

THIRD SUNDY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 2017

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

"Faith is the act of embracing the unknown."

~Rick Ufford-Chase

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

The Prayers of the People are written by the congregation and read aloud as our corporate prayer.

If you want to take part, write a one sentence prayer on the cards provided.

No signatures, please. The cards will be collected during the second hymn.

Together we pray whatever is on our hearts.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Have a Gospel to Proclaim

arr. CINDY BERRY

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

Catherine Taylor

✠ HYMN No. 386

Come, Worship God

O QUANTA QUALIA

✠ PRAYER OF APPROACH

Lord God, Great I Am, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water.

Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. ... (A time of silent confession follows.) We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

✠ Please stand in body or in spirit.

PRAYERFUL RESPONSE No. 819 v. 2

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;

all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

According to God's steadfast love,

according to God's abundant mercy,

God does not pass judgment on us

the judgment we deserve.

God creates in us clean hearts

and gives us a new and right spirit.

In the grace of Jesus Christ,

We return to God forgiven.

Praise God for our salvation!

✠ GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 436 v.3

God of Compassion, in Mercy, Befriend Us

How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,

You who the stars in their courses are guiding?

What shall we fear, with your power to protect us,

We who walk forth in your greatness confiding?

✠ 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 to God's Garden or the nursery for nurture and care.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17:1-7

ANTHEM

O Taste and See

Adult Choir

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in him.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

SERMON

“Living Water in Troubled Times”

Rick Ufford-Chase

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Congregation

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

Sing to the Lord

I. WATTS, A. PARKER

Grace Notes

Sing to the Lord, ye heav’nly hosts,
And thou, O earth adore,
Let Death and Hell throughout their coasts
Stand trembling at His power.

His nostrils breathe out fiery streams,
And from His awful tongue
A sov’rign voice divides the flames
And thunder roars along.

Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth, and seas
Conspire to lift Thy glories high
And speak Thine endless praise.

His sounding chariot shakes the sky;
He makes the clouds His throne;
There all the stores of lightning lie,
Till vengeance darts them down.

Think, O my soul, the dreadful day,
When this incensed God
Shall rend the sky and burn the sea
And fling His wrath abroad.

The whole creation join in one
To bless the sacred Name,
Of Him that sits upon the throne
And to adore the Lamb!

† DOXOLOGY

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

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† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN No. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYDY NOS

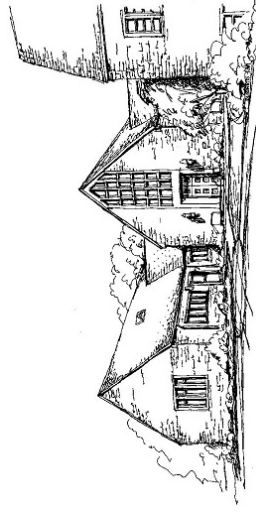
† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

BACH/KREBS

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Mission Co-workers in Bangladesh – (Our Mission Partners names cannot be listed in the bulletin as they are working in an area with terrorism and we do not want to risk their safety.)
Mission Partner in Malawi – Dr. Ruth Shakespeare

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES MARCH 19, 2017

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.**

We welcome Rick Ufford-Chase, a former moderator of the PC(USA), to the pulpit today.

Words on Creation Care: *Nature never taught me that there exists a God of glory and infinite majesty. I had to learn that in other ways. But nature gave the word "glory" meaning for me. I still do not know where else I could have found one.* – C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)

New Member Class: Are you interested in joining BPC? Would you like to take a refresher course? Know someone who would? Please join us today, March 19 and March 26 during the church school hour (9:00-10:00 a.m.) at BPC, led by Catherine Taylor and Kendra Crabtree. There are two classes, followed by an opportunity (on March 26) to join the church and be received by the Session. Contact Jan McGilliard at 540-953-1366 or janmegilliar@gmail.com or Kendra Crabtree at kendra@blacksburgpres.org for more information.

DIRECTORIES WILL BE HERE BY THE END OF THE MONTH. We'll keep you posted!

Save the Date: Faith on Tap will take place on Friday, March 24 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Fatback Soul Shack, 2440 Roanoke St., Christiansburg. **Register for childcare by March 19th.** You can sign up on the website at <http://blacksburgpres.org/faithontap> or at the Welcome Window.

Art Forum with Carol Burch-Brown will be held on Sunday, April 2, following worship, to talk about her art and her early experiences with a church. The exhibit will be up from March 7 through the end of May.

Let's take care of kids, from top to bottoms! For its spring project, Faith Cirele is leading drives to benefit three local organizations and the children they work to support. For Head Start (located here at BPC), we'll be collecting **children's toothbrushes and children's toothpaste**. Our goal is enough toothbrushes and toothpaste to support each child for a year. Our partners at Valley Interfaith Child Care Center (VICCC) and the Baby Shop, meanwhile, are in need of **diapers (sizes 2-6 and pull-ups), wipes, and cream**. Faith Cirele will be collecting through Lent and donating after Easter. Sign up in the Gathering Space. For more information contact Heather Polikoff at [540-808-0802](tel:540-808-0802) or heather.polikoff@gmail.com. Thank you for helping!

