



**BLACKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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  
Office Manager - Sherry Ingham  
Custodian - Viola Howery  
Campus Minister, UKirk Ministry at Virginia Tech – Rev. Kathy Carpenter  
Mission Partner in Guatemala – CEDEPCA  
Mission Partner in Malawi – Dr. Arie Glas  
Mission Partners – Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan

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**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
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THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Righteousness, not social position or the esteem of others, should be our goal. God does not look upon the glitter of our guest list. Instead, God looks to see that we have practiced the generosity and inclusiveness of the kingdom in our daily social relationships. One standard offers the reward of social position, the other the reward of God’s favor.” -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

Jay Crone, pianist

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Zobel

We hear the words of the gospel, calling us here:

**Come. See. Listen. Taste. Pray. Receive. Rest.**

And the words of the gospel will send us out from here:

**Go. Make. Teach. Give. Obey. Sing. Love.**

†HYMN No. 401 vv. 1-3

*Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**We need not summon you into our midst, O Lord, for you are there. We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there. We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you; our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you; our minds to be made sensitive, that we may know you; our hearts to be willing, that we might receive you. Grant each one these things, O Lord, as each has need.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Family of Faith, not out of dread or fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive,

**Let us rid ourselves of what we no longer need to carry.**

†Please stand in body or in spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are the one who can bring good out of all things.

**You can redeem all things, all people, all circumstances.**

Do that with us today.

**Turn us around and save us, from our gone-wrong-ness, our bent-out-of-shape-ness, our convinced-we-are-inadequate-ness, our burned-out-ness, our afraid-to-walk-in-the-dark-ness.**

Lift our hearts in hope.

**Guide our feet in your ways.**

*... (A time of silent confession follows.)*

In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayers. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God’s love is planted deeper than all that is wrong with the world,

**God’s mercy is wider than the breadth of our sin.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**And so we lay down what is past, and look to the future. Thanks be to God!**

† GRATEFUL RESPONSE

GATHER US IN

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven,  
light years away: here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

† 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 for nurture and care.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 13:1-3, 7-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON

“Movin’ On Down”

Dr. David Cozad

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

† HYMN No. 509

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† 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

*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. 500

*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

ST. FLAVIAN

SENDING

Jim and Sylvia Echols

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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## Today' s First Scripture Readings

### Hebrews 13:1-3 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

#### Service Well-Pleasing to God

13 Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.<sup>[a]</sup>

#### Footnotes:

- a. Hebrews 13:3 Gk *were in the body*

### Hebrews 13:7-8 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

### Hebrews 13:15-16 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## Today' s Second Scripture Readings

### Luke 14:1 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

#### Jesus Heals the Man with Dropsy

14 On one occasion when Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

#### Footnotes:

- a. Luke 14:1 Gk *he*

### Luke 14:7-14 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

#### Humility and Hospitality

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Chris Zobel who is our liturgist today.**

**The Celebration Flowers in worship today are sponsored by Pat and Nancy Artis in loving memory of Harry Artis.**

**Creation Care Thought:** Watershed version of the "Golden Rule" Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you. –from poet, farmer Wendell Berry  
Who lives upstream from us? Downstream from us?

**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. For more information, please contact the Director of Music: [steve@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:steve@blacksburgpres.org).

**We welcome all students** who are with us today and invite you to stop by our welcome table in the Gathering Space this morning. There are students from the Presbyterian Campus Ministry, UKirk, here to greet you along with members from BPC's University Ministry. Please sign the Friendship register and provide us with your email address so we can send you a personal greeting from BPC.

### **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. 15, Oct. 6, 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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>). If you or someone you know are interested in coordinating the food while they are here, please contact Joan Dickinson, [jdickin326@aol.com](mailto:jdickin326@aol.com) or Andrew Warren, [anwarren2@vt.edu](mailto:anwarren2@vt.edu) to help out in this key volunteer position! Stay tuned for other volunteer opportunities!

**New Banners for a new season will be up for worship on September 8.** One of these features names of God. The Bible wasn't written in English, so you will find ALPHA/OMEGA (the beginning and the end) in Greek, ABBA, which is the name Jesus called God, is written in Hebrew. It is translated to "Daddy" or "Papa". The second banner uses words for attributes of God. Many thanks to Marti Snyder and Martha Dillard for making these banners.

