



BLACKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
MARCH 3, 2019

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“In the birth and raising and exaltation of Jesus, God has chosen one whom the moral and political powers of this world rejected – the poor, the unassuming, the suffering and at once in the end forsaken Jesus. God was one with Jesus and the Holy Spirit and made Jesus Lord...The God who creates justice for those who suffer, the God who exalts the lowly and suffering, the god who lay before the world the baby Jesus, and the God that walked the path of the Cross – that is the God of hope for this world, a hope completed in righteousness, in justice, and in peace.”

– Jurgen Moltmann

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kendra Crabtree

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

Sonata in E minor
Elizabeth Crone, flute

G. F. HANDEL

† CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 27)

Marilyn Hutchins

I believe that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage!

† HYMN No. 265 vv.1-4

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

†PRAYER OF APPROACH

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has showed you what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come to you, O God, as mere human beings who sometimes do what we know is wrong or we neglect to live our lives in ways and with actions that we know are right. Our passion for goodness is weakened by fear. Our fears are inflamed by shortcomings we prefer to hide. We come to you, O God, and we keep coming back to you over and over for forgiveness and reassurance for our faults are often overwhelming and our negligence disheartening. We wonder how in the world you can know us as well as you do and still forgive us for who we are when we fail. And then we remember that everything we believe and everything that we know in you and in Christ is founded on endless and unconditional grace and mercy. ... *(A time of silent confession follows.)*
In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 265 v. 5

Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

DUKE STREET

†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 for nurture and care.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 146

Romans 12

SERMON

“Justice like Waters...”

Rev. Steve Darr

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN No. 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light
BPC Handbell Choir – Elizabeth Crone, flute

KATHY MOKLEBUST

†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

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 TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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...

...Let us declare the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Meditation
Elizabeth Crone, flute

CÉCILE CHAMINADE

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

Jubilate!

ROY DOUGLAS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES MARCH 3, 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 are grateful for Reverend Steve Darr who is leading us in worship today. Steve is a Presbyterian Minister of the Word and Sacrament and Executive Director of Peacework International.

We are grateful for Marilyn Hutchins who is our liturgist today.

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 will resume rehearsals in April 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 water 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.

The Nominating Committee is meeting to discern who to nominate to the Elder Class of 2022 and fill several open Deacon spots. If you wish to submit a name for the committee to consider please do so by providing a name for consideration to the Nominating Committee Chair, Nancy Artis, via email nancy.artis@gmail.com or cell number 970-946-1587. Please do so by March 17th.

Moni, Malawi –March 24 Lunch provided. Childcare for 6 yr. olds and under. Please notify Barbara Michelsen by March 20 if childcare is needed at bmichelsen55@gmail.com. Come hear about BPC's work with TEAM members from VT. Optional donation for college tuition for Henderson Chiocha.

At our current fire inspection the Fire Marshall indicated that all the door stops that we had installed on the doors needed to be removed. This process in the works and will be done shortly. Doors are to remain closed when not in use. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the building safe!



UPCOMING PULPIT SUPPLY AT BPC:

March 6	Ash Wednesday Service- Rev. Dave Snyder
March 10	Rev. Rachel Shepherd
March 17	Rev. Rick Geoghegan
March 24	Rev. Dave Snyder
March 31	Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter
April 7	Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter, Youth Sunday

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener: Today: John Perumpral

Elder of the Week: Today: Jack Call **Mon-Sunday:** Peggy Kincaid

Prayer Room: Today: Peggy Kincaid and Bill Neely

Next Sunday: Jama Hayes and Jeananne Dixon-Bame

Ushers: Barbara Michelsen, Lois Price, Darrell Bosch, Jaya Eriksen

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

- March 3 Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. – Steve Darr Preaching
Nominating Committee meets at 11:30 a.m. - HCR
- Mar. 4 Lydia Circle meets at 1:30 p.m. - FH
- Mar. 5 Morningstars Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. – HCR
Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m.- HCR
Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room. All are welcome!
Transitional Team meeting at 4:00 p.m. - WM
BPC Feeds the Flock-UKirk – Shrove Tuesday
- Mar. 6 ***Ash Wednesday***
Caring for the Community –9:30 a.m. – HCR
Staff meeting at 9:30 a.m. – WM
Ash Wednesday Service at 12:00 p.m. –*Rev. Dave Snyder- WM*
Handbell rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
Choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
Faith Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. at Peg Warren’s home-1201 Highland Circle
- Mar. 7 Transitional Team meeting at 4:00 p.m. – WM
Endowment Ministry meets at 5:30 p.m. - HCR
- Mar.10 Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m.– Spring forward 1 hour
Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. – *Rev. Rachel Shepherd preaching*



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Mar. 11 Hildegard Circle meets at 6:00 p.m. at Sarah Windes home-1404 Locust Ave., Bbrg
- Mar. 17 Arts Ministry meets following worship – WM
Session meets at 4:00 p.m. - HCR
- Mar. 24 Moni, Malawi! Following worship- FH All are welcome!
Concert with Brian Peters at Northside PC at 7:00 p.m. Free admission
- March 31 Art Forum with Martha Dillard - WM
- April 6 The Big Event at VT
- April 7 Youth Sunday
- April 14 Palm Sunday
- April 21 Easter Sunday

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.

