



SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 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

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Mission Partners – Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019**

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Jesus touched the leper and in so doing turned the world upside down. Touching the unclean is on the one hand inappropriate, and on the other hand dangerous. After all, you might catch something! Jesus did not mind breaking religious codes that are not divinely inspired, especially regulations that not only exclude those who are different but give them no opportunity to be healed.” — William J. Carl III

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

Gymnopédie No. 1

ERIK SATIE

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Luke 11)

Kendra Crabtree

Ask and it will be given to you.

Search, and you will find.

Knock and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks will receive.

Everyone who searches will find.

And for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

✠ HYMN No.772 vv. 1-3

Live into Hope

TRURO

✠ PRAYER OF APPROACH

Most Holy One, we do seek you. In this gathered space, and beyond, we seek to feel and recognize your presence in our lives. Guide us to knock on the door that you can open, that leads to the path of peace and hope in you, and in the grace of Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit, we ask, to be with us and among us as we look to your Word for guidance and inspiration. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not call us to be perfect, but to be steadfast in faith,

acknowledging our shortcoming and asking for forgiveness.

Let us join together in confessing:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant love, Lord of forgiveness, we confess that we have not *allowed* you to make the difference in our lives for which we pray. Our preoccupations have carried us far from you, instead of remaining near to listen and learn. Forgive us, we pray, and renew our busy hearts. Help us to seek your presence in the midst of our daily lives, and to let go of all that stands in the way. ...
(A time of silent confession follows.) Through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

✠ Please stand in body or in spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

No one understands us more than God does. No one accepts us more than God does. No one *forgives* us more than God does. Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven; and through the Holy Spirit, we are *reconnected* to the heart of God.

† GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 772 v. 4

Live into Hope

TRURO

† 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

Dr. Cindy Morgan

(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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:28-29; 8:1-4

SERMON

"Down the Mountain: The Gospel Made Flesh"

Dr. Les Morgan

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

Aria

NOEL RAWSTHORNE

† 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. 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

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Today's First Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Good News of Deliverance

61 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Today's Second Scripture Readings

Matthew 7:28-29 and 8:1-4 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

²⁸ Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹ for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

8 When Jesus^[a] had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; ² and there was a leper^[b] who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." ³ He stretched

out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy^[c] was cleansed. ⁴ Then Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Footnotes:

- a. Matthew 8:1 Gk *he*
- b. Matthew 8:2 The terms *leper* and *leprosy* can refer to several diseases
- c. Matthew 8:3 The terms *leper* and *leprosy* can refer to several diseases

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES AUGUST 18, 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 Kendra Crabtree who is our Liturgist today and all the gifts she brings to this place.

We welcome Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan who have been our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers in Bangladesh for thirty years. They will continue to serve through December in the U. S. while they complete their final responsibilities. All are invited to stay for a Bangladesh Presentation with Lunch following worship today.

The Celebration Flowers in worship today are sponsored by Bill Neely in loving memory of Carol. Today is BPC's Cents-Ability collection. In the Dominican Republic 25% of cultivated land is planted in sugar cane. Peasants earn around \$3.00 a day for cutting 2 tons of sugar cane. People in the U.S. consume an average of 120 pounds of sugar per person per year. Can your family give up a desert in order to contribute to Cents-Ability? Please place your donations in the small manila envelopes in the pews in the offering plate or in the Cents-Ability jar.

Creation Care Thought:

The conservation of natural resources
is the fundamental problem.
Unless we solve that problem
it will avail us little to solve all others."

— Theodore Roosevelt

Join the Choir! The BPC Chancel Choir is open to high school students and adults. Music reading helpful, but not required. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning August 21, and the choir leads worship at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sundays, August 25. For more information, please contact the Director of Music: steve@blacksburgpres.org.

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: 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 has one more parking space left! Hurry if you would like to be able to use it during Virginia Tech's seven (7) home football games for a season fee of \$175.00. 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.