### **SERVING TODAY**

**Church Opener:** Brian Smith  
**Elder of the Week:** Today: Chris Zobel    **Mon-Sunday:** Sarah Woolsey  
**Prayer Room Today:** Sarah Woolsey and Nancy Furr  
**Next Sunday:** Nancy Artis and Winnie Myers  
**Ushers:** Elva Miller, Lois Price, Craig and Sarah Woolsey

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

- Sept. 1 ***No Sunday School today***  
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 2 *Church Office Closed for Labor Day*
- Sept. 3 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  
Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room  
Feed the Flock- UKirk 6:00 p.m. at Cooper House
- Sept. 4 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – HCR  
BPC Fellowship Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. - FH  
BPC choir rehearsal 7:00 – 8:30p.m.
- Sept. 8 Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.  
Joyful Noise Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. Rm. 007  
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m. –Gathering Space  
Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Bread for the World Offering of Letters after worship in the Gathering Space  
End of Summer Shindig at 4:00- 6:30 p.m.- see insert



**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Sept. 9 Lydia Circle at 1:30 p.m. – FH  
Hildegard Circle meets at 6:00 p.m. at Jan McGilliard's home, 305 Country Club Dr.,SE
- Sept. 10 Morning Stars Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. – HCR  
Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – FH  
Staff meets at 10:00 a.m. – HCR  
Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room
- Sept. 11 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. - HCR  
Handbell Rehearsal at 6:00-6:45 p.m.  
BPC choir rehearsal 7:00 – 8:30p.m.
- 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  
Youth Group Family Potluck at BPC- 5:30-7:30 p.m. w/ Youth Group Parent Meeting  
Session meets at 7:00 p.m. – HCR
- Sept. 18 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – HCR  
Handbell Rehearsal at 6:00-6:45 p.m.  
BPC choir rehearsal 7:00 – 8:30p.m.
- Sept. 22 Higher Ed Sunday w/UKirk Trip Presentation following worship
- Sept. 23 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. –WM
- Sept. 24 Warm Hearth Communion at 10:00 a.m. –Showalter, First Floor Activity Room  
VICPP meets at 2:00 p.m. – WM
- Sept. 26 Faith Circle at 7:30 p.m. at Sarah Woolsey's home, 2015 Hardwick St. Bbrg

**Fellowship Dinner  
September 4th**

**5:30-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall**

Sign up by Monday, September 2nd at [blacksburgpres.org/dinner](http://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](http://blacksburgpres.org/dinner)

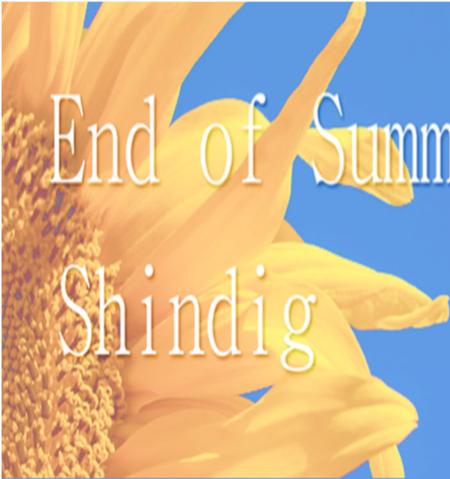
**Cub Pack 44 & Scout Troops 44**

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](mailto: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.**

- D**innerware (plates, cups, napkins, utensils, and bowls)
- I**nformal edibles (salad, side, chips, or an entrée to share)
- G**ames for outdoor play
- S**omething to sit on (lawn chair or blankets)

## **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](mailto: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!**

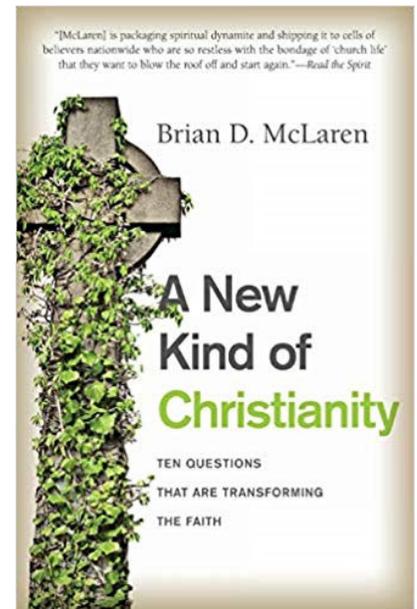
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# BPC'S 2019 FALL ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

## **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.** This class is facilitated by Dave Cozad. Join us on Tuesday mornings to study the week's lectionary texts together, to grow in faith, and to support one another in love. Sources of caffeine are provided.