HOMELESS MEN and WOMEN
Volunteer Opportunities**

Please check off any volunteer opportunity you might consider. Our key coordinator will contact you to talk in more detail.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

_____ Provide snacks, breakfast, and lunch items

_____ Evening: Volunteer at Intake Site - 5:30 PM and drive guests from Intake to church - 5:40 PM

_____ Evening: "In-Charge" 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

_____ Evening: Drive guests to shower at Community Center

_____ Overnight: Stay overnight (you can sleep), 9:00 PM - 6:30 AM

_____ Morning: Drive guests, church to Intake, van provided, 6:30 AM (usually the same volunteer as overnight person)

_____ Weekly: Launder all linens

_____ One Time Delivery: Cots and materials to next Host Site

_____ One Time Set Up: Set up cots and materials for BPC

_____ Volunteer: Nurse, doctor, mending, attorney, hairdresser, other services

BPC WILL HOST TO OUR HOUSE February 2nd – February 9th

Please complete this form and place in the Offering Plate

Or you can sign up at this link on our website: <http://www.blacksburgpres.org/toourhouse>

Adult Education Opportunities

Christianity: Back to Basics

January 20 – March 10

Hatcher Conference Room

Led by Jonathan Anderson

Christians young and old must be familiar with a certain body of basic knowledge forming a shared basis of communal faith, and enabling us to say together, “Jesus is Lord!” While the better *knowledge* does not necessarily make us the better *Christian*, we invest in a basic shared understanding of facts, interpretations, doctrines, language, and practices that enable us to be a stronger faithful community. This class at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a refresher course in some of this basic knowledge, to review what we know, to pass this knowledge on to new partners in faith as they join our community, and to reflect on what remains important and what continues to challenge us in the Christian message.

This class will be run as a round table discussion, with a leader providing some important ideas and source materials, and encouraging an open interaction with participants. All materials will be provided.

Enneagram Workshop

7pm on Mondays in Westminster Library

Begins January 28th. Will meet for 6 weeks.

The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery

By Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile

The Enneagram is an ancient tool used to help you connect to yourself, others, and God more fully. It’s a process of discovery that takes you on a journey toward self-awareness. Join Kendra Crabtree, Director of Communications and Church Life, this fall as we scratch the surface on this system of discovery. Email kendra@blacksburgpres.org by January 20th to participate.

Morningstars Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in Hatcher Conference Room. All are welcome to join us as we use the Feasting on the Word curriculum to discuss the lectionary texts of the week. Coffee provided.