



**SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019**

**THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION**

“God’s Spirit is poured out upon a community of believers. The Holy Spirit is not a ‘personal’ gift from God that each believer privatizes ... This same Spirit of one God ‘appeared among them—on each of them’ as the distinguishing mark of a *people* belonging to God.” —Robert W. Wall

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dave Cozad and 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**

*We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit*

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Anne Campbell

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**

Like tongues as of fire that set our hearts aflame,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**

With speech that unites the Bable of our tongues,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

† HYMN No. 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

† PRAYER OF APPROACH

**God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world might unite in one song of praise.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The spirit of the Lord fills the world  
**and knows our every word and deed.**  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
**and confess our sins in penitence and faith.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us to new dreams and hopes, new life in Christ. Forgive us our closed minds, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes, blind to opportunities of service and love. Forgive us our closed hearts, which limit our affections to ourselves and our own. Spirit of new life, break down the prison walls. ... (A time of silent confession follows.)** In the name of our Lord, the Creator, we pray. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 288

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

† 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

Genesis 11:1-9

Acts 2:1-13

SERMON

*"Back Story"*

Dr. David Cozad

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
Who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF DEACONS (Please see insert.)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

✠ HYMN No. 285

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

BRIDEGROOM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

K. LEE SCOTT

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;  
separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;  
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

† 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

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

† HYMN No. 282

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

DOWN AMPNEY

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

*Toccata in F*

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### JUNE 9, 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 Anne Campbell who is our liturgist today.**

**Creation Care:** If you missed any of our Season of Creation Sundays (May 5-19) and would like a list of **ways to protect the Water, Dirt, or Air**, check the gathering space for copies of the lists that were distributed each Sunday.

**2019 Dates still available for Celebration Flowers: June 30, Aug. 4, 11, 25, Sept. 8, 15, 29, Oct. 6, 27 and Dec. 29.** Please email Sherry at [sherry@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:sherry@blacksburgpres.org) if you are interested in sponsoring one of these dates. Arrangements are from Gates Flowers and are \$50.

**A staff evaluation process began Sunday, May 26th, and will be completed by the end of June. You are invited to send comments, insights, or affirmations about staff performance by TODAY, June 9th to the chair of the Personnel committee, Jimmy Ritter, at his church email address, [personnel@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:personnel@blacksburgpres.org).** We tentatively plan to evaluate the Interim Pastor in January 2020 since June 2019 is too early for a substantive evaluation and he will probably be leaving shortly after June 2020. Salary and benefit adjustments arising from the evaluation process will be made in January as part of the stewardship and budget process.

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church has an exemplary and highly motivated staff who are all committed to furthering God's work in this community and in the world. We all owe them a deep expression of gratitude.

**Summer Small Group: For six weeks through July 21 at 9:15 a.m. in Westminster Library.** The class is facilitated by Scott Smith, Jonathan Anderson, and others. A discipleship group will be starting in June. It will be a place for those in the group to learn each other's life journeys, encourage each other, and reflect on how we are shaping our response to God's call to discipleship. If you would like to participate, email Scott Smith at [scottsmith4u@gmail.com](mailto:scottsmith4u@gmail.com) or you can just show up! *If you would need childcare to participate, please let Scott Smith know.*

**NAACP Juneteenth Celebration.** Juneteenth is a traditional African-American commemoration of freedom from slavery. The Montgomery County-Radford City-Floyd County branch of the NAACP will celebrate Juneteenth on Saturday, June 15th from 11:00 am- 4 pm, at the Rosa Peters Playground, 300 Depot St. NE in Christiansburg. There will be music by Dynamic Sounds. Food will be available to purchase: a Fish Fry by the New River Valley Progressive Men's Club, and the NAACP Youth Council will sell hot dogs, drinks and other snacks. Proceeds to be used for local youth activities and scholarships. Activities will include swimming, children's games, cake walk, raffles and an informative program on Juneteenth. Various talents will be shared by community members. NAACP and other community organizations will have booths and provide valuable information. Entry is free. Come one, come all!

## SERVING TODAY

**Church Opener:** Craig Woolsey                    **June 16:** Brian Smith  
**Elder of the Week:**    **Today:** Jack Call                    **Mon-Sunday:** Nancy Artis  
**Prayer Room Today:** Nancy Artis and Nancy Furr  
   **Next Sunday:** Chris Zobel  
**Ushers:** Elva Miller, Lois Price, Darrell Bosch, Jaya Eriksen

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

June 9            *Pentecost Sunday*  
Adult Small Group meets at 9:15 a.m. –WM  
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. w/installation and ordination of Deacons  
June 11            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!  
Malawi Ministry meets at 5:30 p.m. - WM  
June 12            Caring for the Community –9:30 a.m. – HCR  
Staff meeting at 9:30 a.m. – WM  
June 16            *Trinity Sunday*  
Happy Father's Day!  
Adult Small Group meets at 9:15 a.m. –WM  
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Personnel meets at 11:30 a.m.-HCR

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**June 17-20 Vacation Bible School -5:30-8:00 p.m.**  
June 19            Caring for the Community -9:30 a.m. - HCR  
June 23            Session meets at 7:00 p.m. – HCR- *Reports are due June 10th*  
June 24            KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. - WM  
June 25-28        Massanetta Middle School Conference  
June 26            Caring for the Community – 9:30 a.m. – HCR  
Stewardship Ministry meets at 5:00 p.m. - HCR  
June 29            BPC Hosting showing of “Screenagers” at the Lyric at 3:00 p.m.  
July 3              Caring for the Community – 9:30 a.m. - HCR  
July 4              Church Office Closed in observance of Fourth of July  
July 14-20        Montreat Youth Conference  
July 17            PJGM meets at 6:00 p.m. – HCR  
July 22            KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. – WM



## BPC's 2019 VBS

June 17-20,

5:30 – 8:00pm

Preschool (3) through rising 6th grade.

