



## **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*

Ministers - All Members  
Pastor – Catherine Taylor  
Interim Director of Music – Amy Cowan  
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 – Ginny Taylor-Troutman  
Mission Co-worker in Guatemala – Leslie Vogel  
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

## **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST GLOBAL MISSION FOCUS - HEALTH OCTOBER 08, 2017**

### **THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION**

*“Vulnerability is the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, courage, empathy, and creativity. It is the source of hope, empathy, accountability, and authenticity. If we want greater clarity in our purpose or deeper and more meaningful spiritual lives, vulnerability is the path.”*

– Brené Brown

### **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

Jay Crone, pianist

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Ed Spencer

See all about you the vineyard of God:

**Neighbors who share in the harvest of grace.**

Come take your place and enjoy the bounty;

**All God intends for us can be found here.**

Friendship and unity, teaching and praise,

**Let us rejoice and give thanks for God's love.**

✠ HYMN No. 407

*Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*

NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

✠ PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Holy God, Maker of heaven and earth, out of your great love for the world you sent us your beloved Son, but we sent him to his death. Have mercy on us, O Lord; forgive us, renew us, restore us so that we may be the people of your vineyard and bear good fruit for your holy realm; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Our strife and rebellion deny the message and mission of Christ. We have rejected the cornerstone of faith. Save us from ourselves. ... *(A time of silent confession follows.)* In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hope in the Lord.

**For with God there is steadfast love.**

The risen Christ heals every kind of brokenness.

**What wondrous love this is! Alleluia! Amen.**

✠ GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 582

GLORY TO GOD

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

✠ Please stand in body or in spirit.

† 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-17

Matthew 21:33-43

SERMON

“The Fruit of the Vineyard”

Dr. Catherine Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

† HYMN No. 792

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Congregation

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

*Joy Shall Come in the Morning*

MARY ALICE AMIDON

arr. PETER AMIDON

Joy shall come in the morning.  
Joy shall come in the morning soon  
Joy shall come in the morning Joy shall come to you.  
Out of darkness we have light, comes the day from the night.  
Joy shall come in the morning Joy shall come to you.

Peace shall come in the morning.  
Peace shall come in the morning soon.  
Peace shall come in the morning Peace shall come to you.  
Brothers all in charity. Sisters all in unity  
Peace shall come in the morning Peace shall come to you.

Love shall come in the morning.  
Love shall come in the morning soon  
Love shall come in the morning Love shall come to you.  
Comfort us that we might live knowing love that we might give.  
Love shall come in the morning. Love shall come to you.

Hope shall come in the morning  
Hope shall come in the morning soon  
Hope shall come in the morning. Hope shall come to you.

Take this pain from the night.  
Open your heart with wings take flight.  
Hope shall come in the morning. Hope shall come to you.

† 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

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

† HYMN No. 543

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

GREEN TYLER

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**  
**October 8, 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.**

**ABOUT THE OFFERTORY:** After the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007 Mary Alice Amidon heard on the radio a pastor from that area, when asked what he could possibly say to his congregants after such a tragedy, quote the line from Psalm 30: "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

**HEADSETS for the HEARING IMPAIRED are available.** Speak to an Usher or Gavin Faulkner to use them for the worship service.

**The white rose in worship today is in celebration of the birth of Sophie Clara Call who was born on September 28. Proud parents are Jeff and Lindsay Call (and big sister Abigail) and grandparents, Jack and Deb Call.**

**We give thanks for Ed Spencer who is our liturgist today. We also thank Jay Crone enriching us with his beautiful music today as we worship God.**

**THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS IN WORSHIP TODAY are given by Catherine Taylor and Robert Dean in honor of their granddaughter Henley Rose Dean.**

**Creation Care thought: Skip the coffee stirrer. Skip the straw.** Each year, Americans throw away 138 billion straws and stirrers. To replace the coffee stirrer, put the sugar and cream in first, then pour in the coffee, mixing the sugar and cream. Or, stir with a piece of pasta from the cupboard; it's edible and compostable. The small things do matter!

**Fall Art Exhibit in Westminster Hall: Lucas Cranach, Artist of the Reformation with Bob Hendricks.** One of the ways we remember the Reformation from 500 years ago is by the art work of Lucas Cranach the Elder, considered the most successful German artist of his time. He was a close friend of Martin Luther and he embraced the protestant reformation with enthusiasm. We are privileged to have the excellent photography of Bob Hendricks, who has studied and photographed Cranach's work. Bob will display his photos in Westminster Hall through November.

**We hope you will join us on Sunday, October 15th, after worship** for an update from the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) on what the PCUSA is up to in the world. **Sy Hughes, PMA's mission engagement advisor for our region,** will be with us. Light lunch will be served.

