



Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

**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**

Elder Class 2018

Susan Bailey
Jack Call
Ami Jo
Brent Opell

Elder Class 2019

Jama Hayes
Peggy Kincaid
Fred Piercy
Brian Smith
Melanie Smith

Elder Class 2020

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BLACKBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 16, 2017

✠ Please stand in body or in spirit.

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Using the same old materials of earth, air, fire, and water, every twenty-four hours God creates something new out of them.” - Frederick Buechner

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

Rev. Elizabeth Link

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

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Drumheller

Let us remember the story of how we came to be:

In the beginning, the breath of God hovered over the waters.

In the beginning, the voice of God spoke into the chaos.

Our Creator beckons to all who thirst,

Come to the waters.

The Lord God remembers his covenant.

God calls us - young and old, man and woman.

Come to the waters.

Let us worship our Creator.

✠ HYMN No. 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

✠ PRAYER OF APPROACH

Bring your word near to us, O God, as we worship you. May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you cast light into sin's dark places and call us your beloved. Forgive us when we still linger in the shadows, treat others in hurtful ways, and speak ill of your friends. As Jesus knelt in the waters of Jordan, you proclaimed him as your child, and pointed to him as the way to you. Forgive us when we put ourselves ahead of him, think he is no longer needed, and fail to see him in the broken of our world; ... *(A time of silent confession follows.)* Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God rolls away everything that stands in our way –
our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation,
and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation.

What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!

† GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

† 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Cents Ability

Sarah Windes

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

Genesis 1:1-5

SERMON

"In the Beginning"

Reverend Elizabeth Link

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Congregation

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY No. 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN No. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 16, 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 are grateful for our guest preacher, Elizabeth Link, who is the Associate Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church Roanoke. Also welcome Steve Drumheller who is our liturgist today. We continue to be grateful for Kendra Crabtree and all her gifts she shares with our congregation!

THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS in worship today are sponsored by Ben Corl and Julie Burger in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary.


The white rose on the lectern is in celebration of the birth of Robert Charles Laing born on June 11, 2017 to proud parents Malcolm and Meg Laing and big brother Stewart.

Scripture for Next Sunday, July 23: Genesis 28:10-19, 20-22; Matthew 13:28-30, 36-43.

Cents-Ability: Consider that Cents-Ability money should come from money we save from buying less food or eating less expensively. Compare your food spending costs with what the U.S. Department of Agriculture figures families across America need to spend for food each week. For example, a family of two adults between 19-50 years spends \$88.90 per month on a thrifty food plan, \$113.80 on a low-cost plan, \$141.40 on a moderate-cost plan and \$177.10 on a liberal plan. A family of two adults over 50 will spend a bit less than that. A family of four with two elementary school-age children spends \$148.60, \$195.40, \$243.80, and \$253.40. This plan assumes that all food is eaten or prepared at home, and is well-balanced based on 2005 Dietary Guidelines and 2005 MyPyramid food intake recommendations. These costs are updated with current dollars for May 2017. The amount spent for food in each type of plan is affected by cost, by the specific foods chosen, and by the quantities of food. See <https://www.cnpp.usda.gov/sites/default/files/CostofFoodMay2017.pdf> for more information.

What could you and/or your family do to lower your food costs in order to have more for Cents-Ability?

Summer Art Exhibit in Westminster Hall: "Photographic Views: Light and Gold- Hans Stahl, and Humanity of the Moment- Davis Mesmer".

The B & B group (Bible and Breakfast): The Summer Tuesday morning Bible Study summer school / breakfast meetings at **Panera Bread, 715 University City Blvd, on**  **Group will have Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m.** We will be drinking coffee, eating breakfast, sharing life stories, and discussing our thoughts on the Bible texts as listed in the lectionary. We are quite informal and would love you to join us. For more information contact: Scott or Melanie Smith at Scott- 808-3779/ scottsmith4u@gmail.com; Melanie- 808-8337/ melscofam@gmail.com.