New River Community Action Blacksburg Head Start Preschool is currently taking applications for 3 and 4 year olds for School year 2017-2018. Blacksburg Head Start Preschool is a No cost, family-based preschool program that prepares children and families for school readiness. For registration information call the school office at 540-552-0490 or email ateninas@nrca.org to enroll your 3 and/or 4 year old today!

An opportunity to be more involved and educated on Social Justice Issues is coming up in Washington, April 21- 24, 2017 Ecumenical Advocacy Days. This year's topic "Confronting Chaos, Forging Community: Challenging Racism, Materialism and Militarism". When Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. posed the question, "Where do we go from here: Chaos or Community?" in his book of the same title 50 years ago, no one could have imagined that we would still be wrestling with this question today. For

more information: http://advocacydays.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/EAD-2017-Brochure-Insert-Final_WEB_100dpi.pdf. Join others going and contact Phyllis Albritton for more information and carpooling (540-552-4848).

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener: Howard Long

Elder of the Week: **Mon-Sunday:** Melanie Smith

Ushers: Ryan and Jen Stewart, Jim Echols, and Mike McGilliard

Counters: Paula Stith and Easley Smith

Coffee Hosts: Lisa and Brian Smith **Next Week:** Amy Cowan and Brian Thorsett

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

Mar. 19 New Member Class at 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Room

Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.

Joyful Noise Children's Choir at 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.

Worship with Guest Preacher Rick Ufford-Chase at 10:30 a.m.

Smyth Lecture –Rick Ufford-Chase – at 4:00 p.m. – FH - with reception to follow
"Faithful Resistance: Signs of our Time: What are we up against?"

Youth Group meets at BPC 6:30-7:30p.m. (6:00 for instrumentalists)

Youth Sunday Prep.

Mar. 20 Staff meets at 1:30 p.m. – HCR

Smyth Lecture with Rick Ufford-Chase at 7:00 p.m. – F.H.

"Faithful Resistance: The Call to the church: We MUST Do Better."

Mar. 21 Tuesday 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!

Confirmation Meeting –4:00 – 5:00 p.m. – WM

Personnel meets at 5:00 p.m. - WM

Mar. 22 Lenten Supper Series at New Life Christian Fellowship, 130 Jackson Street, NW,

Speaker: Bill King- "Lord's Prayer" Scripture: Matthew 9:6-15

Adult Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.

Mar. 23 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – HCR

Mar. 24 Faith on Tap-6:00-8:00 p.m. –Fatback Soul Shack, 2440 Roanoke St. Christiansburg

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Mar. 26 Girl's Puberty Talk at 2:30 p.m.

Session meets at 7:00 p.m. – HCR

Mar. 27 KnitWits meet at 1:00 p.m. – WM

PWCT meets at 3:30 p.m. – WM

Mar. 28 Creation Care Team meets at 4:00 p.m. - HCR

Confirmation group meets from 4:00-5:00 p.m. - WM

Mar. 29 **BPC hosting 2017 Lenten Supper Series**, Supper: 5:30-6:15, Worship: 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Mar. 30 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. - HCR

April 1 Memorial service for Dick Baker at 1:00 p.m. with reception to follow

April 2 Youth Sunday

Art Forum with Carol Burch-Brown following worship

2017 Ecumenical Lenten Supper Series
 Back to Basics
 Supper 5:30-6:15 p.m.
 Worship 6:15-7:00 p.m.



Ecumenical Lenten Supper Series at BPC
 Volunteers Needed!



BPC will host the Ecumenical Lenten Dinner on **Wednesday, March 29th**. Volunteers are needed to set up, prepare food, serve and clean up. If you are willing to help, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the office.

Name(s): _____

March 29

Host: Blacksburg Pres. Church
 701 Church Street SE
 Blacksburg, VA 24060-5213
 Linda Dickerson – “Baptism”
 Scripture Text: Romans 6:1-14

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church
 Supper 5:30
 Crowded, Loud, Prayer, Ezekiel

Northside Presbyterian
 Lent
 God Jesus

Luther Memorial Lutheran

Songs Community Cross
 Blacksburg United Methodist Church

St. Mary's Catholic
 Lenten Supper Series 2017
 Unitarian Universalist Parish

Praise Fellowship
 Host: French Lake
 Scripture: LOVE

New Life Christian Fellowship
 Worship 6:15

Holy Communion
 Baptism
 Ten Commandments
 Exodus

March 22

Host: New Life Christian Fellowship
 130 Jackson Street, NW, Blacksburg, VA 24060
 Bill King – “Lord’s Prayer”
 Scripture Text: Matthew 9:6-15

April 5

Host: Blacksburg United Methodist
 Life Center, 706 Harding Blvd.
 Blacksburg, VA 24060
 Joe Racek – “Holy Communion”
 Scripture Text: Matthew 26:26-29;
 Luke 22:14-20



Email: _____

Phone: _____

___ Lasagna bakers (frozen lasagnas may be picked up in the kitchen on Sunday, March 26.)

___ Please indicate how many you are able to prepare.
 (We need a total of 16 lasagna pans.)

___ Cupcake bakers (24 cupcakes)

___ Kitchen crew and servers

___ Greeters

___ Clean-up crew

For more information, please contact Peggy Kincaid, fellowship@blacksburgpres.org
 or
 540-808-6154.

BLACKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday school class, March 19 - May 21, 2017

Inspired from the class studying the book, Faithful Resistance by Rick Ufford-Chase, the next eight sessions are based on social justice issues mentioned in the book. Outside speakers as well as two of our own members will share their expertise in areas that is probably new information for most of us. All are welcome and previous class attendance is not needed.

March 19 -- Visit by author, Rick Ufford-Chase

March 26 -- Class Discussion – reflecting on Rick Ufford-Chase’s message

April 2 -- Speaker: Mike Rosenzweig, Biology Department, VA Tech, and SEEDS Program,

Topic: Watershed; SEEDS – Blacksburg Nature Center

April 9 -- Speaker: Javed Memon-Topic: Living As a Muslim Family in Blacksburg

April 23 -- Speakers: Holly Lesko and Marcia Davitt -Topic: White Privilege; Dialogue on Race

April 30 -- Speaker: Dolly Davis President of the Blue Ridge Transgender Alliance-

Topic: Transgender

May 7 -- Speaker: Dale Wimberley, Sociology Department, VA Tech- Topic: Inequality

May 14-- Speaker: BPC Equipping Team-Topic: Next Step for BPC

May 21—Speaker: Craig Woolsey, Aerospace and Ocean Engineering VA Tech-

Topic: Robots and Ethics

The Peace Justice and Global Mission Ministry of BPC is highlighting programs each month that are less well known in the congregation but are financially supported through the budget.

March : The Office of Public Witness (OPW) in Washington

In 2017 the support will be \$750

Their Goal is:-

- To make clear to people in government what the Presbyterian General Assembly is concerned about, why, and what can be done to respond to those concerns.

- This involvement helps to clarify the moral and ethical issues at stake in public policy.

What do they do in Washington?

- Staff members visit national policy-makers, write letters, make phone calls.
- Occasionally testify before Congress
- Facilitate the testimony of church leaders.

What do they do for PC(USA) churches around the USA?

- It provides services and information that help Presbyterians express their concerns on social justice and government policies to people in government in a timely and effective way. This can help make a difference in the kinds of laws, policies, and actions our government supports.
- Staff of the OPW join together with PC (USA) leaders and leaders of other faith traditions in actions of public demonstration in Washington D.C.
- The OPW tracks policies and laws being considered by federal legislators that could positively or negatively effect vulnerable people or environments.

Up-to-the-minute information from the Office of Public Witness about positions and actions:

www.officeofpublicwitness.blogspot.com

Holy Week Services and Activities at BPC

The Labyrinth will be set up in Fellowship Hall (at the far end) during Holy week for anyone to come in and walk the labyrinth during office hours.

Passion/Palm Sunday, April 9

Worship at 10:30 a.m.
with choir and orchestra

Maundy Thursday Service, April 13

At 7:00 p.m. with communion

Good Friday Service, April 14

Worship at 12:00 noon

Easter Sunday, April 16

All Church Breakfast sponsored by
Men of the Church
At 9:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

(for children up through 5th grade)
Starts at 9:50 a.m.
Bring your own basket

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Visitors are welcome at all events.



BPC's Smyth Series Welcomes Rick Ufford-Chase



Rick Ufford-Chase is the former executive director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and a former Moderator of the PCUSA. He founded and served for 17 years as director of Border Links, a bi-national organization connecting people of faith on both sides of the United States/Mexico border. With wife Kitty, he served on Christian Peacemaker Teams in Colombia, Iraq, Palestine and the United States/Mexico border region. Since 2008 he and Kitty have been co-directors of Stony Point Center, a conference center of the PCUSA in Stony Point, New York.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, March 19th at 10:30am

Sermon: What Did Empire Look Like in Jesus' Time?

Sunday, March 19th at 4:00pm

Faithful Resistance: Signs of Our Time: What Are We Up Against?

Childcare provided and [reception to follow](#)

Monday, March 20th at 7:00pm

Faithful Resistance: The Call to the Church: We MUST Do Better.

Childcare provided

All events will take place at Blacksburg Presbyterian Church located at 701 Church St. SE, Blacksburg, VA 24060.



Easter Lily Order Form or One Great Hour of Sharing Donation

If you wish to place a lily in the Sanctuary for Easter or to make a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing in honor/memory of someone, please fill in the form below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. The price of a lily is \$15.00 each.

_____ number of Lilies ordered

_____ One Great Hour of Sharing Donation

Given by: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ cash _____ /ck# _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Deadline for placing orders is Monday, March 27.