Apr	May	June	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec
		2				X
X	5		4	8	6	X
X			11	15		X
21						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) _____

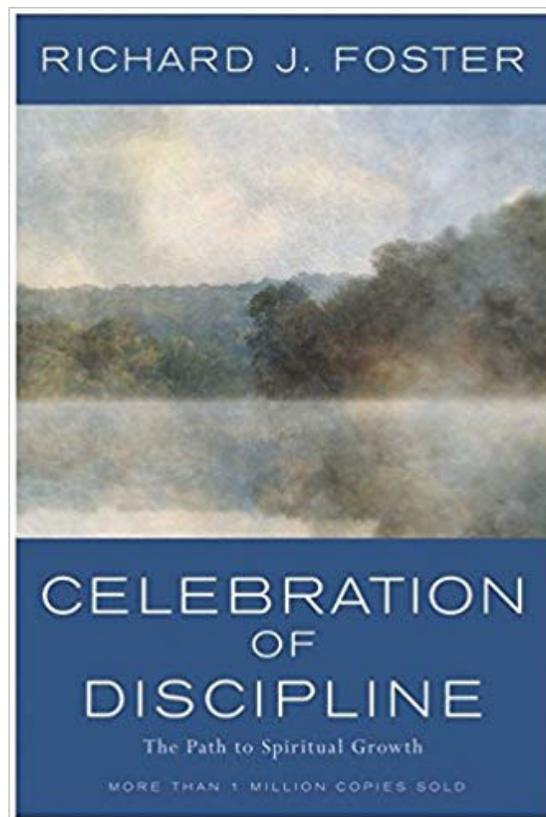
_____ Other _____

**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.**

Adult Education – Lenten Series
March 3 – April 14
Sunday Mornings at 9am in Hatcher

Join us this Lenten Season as we take time to focus on some of the classic spiritual disciplines. Using Richard Foster's "Celebration of Discipline" we will discuss Meditation, Fasting, Solitude, Submission, Confession, Worship and Celebration within the Christian context. The study of Foster's book will encourage us each to consider one or more of the disciplines to adopt during the season of Lent, and to consider how to use these disciplines to transform our intellectual understanding of our faith to an active outward expression of our faith.

Books available to purchase for \$5 in the church office or in the Gathering Space.



Ash Wednesday service at BPC 12:00 noon - Westminster Library

Rev. Dave Snyder



2019 Ecumenical Lenten Supper Series

The Seven Virtues

A LENTEN WALK THROUGH THE SEVEN VIRTUES JESUS
PRESENTS, FREEING US FROM THEIR COUNTERPARTS,
THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

March 13

Host: Northside Presbyterian (1017 Progress St., NW, Blacksburg)
Speaker: Ralph Rowley, Blacksburg United Methodist Church
"Humility over Pride"

March 20

Host: Luther Memorial Church (600 Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg)
Speaker: Linda Dickerson, Northside Presbyterian Church
"Charity/Kindness over Greed & Envy"

March 27

Host: Unitarian Universalist (1301 Gladewood Road, Blacksburg)
Speaker: Mike Ellerbrock, St. Mary's Catholic Church
"Chastity and Temperance over Lust and Gluttony"

April 3

Host: St. Mary's Catholic Church (1205 Old Mill Road, Blacksburg)
Speaker: Rosemary Backer, Luther Memorial Church
"Patience over Anger"

April 10

Host: Blacksburg United Methodist Church (111 Church St, SE,
Blacksburg)
Speaker: Andrew Fairfield, Christiansburg Mennonite Fellowship
"Diligence over Sloth"

Supper 5:30-6:15pm, Worship 6:15-7pm

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This Year's Big Event is on April 6th

Enthusiastic Hokies are ready to help
YOU with spring cleaning projects!

The Big Event at Virginia Tech is one of the largest community service events of its kind. Every spring, thousands of students, faculty, and staff come together to connect with Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and New River Valley communities through service projects!

There are no requirements to qualify for a project and all projects are completely **free of charge**



Common projects include raking leaves, mulching, painting, cleaning windows, moving furniture, and more!



NOW ACCEPTING PROJECT REQUESTS
through **March 23, 2019**
SIGN UP TODAY AT vtbigevent.org