BPC will be hosting To Our House this coming winter for the week of Feb. 1 through Feb. 8 –(the group will leave in the morning of the 8th). If you or someone you know are interested in coordinating the food while they are here, please contact Joan Dickinson, jdickin326@aol.com or Andrew Warren, anwarren2@vt.edu to help out in this key volunteer position! Stay tuned for other volunteer opportunities!

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener: Brian Smith
Elder of the Week: **Today:** Jimmy Ritter **Mon-Sunday:** Karen Watson
Prayer Room Today: Karen Watson and Bill Neely
Next Sunday: Chris Zobel and Elva Miller
Ushers: John and Shalini Perumpral, Darrell Bosch and Jaya Eriksen

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

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. 20 Morningstars Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. – HCR
Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – FH
Staff meets at 10:00 a.m. - HCR
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 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Aug. 26 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. – WM
Aug. 27 UKirk Welcome Back Picnic at 6:00 p.m. at Cooper House
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**
Sept. 2 *Church Office Closed for Labor Day*
Sept. 3 Feed the Flock UKirk at Cooper House at 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 4 Fellowship Dinner at BPC 5:30-6:30 p.m. FH
Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 3 Feed the Flock- UKirk 6:00 p.m. at Cooper House
Sept. 8 Joyful Noise Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. Room 007
Bread for the World Offering of Letters after worship
End of Summer Shindig at 4:00-6:30 p.m. See insert for details
Sept. 9 Lydia Circle at 1:30 p.m. - FH
Sept. 12 Creation Care Meeting at 4:00 p.m. - HCR
Sept. 15 Joyful Noise Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. Room 007
Usher Information meeting following worship – Sanctuary
Session meets at 7:00 p.m. – HCR
Sept. 22 Higher Ed Sunday w/UKirk Trip Presentation following worship
Sept. 23 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. –WM

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!

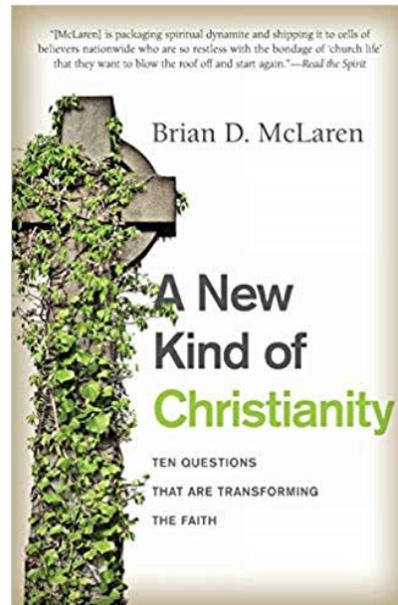
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BPC'S 2019 FALL ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

A New Kind of Christianity **Sundays at 9am in Hatcher** **September 8 - September 29**

Interim pastor Dave Cozad will be teaching a Sunday school class based on some key chapters in Brian McLaren's book, *A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith*. In addition, other sources such as Harvey Cox, Diana Butler Bass, Cynthia Bourgeault, Richard Rohr and John Philip Newell will be brought into dialog with the issues that McLaren raises.

Copies of McLaren's book can be purchased through the church office for \$12.



You are also invited to attend the Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Morningstars, at 7:30 a.m. in Hatcher Conference Room. Join us on Tuesday mornings to study the week's lectionary texts together, to grow in faith, and to support one another in love. This class is facilitated by Dave Cozad and sources of caffeine are provided.

Cub Pack 44 & Scout Troops 44

With a new school year about to begin, Pack 44 is recruiting girls and boys in grades K through 5 to join its Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear & Webelo's dens. Dens meet at BPC from 7 to 8 pm during the school year on the second and fourth Tuesdays. On the first Tuesdays the Pack has a field-trip activity – last year these included a tour of the county Recycling Center, scaling the VT Corps of Cadets' Obstacle Course, and a Weather Balloon launch. Other events throughout the year including Pinewood Derby, Raingutter Regatta, Christmas Luminaries, Family Camping, Placing US flags at Veterans' graves in the Memorial Gardens of the NRV, Hiking, Cycling, Swimming, Summer Day Camp, and much more. Check out their Facebook page at Pack44Blacksburg to see what we did last year!