We are heading out on an African adventure that engages the whole heart! We will create a stampede of fun, go on wild Bible adventures and discover what life is like for five amazing kids who are living in Africa. We will sing and play and learn about the goodness of God.

We are also in need of **a few more volunteers** to be crew leaders and help with meals.

If you are available and would like to help please contact Kendra Crabtree,  
[Kendra@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:Kendra@blacksburgpres.org)

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### Three-year Endowment Award Proposals

The BPC Endowment Committee is responsible for managing Blacksburg Presbyterian Church's endowment by overseeing its investments and establishing policies about how the resulting interest income should be spent each year. In conjunction with the Endowment Committee, a separate Manna Team is convened each spring to represent the congregation in discerning how to distribute the current year's available endowment income. The Manna Team allocates some funds to existing ministry partners on an annual basis, in order to provide support for initiatives that have traditionally been important to BPC. Most of the available funds, however, are allocated to funding new three-year projects, for which groups of congregational members and the organizations for whom the funds are intended may submit proposals. These three-year projects are intended to reflect the original intent and philosophy of the General Endowment – to support significant new longer-term efforts that seek to share Christ's love with the broader community around us.

Previous recipients of three-year grants include *BPC's Malawi Committee*, to support tuition and fees for OB/GYN student Griffin Sombani, *Access to Community College Education (ACCE) in Montgomery County*, to help make community college education affordable for students in our area, and *Sojourn Center*, to provide support for a fund-raising campaign to build a hospice house on recently donated land near Warm Hearth.

Chris Zobel, the Chair of the Endowment Committee ([endowment@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:endowment@blacksburgpres.org)), will be very glad to answer any questions about this year's proposal requirements or about the review process. Three-year Endowment Award proposal guidelines can be found in the Welcome Window in the Gathering Space.

**Proposals are due by June 30th.**

## Today's Scripture Readings

### Genesis 11:1-9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

#### The Tower of Babel

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as they migrated from the east,<sup>[a]</sup> they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” <sup>5</sup> The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused<sup>[b]</sup> the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

#### Footnotes:

1. Genesis 11:2 Or *migrated eastward*
2. Genesis 11:9 Heb *balal*, meaning *to confuse*

### Acts 2:1-13 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

#### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

## INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF DEACONS

### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE ELDERS AND DEACONS

David Cozad

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

*The deacons- elect having answered in the affirmative, a ruling elder shall stand with them before the congregation and shall ask the congregation to answer the following questions:*

### QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Nancy Artis, Elder

Do we, the members of the church, accept Phyllis Albritton-Webb, Nancy Furr, Bill Hendricks, Elva Miller and Winnie Myers as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**



## Deacons who are being Installed/Ordained:

### **Winnie Myers: Class of 2020: (1 year)**



Winnie Myers is an active member of the church since moving, with her husband, to Blacksburg in 1992. She served as a Sunday school teacher, member of the university ministry, Cooper House board, elder, and presently serves on the Malawi group. Winnie served as an educator for First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, FL., Wayne Presbyterian Church, Wayne, PA., Manassas Presbyterian Church, Manassas, VA., and as interim educator for Christiansburg Presbyterian and Blacksburg Presbyterian churches. She and Les have two grown children, Robert and Jennifer, and six grandchildren four of whom will be in college this Fall.

### **Elva Miller: Class of 2021: (2 years)**

Never having served as a deacon, she has been impressed with the responsibility of taking our community of disciples' faith, love, and helpfulness to those not able to be so active. She believes that one of God's gifts to the church is the reality of our shared life as a community of brothers and sisters, all children of God. In the past, She has been an elder, taught church school and served on committees. She works with our refugees and am thrilled with the huge generous support of Blacksburg. A favorite quote is: "life begins at the edge of your comfort zone."

### **Bill Hendricks: Class of 2022: (3 years)**



Bill Hendricks, a former Southern Baptist, followed his wise wife in joining BPC in the late 1970s. He chaired the Peace, Justice Global Mission committee and served as Elder in the 1980s. He retired from a busy, rewarding, and intense career in family medicine in 2018. He will bring to his role as deacon his 42 years of experience in counseling patients in crisis, his 10 years of experience in a men's group, his decades of personal work in contemplative prayer and meditation, and increased time afforded by retirement for service to BPC.

### **Nancy Furr: Class of 2022: (3 years)**

Nancy Furr has been a member of BPC for just over 30 years. During that time she has served as an elder on the session twice. Once as chair of Children's Ed and once as chair of Buildings and Grounds. She has been active in PW and was honored at the 2019 Annual PW gathering with an honorary life membership. She has served on the communion preparation ministry and is currently serving on the Creation Care ministry. This past year she filled out a term as a Deacon. During the school year, she volunteers with Head Start and at Margaret Beeks Elementary.



### **Phyllis Albritton-Webb: Class of 2021: (2 years)**



Phyllis has been a member of BPC since 1973 and has served as deacon, elder, chair of Peace, Justice, Global Mission: Coordinated mission trips to Good News Partners, Chicago and visits from GNP friends to BPC; served on Building Committee that redesigned BPC; taught church school classes for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, junior and senior highs, and adults; sang in choir for many years; currently member of the Prayer Group. Phyllis has been involved in getting BPC to house Head Start; past member of Endowment Committee and is currently a trustee at BPC.