



BLACKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

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
Interim Pastor – Dr. David Cozad
Director of Music, Organist – Steve Lawrence
Director of Children and Youth Ministries - Susan Hunter
Director of Communication and Church Life - Kendra Crabtree
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Mission Partner in Malawi – Dr. Arie Glas
Mission Partners – Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“A televised interview with a man who had lost all his possessions to a raging brush fire driven by Santa Ana winds in California provides a striking contrast to the rich fool. Recalling that his brother had recently mused that they should be careful not to allow their possessions to possess them, this man who had just seen everything he owned ... go up in smoke, announced to the reporter with a note of unexpected triumph: ‘I am a free man now!’ ”

- R. Alan Culpeper

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David 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

Arioso
Charlie Wyatt, cello

J. S. BACH

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Colossians 3)

Brian Smith

We have countless opportunities to set our minds on things that are ‘below’—

worldly matters, possessions, responsibilities, demands of family and home and future.

But we come here to cast our gaze heavenward, to remember what is essential.

To set our minds on the things that are of God. Let us worship together.

✠ HYMN No. 317 vv. 1-3

In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE

✠ PRAYER OF APPROACH

Lift up our eyes, O Lord, that we may see this world and our lives differently. Lift up our eyes,

O Lord, that we may, if only for this hour, see as *you* see. In the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Colossians 3 we read, “Set your mind on things that are above, not on earthly things.”

Let us join together in honest confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy God, we confess that we do not often set our minds on things that are above. Even if we are not quite greedy, our drive to acquire earthly things dominates our choices and priorities. Forgive us when your best intentions are swallowed by preoccupation. Lift our thoughts toward your peace and justice, that we may bathe in your grace and be washed clean. ... (A time of silent confession follows.) In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayers. Amen.**

✠ Please stand in body or in spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In honest confession, we are stripped of our old self and its ways;
instead, we are clothed with Christ.

Hear and believe the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✠ GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 317 v. 4

MC KEE

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

✠ 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

Colossians 3:1-4, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

SERMON

"Fool!"

Dr. David Cozad

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN No. 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

Sarabande
Ben Wyatt, cello

J. S. BACH

✠ 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

Dr. David Cozad
Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter

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 thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER
SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN No. 822

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Praise!

DARWIN WOLFORD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES
AUGUST 4, 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 Rev. Emily Rhodes Hunter who is participating in communion today. We appreciate Brian Smith who is our liturgist today.

Creation Care Thought:

Even though 7 in 10 Americans believe climate change is happening, and 6 in 10 are at least somewhat concerned about it, two-thirds of Americans rarely, if ever, talk about climate change with the people they care about.

Atmospheric Science Professor Katharine Hayhoe notes in a TED talk that the number one thing we can do to break the divisive rhetoric around climate change is "do the exact thing we're not doing: talk about it." --The Nature Conservancy

Westminster Library Exhibit: Two of our BPC high school students, **Garrett Knobl and Quin Spencer**, are sharing their art and photographs with the congregation this summer. Come see what they have made.

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

Cooper House is offering three (3) parking spaces for use during Virginia Tech's seven (7) home football games for a season fee of \$175.00 each. Cooper House is a very short walk to the stadium, and the backyard lawn area can be used for pre/post game activities. Spaces are available on a first come basis. For more information email Terry McClellan at admin@pcusa-vt.org.

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener: Brian Smith

Elder of the Week: **Today:** Sara Hunter **Mon-Sunday:** Chris Zobel

Prayer Room Today: Chris Zobel and Phyllis Albritton-Webb

Next Sunday: Sarah Woolsey and Nancy Furr

Ushers: Elva Miller, Lois Price, Dave and Linda Smith

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

- August 4 Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Presentation by Scott Smith on Peaks Vision Trip to South Sudan following worship-HCR
- Aug. 6 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!
Personnel meets at 2:00 p.m. - WM
- Aug. 7 Staff meets at 9:30 a.m. – WM
Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m.- HCR
Stewardship meets at 5:00 p.m. - HCR
- August 11 Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Aug. 12 Peace, Justice, Global Mission (PJGM) meets at 6:00 p.m. - HCR
Aug. 13 Staff meets at 10:00 a.m.-HCR
Aug. 14 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. - HCR
Aug. 17 Peaks Presbytery Meeting, Lynchburg
Aug. 18 Sunday School Teacher Training at 9:00 a.m.- HCR
Dr. Les Morgan preaching at BPC
Bangladesh Presentation with Lunch following worship-FH
Aug. 21 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – HCR
BPC choir rehearsal begins at 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 24 Elder Training at 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - HCR
Aug. 25 Rally Day – 9:00 a.m.- Kick-off Sunday School
Milestones in Worship
Installation/Ordination of Elders in worship
Session meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 26 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. – WM
Aug. 27 UKirk Welcome Back Picnic at Cooper House (305 Washington St. SW)– 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Aug. 28 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – HCR
BPC Choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 1 Worship at 10:30 a.m.- **No Sunday School today**
Sept. 2 *Church Office Closed for Labor Day*
Sept. 4 Fellowship Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Sept. 3 Feed the Flock- UKirk 6:00 p.m. at Cooper House
Sept. 8 Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m.
Joyful Noise Rehearsal begins at 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 007
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
End of Summer Shindig at 4:00 p.m. at the Furr's home-708 Southgate, Bbrg
Sept. 9 Lydia Circle at 1:30 p.m. - FH
Sept. 15 Session meets at 7:00 p.m. – HCR
Sept. 23 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. - WM

Today' s First Scripture Readings

Colossians 3:1-4 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The New Life in Christ

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your^[a] life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Footnotes:

- a. Colossians 3:4 Other authorities read *our*

Colossians 3:9-11 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal^[a] there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Footnotes:

- a. Colossians 3:11 Gk *its creator*, ¹¹ *where*

Today's Second Scripture Readings

Luke 12:13-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Fellowship Dinner

September 4th

5:30-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Sign up by Monday, September 2nd at blacksburgpres.org/dinner.

For the first Wednesday in September, October and November
come enjoy a meal and conversation.

Bring the whole family!

September's Menu:

Fried Chicken and Salad



Volunteers Needed!

We need nine volunteers for September's meal.

Three to set up, three to cook, and three to clean up.

You can sign up to volunteer at: blacksburgpres.org/dinner

Want to Usher?
Info meeting September 15th after worship in the Sanctuary

Being an usher is a great way to serve and lead during worship. Every Sunday morning there is a group of volunteers who turn the lights on in the Sanctuary, put water in the pitcher by the font, greet you with a warm smile and a bulletin, take up the offering, and collect information from the friendship registers. These simple tasks create a warm and welcoming environment for worship while ushering can be a great way for the whole family to serve together!

Would you like to know more about being an usher? We are looking to expand the current team of ushers. You can usher as often (once a month) or as little (twice a year) as you like. There will be a brief Usher Meeting on Sunday, September 15th after worship in the front of the Sanctuary. **Ready to join the team now?**

**Contact Phil Bailey, Usher Coordinator, at pbaileyvt@yahoo.com.
Or fill out the information below and drop it in the offering plate!**

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I AM INTERESTED IN USHERING!

Name: _____ **Email:** _____