**Sy Hughes** is the mission engagement advisor for the Southeast region. His goal is to connect the passion, leadership and excitement of congregations, individuals and presbyteries to the mission and ministries of the wider Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) He has a knowledge of the recent World Mission activities and relationships.

### SERVING TODAY

**Church Opener:** Eric Mesmer

**Elder of the Week:** **Today:** Brent Opell **Mon-Sunday:** Jama Hayes

**Ushers:** Marcia Wright, Zach and Heidi Swartzwelder, Larry Bechtel and Sarah Windes

**Counters:** David Harder and Mike McGilliard

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

- Oct. 8 **Global Missions Focus - Health**  
Sunday school for children and youth  
SHIFT small groups meet at 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Group meets 5:30-7:30 p.m. for Dinner & Discussion
- Oct.9  
Staff meets at 1:30 p.m. – WM  
Presbyterian Women Fall Social 7:00-8:30 p.m. - FH
- Oct. 10  
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!  
Children's Ed Ministry meets at 12:30 p.m. - WM
- Oct.11  
Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – HCR  
PJGM meets at 1:00 p.m. - HCR  
SHIFT Small Groups meet at 6:00 p.m. – dinner at 5:30 p.m.  
Adult Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.
- Oct. 15 **Global Missions Focus – Sustainable Livelihoods**  
Sunday school for children and youth  
SHIFT small groups meet at 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.  
Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
BPC's Cents-Ability collection  
BPC hosts speaker, Sy Hughes, Presbyterian Mission Agency, mission engagement advisor for our region, with light lunch following worship  
Youth Group meets after worship for Hike at the Cascades. Bring a bag lunch.  
Session meets at 7:00 p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT BPC

- Oct. 20 Faith on Tap at 6:00 p.m. at Rising Silo Brewery, 2351 Glade Road, Blacksburg
- Oct. 29 Fallapalooza at 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with Spaghetti dinner to benefit CROP Hunger Walk at 5:00 p.m.

In the **SHIFT** small groups  
we are asking:

What does it mean to be a  
**disciple** of Jesus Christ?

What does it mean to be a  
**gathered community** of disciples?

What does it mean to be a  
gathered community of disciples who  
**join God on mission** in the world?

**You Are Invited to the  
Presbyterian Women's**



**FALL SOCIAL**

**October 9th**

**7:00– 8:30 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Presbyterian Women  
What Do We Do?**

**NURTURE FAITH  
SUPPORT MISSION**

**BUILD COMMUNITY  
JUSTICE & PEACE**

**SHORT PROGRAM AND REFRESHMENTS**

For more information contact Mary Harder at 951-3588  
(Wrong number printed in the newsletter!)

# Global Mission Month

## Week 2 Focus: Health

### Malawi

Dr. Ruth Shakespeare is a medical doctor sent by the Scotch Presbyterians to serve as the Director of the Mulanje Mission Hospital. She is our Mission Partner for BPC in Malawi. We have heard that this hospital is one of the best in Malawi! The Hospital runs many programs in addition to the medical hospital itself. They work with orphans, AIDS victims, public health, and oversee agriculture and animal projects. They also oversee clinics in the surrounding villages. It is a busy place that often has visiting nurses and doctors from other countries who come for varying lengths of stays to learn and to help out at the hospital.



BPC has been fortunate to receive endowment funds and over the last two years. They have provided medications for the Hospital which are kept under lock and key. Many, if not most, hospitals in Malawi have few or no meds at all!

BPC endowment funds have also provided a new washing machine that serves the entire hospital and for which the staff is most grateful. This year solar lighting was provided for the laundry room. All of these uses of our endowment funds were determined by Dr. Ruth Shakespeare and her staff as being their greatest needs. They are most appreciative and consider us one of their most helpful donors. In addition, a multi-year BPC endowment fund is supporting a young man in a 3-year degree program to be an OB/GYN. To our knowledge there are only 3 OB/GYNs in the country at this point in time!

## Bangladesh

The Church of Bangladesh promotes congregation-based outreach to the sick, through field-level training of local church leaders. The goal is to help congregations understand and embrace the power and authority given to them by Christ to minister to the sick in their communities. This bedrock Christian ministry serves as a foundation for promoting sustainable wellness in communities. For example, visiting and ministering to people debilitated from smoking-related heart, lung and cerebrovascular diseases leads to discussions and community action to prevent tobacco use, a major factor in morbidity and mortality in Bangladesh.



## Guatemala



CEDEPCA (Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America) provides health services in Guatemala within its Disaster Ministry. Guatemala is vulnerable to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, mudslides and hurricanes. Other disasters are not caused by Mother Nature, but by environmental pollution in local mines. After a disaster, CEDEPCA provides both health and toiletry supplies and mental-health counseling. In addition, CEDEPCA provides water filters to families when available - a major

health necessity as all the Guatemala's water supply is contaminated.