



## **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

✠ Please stand in body or in spirit.

**TWENTITH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**STEWARDSHIP FOCUS**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2017**

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*The world asks, "What does a man own?" Christ asks, "How does he use it?" – Andrew Murray*

**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, pianist

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Robert Dean

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

**Tell of God's saving power from day to day.**

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**Tremble before God, all the earth.**

✠ HYMN No. 385

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠ PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. ... (A time of silent confession follows.) In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!

**Let the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy:**

For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

†GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 645 v.1 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!**

†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 No. 452

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

OPEN THE EYES

Joyful Noise

Sung three times. First time through Joyful Noise sings.

Congregation joins in for second and third round.

**Congregation:**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly." The second staff also has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody continues with the lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you." The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above and below the staves: D, A/C#, Bm, G, Em/D, and D.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10a  
Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

“Imitators”

Dr. Catherine Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN No. 711

*Lord of All Good*

TOULON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Congregation

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† 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. 697 vv. 1-4

*Take My Life*

HENDON

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**October 22, 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.**

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

**We give thanks for Robert Dean who is our liturgist today.**

**THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS in worship are sponsored by the Ben Corl and Julie Burger in honor of their daughter Helen Corl's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**Creation Care thought:** The harvested fields bathed in the autumn mists speak of God and his goodness far more vividly than any human lips. --Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), *Reverence for Life*

**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.

**All are invited to come to BPC's Fallapalooza on Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m.** We'll carve pumpkins.



The Youth Group will be hosting a spaghetti dinner to raise money for CROP Hunger Walk at 5:00 p.m. Enjoy live music by Kat Mills! So bring a pumpkin and a friend and come enjoy the fun and fellowship! (Don't forget to bring your donation for dinner!)

The CROP Walk is Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Check in is at the Blacksburg Public Library. You may bring non-perishable food for the Interfaith Food Pantry & Wesley Food Pantry VA Tech.

**On Sunday, October 22nd, Blacksburg Baptist Church will host a Mayoral Candidates Forum from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the sanctuary.** This is a time for positive questions and dialogue with the three individuals vying to lead our town in the years ahead. We invite you to join us for this event.

Blacksburg's future can be bright, but strong leadership and progressive decisions are imperative. Toward this goal, our church is providing an opportunity for our citizens to ask questions of our mayoral candidates.

The ground rules for this event are simple. This forum will be bipartisan. It will be moderated by one of our church leaders. All questions and dialogue must be respectful and offered in a tone that honors the spirit of our faith. Questions should be concise and pertinent to town issues. Each candidate will be given approximately five minutes each to introduce themselves and to offer a brief synopsis of their vision for Blacksburg. We will then entertain questions. Unless there is a lack of understanding of an answer, no follow-up questions will be taken after an answer is given in order for us to entertain as many questions as possible.

**Church Women United celebrate 2017 World Community Day on Friday, Nov. 3** at St. Paul AME Church, 102 Penn Street, Blacksburg. Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

### **SERVING TODAY**

**Church Opener:** Eric Mesmer

**Elder of the Week:** **Today:** Peggy Kincaid **Mon-Sunday:** Brian Smith

**Ushers:** Tom Pospichal, Judy Pospichal

**Counters:** Shalini Perumpral and Forrest Thye

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

- Oct. 22 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. 23 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. - WM  
Staff meets at 1:30 p.m. – HCR
- Oct. 24 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!
- Oct.25 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.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. 27-28 Peaks Middle School Retreat at Camp Bethel

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT BPC**

- 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.
- Nov. 3 Church Women United 2017 World Community Day-Kindling Fires for  
Peace at St. Paul AME Church, 102 Penn Street, Blacksburg, VA
- Nov. 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall back 1 hour
- Nov. 16 BPC hosting Peak's Presbytery Meeting
- Nov. 19 Session meets at 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving – Church Office Closed
- Nov. 24 Church Office Closed
- Dec. 3 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- Advent Workshop and Alternative Gift Fair 9:00 a.m. - FH
- Dec. 6 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread/ Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.



# Fallapalooza

Sunday, October 29th

4pm-6pm at BPC



*Kat Mills – Local Artist*



**4pm-5pm:** Pumpkin Carving  
BYOP - Bring Your Own Pumpkin

**5pm-6pm:** Spaghetti dinner fundraiser to benefit  
the CROP Hunger Walk.

Dinner provided by our youth!  
BYOD - Bring Your Own Donations

**Live music from Kat Mills!**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

WHAT IS CAESAR'S? WHAT IS GOD'S?