Troop 44, the oldest in Blacksburg, has been chartered to BPC for over 78 years, and this year BPC chartered a new Troop for girls, under Scouting BSA's Family Scouting program. Both troops meet on Sundays from 4 to 5:30 pm and include mid- and senior-high boys & girls. The Troop has planned an exciting program that includes service, hiking, canoeing and camping opportunities to develop Scouting skills. Their new Facebook page is at Troop44Blacksburg.

For more information on joining or volunteering, contact Cubmaster & girls-troop Scoutmaster, Jim Dickhans (750-1662); boys-troop Scoutmaster, Dan Goerlich (418-5768); or BPC's Chartered Organization Representative, Gavin Faulkner (449-6178 gavin@rowanmountain.com).





End of Summer

Shindig

September 8th,
4-6:30pm

Potluck at the Furr's Home,
708 Southgate Dr. 24060

At **4pm** we will meet up at the corner of Clay St and Draper by the Gazebo in the park and take a walk to see some of the '16 Frogs' of the Blacksburg Watershed Initiative.

Afterward, we will head over to the Furr's home for a potluck picnic dinner at **5:30pm** to enjoy a time for fellowship and to celebrate the end of summer.

As a special treat there will be homemade ice cream!

Don't forget to bring your own D.I.G.S.

Dinnerware (plates, cups, napkins, utensils, and bowls)

Informal edibles (salad, side, chips, or an entrée to share)

Games for outdoor play

Something to sit on (lawn chair or blankets)

Some Guidelines and Examples for Earth-friendly Supply Use at BPC

The BPC Session recently agreed, upon the recommendation of the Creation Care Team, to **reduce our use here at church of single-use plastics and other single-use supplies**. To further that effort, we are providing here some examples and guidelines for church events and gatherings.

- ✦ Multi-use supplies (even plastic ones) are better than single-use supplies. We are not aiming for plastic-free, but rather increasing our use of materials that get used over and over. For example, there is plastic picnic-ware or plastic cups that can be used over and over, being washed between uses.
- ✦ Items that can be recycled are better than those that can't. For example, some drinks don't come in anything but plastic bottles. The empty bottles should be recycled (no rinsing, lids on, how could it be easier). Though not preferred, clear plastic cups are recyclable (see the code on the bottom), while none of the other plastic cups are.
- ✦ However, there is no specific advantage in using recyclables, unless we have effective methods of making it *obvious* that they can be recycled, and where to do so, such as additional signage.
- ✦ If single-use items are required, paper is better than plastic, as the resources used to make paper supplies are semi-renewable. This would apply to items that might be used for craft projects, for example, such as paper plates or cups rather than plastic ones.
- ✦ Plastic utensils, therefore, are more to be avoided than paper plates, if both can't be avoided. Reusable (metal) utensils are easy to clean in the dishwasher, even for a large number of people.
- ✦ We need to make sure everyone who uses the kitchen, including outside groups, knows we have a dishwasher, and how to find the detergent, etc. We also should develop an understanding about who unloads (we suggest that each user unload the previous user's dishes, rather than waiting or returning to unload their own.) If rinsing is not required (it usually isn't in modern dishwashers), everyone should know that, too, as it saves a lot of water to omit that step.
- ✦ For events away from the fellowship hall where the dishwasher cannot be used, we should be encouraging people, as we did at the picnic last summer, to bring their own dinnerware. People can keep these in their cars, so as not to add to the burden of what needs to be collected as we head for events. Paper supplies should be provided for those who forget or wish to not participate for other reasons.
- ✦ We can also make sure people know that it is always an option, even for meals in fellowship hall, for people to bring their own supplies if they wish to do so. We don't need to make a big deal out of it, but if we are serving a meal on single-use supplies, people should know they have the option to provide their own reusables. It is not hard for folks to develop a habit to be prepared for this.
- ✦ There are very few occasions, if any, where single-use plastic water bottles are necessary rather than jugs of water or bring-your-own reusable water bottles. Pitchers and coolers with spouts are good options.