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener: Brian Smith

Elder of the Week: **Today:** Jack Call **Mon-Sunday:** Jama Hayes

Ushers: Tom and Judy Pospichal and Jim and Sylvia Echols

Counters: Forrest Thye and Dorothy Domermuth

Coffee Hosts: Jack Call **Next Week: Volunteer needed-**

Please see Peggy Kincaid if you can help!

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

- July 16 Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. – Elizabeth Link preaching
- July 17 Staff meets at 1:30 p.m.
- July 18 Bible & Breakfast Group (Summer Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study)
at 7:30 a.m. – at Panera Bread, 715 University City Blvd.- All are welcome!
Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – FH
Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room- All are welcome!
- July 19 Coffee with CEDEPCA 8:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 715 University City Blvd.-
All are welcome!
Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m.
- July 23 Summer Choir practice at 9:45 a.m. – Choir Room
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. – Rick Geoghegan, preaching

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

July 24	KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. –WM
July 25	New Elder Training at 7:00 p.m.
July 27	Caring for the Community 9:30-11:30 a.m.
July 28	Faith on Tap 6:00-8:00 p.m. - El Rodeo, 623 N. Main St., Blacksburg, VA
Aug. 2	Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. - HCR
Aug. 10	New Elder Training at 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 20	Rally Day! Session meets at 7:00 p.m. - HCR
Aug. 23	Adult Choir begins at 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 27	Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m.
Aug. 28	KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed! Ushers and Coffee Hosts

Summertime is difficult to get volunteers to help during worship. **Coffee Hosts:** If you can help make coffee on Sunday mornings (Coffee Fellowship is from 10:00-10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings) please contact Peggy Kincaid at fellowship@blacksburgpres.org or (540) 808-6154.



We can't do it without

Ushers are also needed every Sunday. Four people are required to make this opportunity to serve go smoothly. It is a great way for your family to be a part of worship at BPC! Single folks too! Contact Rob Kincaid at rbk0831@gmail.com or the church office at 552-2504. Please do your part by being involved at church. It's who we are!



Summer

Sing a New Song Summer Singing: Our Summer Choir is open to all, young and old(er), who enjoy singing. This includes children. I will have age-appropriate ways for all to participate. Each Sunday from June 11 through August 20, except July 9 & 16 and August 13, we will meet in the upstairs rehearsal room at 9:45 to practice a song and offer it as the anthem during worship. No special talent required, and no commitment is necessary—come once, twice, every fourth Sunday in odd numbered months, or whenever! A weekly email will be sent to all potential singers, with information about the upcoming Sunday and a reminder of practice time and place.

To be added to the email list, write your name and email address below and place it in the offering plate, or email Jeffrey at jeffrey@blacksburgpres.org.

Name: _____

Email address: _____



2017 CELEBRATION FLOWER RESERVATION

Celebration flowers glorify God, and add beauty and a sense of hospitality to our worship services. Flowers often are given in memory or honor of a loved one or to celebrate a special event in our lives. If you would like to sponsor the celebration flowers for any of the following dates in 2017, please complete this form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Options for sponsoring the Celebration Flowers:

- 1.) **Best Wishes** will bill you directly for your arrangements, which will cost \$50. (Special floral requests may incur an additional charge.)
- 2.) **2.) Or you may wish to have the flower committee** make an arrangement for you for the same price.
- 3.) **Another alternative, you may sponsor the use of BPC's peace lilies** in worship and donate the cost of an arrangement to a church program or charity of your choice.

Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
6		8		31
		15		

Choice of dates: First : _____ Second: _____ Third: _____
 (Please indicate optional choices
 in case your first choice is no longer available.)

Sponsor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address to be billed by florist: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Flower/color preferences: _____
 (If no preference is specified, the florist will select flowers/colors from the best available.)

TO BE PRINTED IN BULLETIN: "Flowers given by _____

_____ in loving memory of _____

_____ in honor of _____

_____ other _____

After church (please check one:

_____ Sponsor will take arrangement(s) home _____ Deliver to shut-in(s)names) _____

