



## **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  
Brian Smith  
Melanie Smith

### **Elder Class 2020**

Heather Polikoff  
Jimmy Ritter  
Jen Stewart  
Andrew Warren

## **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**AUGUST 13, 2017**

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

### **THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION**

*"There is peace even in the storm." – Vincent van Gogh, The Letters of Vincent van Gogh*

## 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

Dr. Catherine Taylor

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

Jonathan Elmore

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian Smith

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,

**make known God's deeds among the nations.**

Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

**Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Seek God and God's strength; seek God's presence continually!

**Remember the wonderful works God has done,**

**O children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

### † HYMN No. 386

*Come, Worship God*

O QUANTA QUALIA

### † PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Holy God, you speak to us in a voice unexpected and come to us in ways we do not recognize. Never leaving us to our own devices or defenses, you are the ever-present, all powerful God. Call us out in faith again and again, until we learn to walk with you in steadfast love and faithfulness. In the name of him who comes to us upon the waters, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, when trials beset us it is natural to fear. Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking. When asked to take risks, we confess our complacency. By ignoring injustice, we hope that it will subside. You have shown us how you are a God to be trusted. Leading your people, you have stayed by their side. Even Christ overcame his enemies as he hung on the cross. Forgive our reluctance to believe in your guidance, and grant us the wisdom to seek refuge in Christ. ... (A time of silent confession follows.) In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.**

#### PRAYERFUL RESPONSE No. 159 v. 3 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

KINGSFOLD

**O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,**

**Of him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still.**

**For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,**

**When faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of steadfast Love is our refuge and Savior.

**In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and made new.**

Alleluia!

**Amen.**

† GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 159 v. 4 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

KINGSFOLD

**O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,  
of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.  
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,  
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

A choric reading by Brian Smith, Bill Neely, and Catherine Taylor

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

“Storm Windows”

Dr. Catherine Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Congregation

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

**O Trinity of Love and power  
Who guards our hearts in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect us where so e'er we go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

MELITA  
text adapted by C. Taylor

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN No. 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GOD BE WITH YOU

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**  
**AUGUST 13, 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 Brian Smith, who is our liturgist today and all the gifts he brings to BPC.**

**THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS are sponsored by Courtney Bosworth in loving memory of Joan Bosworth Bliss.**

**A Few Celebration Flower dates are still available: Oct. 8, 15 and Dec. 31.** Please let Sherry know if you would like to sponsor one of these dates by email to [sherry@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:sherry@blacksburgpres.org). Please include the date you'd like to sponsor, color preferences, and what you would like to have printed in the bulletin. You may order an arrangement by Best Wishes, which will cost \$50, or you may wish the Flower Committee to make an arrangement for you, cost \$50, or elect to have the Peace Lilies in worship and donate the cost to a church program or charity of your choice.

**Creation Care thought:** Living a green life is within the reach of every one of us. I think you can. God thinks you can. When the children from the next valley see us and the world we pass on to them...my hope is that they'll see a little generation that did. --Emma Sleeth (1990- ), *It's Easy Being Green*

**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  Group will have summer school / breakfast meetings at **Panera Bread, 715 University City Blvd, on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m.** through August 22. 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](mailto:scottsmith4u@gmail.com); Melanie- 808-8337/[melscofam@gmail.com](mailto:melscofam@gmail.com). **Tuesday Morningstars begin at BPC on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 a.m.** All are welcome! Caffeine will be provided!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:rbk0831@gmail.com) or the church office at 552-2504.

Please do your part by being involved at church. It's who we are!

**SERVING TODAY**

**Church Opener:**

Jim Echols

**Elder of the Week:**

**Today:** Brian Smith

**Mon-Sunday:** Fred Piercy

**Ushers:**

Eric, Heidi Ann, Davis and Lindy Mesmer

**Counters:**

Greg Campbell and John Dillard

**Coffee Hosts:**

Peggy Kincaid

**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

- August 13 Sunday School Teacher Orientation at 9:00 a.m.  
No Summer Choir today- Next week last Summer Choir-All are welcome!  
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- Aug. 14 Staff meets at 1:30 p.m. – HCR
- Aug. 15 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!
- Aug. 16 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m.  
Youth Ministry Team meeting at 7:00 p.m. -WM
- Aug. 18 Faith on Tap 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Rising Silo Brewery, 2351 Glade Road, Blacksburg,  
VA-Sign up today! Childcare is available.
- August 20 Rally Day!! 9:00 a.m. – FH  
Last Summer Choir today at 9:45 a.m. – Choir Room  
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Session meets at 7:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- Aug. 23 Adult Choir begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 26 Making the Shift event at BPC 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Food and childcare will be provided! All are welcome!
- Aug. 27 Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m.
- Aug. 28 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 29 PWCT meets at 2:30 p.m. - WM



**Sing a New Song Summer Singing:** Our Summer Choir is open to all, young and old(er), who enjoy singing. This includes children. **August 20 is the last Summer Choir date- we will not be meeting today, August 13.** We 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. A weekly email will be sent to all potential singers, with information about the upcoming Sunday and a reminder of practice time and place. **Adult Choir Practice begins on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

For any additional information please email Jeffrey at [jeffrey@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:jeffrey@blacksburgpres.org) with your name and contact information.

**A Call to Action:**  
**Presbyterians Witness in Washington**



**September 12, 2017**

Now more than ever your voice is needed in the nation's capital! As our political leaders move to pass policies that would devastate the most vulnerable – both in our own country and abroad, it is critical that we speak truth to power.

**Come to Washington to demand a  
Faithful Budget!**

*9:00: Briefing*

*11:30: Press Conference*

*12:30 – 3:30: Meetings with Congressional Offices*

*3:30: Closing Worship and Debriefing*

*Live Streaming on OPW Facebook page*

***Save the Date!***

**Advocacy Training Weekend**

April 20-23, 2018

Compassion Peace and Justice Training Day – April 20

Ecumenical Advocacy Days – April 20-23

Contact Melanie Smith if you'd like to carpool at [melscofam@gmail.com](mailto:melscofam@gmail.com).

**Hildegard and Lydia Circles, Presbyterian Women: Our new Horizons Bible Study, “Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews”** booklet will be available in the Gathering Space this Sunday. Circles begin this study in September. The price is \$10.00. Checks may be made to BPC-PW. In nine lessons, author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of “community.”

Lydia Circle, co-chairs, Elva Miller and Sylvia Echols, meets at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall, usually on the first Monday of each month. Hildegard, Nancy Furr, chair, meets at the church or in homes. **THIS SEPTEMBER, LYDIA’S MEETING DATE WILL BE SEPTEMBER 11, BECAUSE OF LABOR DAY.** All women are invited to join us for fellowship, service, prayer and study.

