



**BLACKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**A CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH**  
**MILESTONES SUNDAY**  
**August 27, 2017**

*This service is a little different! We are celebrating children today by worshipping in ways that reflect how children learn. The service is filled with movement, music, pictures, sound, and story.*

Something to think about (THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION)

*"It took me four years to paint like Raphael, but a lifetime to paint like a child." --Pablo Picasso*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Saying hello and sharing some news (WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you...**

*(We pass a book and sign it so we can learn names and see who's here.)*



Music that gets us ready to worship (PRELUDE)  
arr. PHIL HAMM

*Jesus Loves Me*



† Remembering why we're here (CALL TO WORSHIP)

God made this day and every day.

**Let us be glad and give joyful thanks!**

The earth is God's and all that is in it,

**The world and everyone who lives in it.**

Come, now is the time to worship!

**We're here to worship God!**



Frank Thompson

† A Song to praise God (HYMN) #20

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*



ROYAL OAK

Telling God we're sorry (PRAYER OF CONFESSION)

**We have bunched our fists in anger. Forgive us God. We have pointed our fingers at others and made them feel bad. Forgive us God. We have put our hands in our pockets when we might have helped someone. Forgive us God. Here are our open hands. Help us fill them with what our neighbors need.**



Hearing God's forgiveness (ASSURANCE OF PARDON)

Children of God do not be afraid

**God loves us and forgives us.**

God's hand leads us and holds us close.

**Be happy and at peace with each other.**



† A song of thanks to God for forgiving us (GRATEFUL RESPONSE) (from HYMN) #658

**God is so good;  
God is so good;  
God is so good;  
God's so good to me.**

**God loves me so;  
God loves me so;  
God loves me so;  
God's so good to me.**



† Doing something Jesus did (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.)*



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brynn Kinsley Stewart  
Child of Brittany and Nolan Stewart

Jack Call, Clerk of Session

PRESENTATION

RENUNCIATIONS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM

## WE HEAR WHAT IT SAYS IN THE BIBLE

Talking about faith with the children (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.)*



Honoring Milestones in the Lives of

NINTH GRADERS

*Jonathan Anthony, Alexandra Grieco, Riley Pienkowski,  
Courtney Spencer, Frank Thompson, Joey Zobel*

SIXTH GRADERS

*Gracie Byron, Cameron Lee, Madison Lee, Allie McDonald,  
Connor McFall, Nataleigh Pienkowski, Adolfo Slagel-Perry*

THIRD GRADERS

*Kate Byron, Lucinda Cherbaka, Jaya Eriksen, Gillian Lowe,  
Reece McFall, Maggie Moore, Ava Roberts, Heidi Swartzwelder*

FIRST GRADERS

*Helen Corl, Nora Green, Isaac Haak, Carly Polikoff, Blake Rascher, Matthew Thorsett*



God's Word to us (SCRIPTURE)

Matthew 18:1-5



God's Word in music (ANTHEM)

*Jesus Loves Me*  
Adult Choir



arr. J. S. ANTHONY

God's Word to us (SCRIPTURE)

Exodus 1:8-10, 22-2:10



Talking about faith with the congregation (SERMON)



Dr. Taylor

### WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD

† A song to help us think about the sermon (HYMN OF RESPONSE) #487

*These Treasured Children*



PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Praying to God for the world and each other (PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE)

Praying the prayer Jesus prayed (THE LORD'S PRAYER)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**



Thanking God by giving money for God's work (OFFERING)



Thanking God with music (OFFERTORY) *Behold Now, Praise the Lord*  
Adult Choir

EVERETT TITCOMB

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord.  
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God.  
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.  
Behold now, praise the Lord...



† Praising God in a song that describes God (DOXOLOGY)

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



OLD HUNDREDTH

† A prayer asking God to help us use what we give (PRAYER OF DEDICATION)



## WE TAKE GOD'S WORD HOME AND EVERYWHERE WE GO

† A Song for the week ahead (HYMN) #488 *I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry* WATERLIFE



† We go out with God's blessing (BENEDICTION)



† Music to Send Us on Our Way (POSTLUDE) *Prelude and Fugue in F Major* VINCENT LÜBECK



† Stand on your feet or pretend you're standing in your heart

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

August 27, 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 give thanks for Frank Thompson who is our liturgist today.**

**THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS TODAY** are given in honor of Jeffrey Anthony. The arrangements today were made by the Flower Committee.

**Announcement from the Creation Care Team about our Butterfly habitat.** If you would like seeds for Swamp Milkweed, they are "ripe" in our garden out by the basketball goal—help yourself right away! If you would like seeds for Common Milkweed, please inform Sarah Windes by Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at [swindes@vt.edu](mailto:swindes@vt.edu) or 540-951-8005.

#### SERVING TODAY

**Church Opener:**

Jim Echols

**Elder of the Week:**

**Today:** Heather Polikoff

**Mon-Sunday:** Jen Stewart

**Ushers:**

Jim and Sylvia Echols, Rick Davis and Barbara Michelsen

**Counters:**

Mike McGilliard and John Perumpral

**Coffee Hosts:**

Peggy Kincaid

**Next Week:** Volunteer needed! Please contact if you can help.

Peggy Kincaid

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

- Aug. 27 Coffee with Catherine at 9:00 a.m.- Gathering Space  
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:30 a.m. Celebrating Children and Youth Milestones
- Aug. 28 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. – WM  
Staff meets at 1:30 a.m. – HCR
- Aug. 29 Tuesday Morningstar Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. -HCR  
Quilters gather at 9:30 a.m. – FH  
Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room –All are welcome!  
Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meets at 2:30 p.m. -WM
- Aug. 30 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – HCR  
Adult Choir practice at 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 31 SHIFT Group Facilitator meets at 7:00 p.m. -HCR
- Sept. 3 No Sunday school today  
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:30 a.m. with Communion  
No Fair Trade Items today- Rescheduled for Sept. 10

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT BPC**

- Sept. 4 Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 5 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!  
Staff meets at 1:30 p.m. – HCR
- Sept. 6 Handbell practice at 6:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir practice at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 7 Caring for the Community meets at 9:30 a.m. – HCR  
Handbell practice begins at 6:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir practice at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 10 Higher Education Sunday  
Membership Class at 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Room  
Fair Trade Items available today following worship  
Ukirk DC Presentation following worship - FH  
Youth Group at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at BPC, Family Potluck
- Sept. 11 Lydia Circle meets at 1:30 p.m. –FH- Catherine Taylor, Lesson; Winnie Drummond, Hostess  
Hildegard Circle meets at 6:00 p.m. at Nancy Furr’s home-708 Southgate Dr., Blacksburg, VA  
24060
- Sept. 12 Faith Circle meets at Katie (Durham) Clark’s home, 195 Huff Heritage Lane, Christiansburg,  
VA 24073