



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*

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Mission Partner in Malawi – Dr. Ruth Shakespeare

✝ Please stand in body or in spirit.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY
STEWARDSHIP FOCUS
OCTOBER 29, 2017**

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice.”
– John Calvin

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

William Ducker

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you, we come home—to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

In you, we are home—we dream, we flourish, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

✠ HYMN No. 624 vv. 1-4 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*
(The text of this hymn is attributed to John Calvin.)

TOULON

✠ PRAYER OF APPROACH

Loving God, you not only welcome us, you receive us into yourself. Give us courage to be so open to others, to let them become so dear to us, that we might share not only your gospel but also our lives, through Christ, who makes room for us all. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us. ... (A time of silent confession follows.)

In your mercy, Lord, **hear our prayers. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved ones, believe the gospel:

That in Christ we are accepted as we are.

Believe that we are forgiven:

Loved with delight of a nursing mother cherishing her child.

Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ:

Called to love one another as gentle children of God.

†GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 624 v.5 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

**Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.**

†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 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 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

ANTHEM *Built on a Rock the Church Doth Stand* KIRKEN
Adult Choir Nicole Paglialonga, violin
(Please see insert.) Ben Wyatt, cello

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

SERMON “Everything for the Glory of God” Dr. Catherine Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN No. 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER The Congregation

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY *Ich Traue Seiner Gnaden* BWV 97 J. S. BACH (1685-1750)
“I Trust in his Grace”
(Please see insert.)

† 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. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
(Music and text by Martin Luther)

EIN' FESTE BURG

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Vocalise, Op 27

V. PERSICHETTI (1915-1987)
Ben Wyatt, cello

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

October 29, 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 William Ducker who is our liturgist today.

THE CELEBRATION FLOWERS in worship are sponsored by Melinda and Craig Winslow in honor of the anniversary of Judy and Tom Pospichal.

An opportunity to combine creation care and helping the hungry

Society of St. Andrew is organizing turnip and root vegetable gleaning at Windy Hills Farm in Riner, this fall, every Saturday from 9:00 am to noon until the ground freezes (likely in early December) and from 9:00 to noon on Thanksgiving Day. The food goes to food pantries. The plants are later plowed into the ground for fertilizer. Families or individuals are welcome; even children, especially 2nd graders and up. Please call Sarah Ramey at SOSA [1-800-333-4597](tel:1-800-333-4597) by the day before you plan to go.

Address: [1540 Creekside Lane, Riner, VA](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1540+Creekside+Lane,+Riner,+VA). Contact Sarah Windes at 951-8005 or swindes@vt.edu for further information.

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 Today, 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 today 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.

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.

BPC will be hosting the Peaks Presbytery meeting on Nov. 16 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed throughout the day for various duties for different parts of the day. If you are interested in helping please sign-up and further instructions will be given. You can sign up online to volunteer at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b45aead2da0fc1-presbytery> or in the Gathering Space Welcome Window. If you need childcare, we will be providing childcare. Please email Kendra at kendra@blacksburgpres.org if you are interested.

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener: Eric Mesmer
Elder of the Week: **Today:** Brian Smith **Mon-Sunday:** Melanie Smith
Ushers: Craig, Sarah, Emma Grace, and Sam Woolsey
Counters: Bob Hendricks and Shalini Perumpral

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

- Oct. 29 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.
Fallapalooza at 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with Spaghetti dinner to benefit CROP Hunger Walk at 5:00 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Staff meets at 1:30 p.m. – HCR
- Oct. 31 Happy Halloween!
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!

- Nov. 1 SHIFT Small Groups meet at 6:00 p.m. – dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir practice at 7:15 p.m.
- Nov. 2 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – HCR
- Nov. 3 Stand Up for Peace- 5:15 p.m. at Blacksburg Post Office-downtown
Church Women United 2017 World Community Day-Kindling Fires for
Peace 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul AME Church, 102 Penn Street, Blacksburg, VA
- Nov. 4 Turn back clocks one hour before bed tonight!
Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning



UPCOMING EVENTS AT BPC

- Nov. 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends – Fall back 1 hour
Pork and Bean Collection for the Montgomery County Christmas Store begins!
- Nov. 16 BPC hosting Peak’s Presbytery Meeting
Volunteers needed! Please see insert!
- Nov. 19 Session meets at 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving – Church Office Closed
- Nov. 24 Church Office Closed
- Dec. 2 Kids Fun Day - 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Dec. 3 1st Sunday of Advent
Advent Workshop and Alternative Gift Fair 9:00 a.m. - FH
- Dec. 6 13th Annual Gingerbread/ Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 Nativity Presentation with Larry Bechtel at 9:00 a.m. – FH
Chili Dinner & Caroling 5:00 p.m. at BPC, Eat together then off to carol!
- Dec. 17 Men of the Church Breakfast and Chimes 9:00 a.m. at BPC
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship – 10:30 a.m., Family Service at 4:30 p.m. and
Candlelight Service at 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25 Merry Christmas! No worship service today
Christmas Day Lunch at Preston’s

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!

ANTHEM

Built on a Rock the Church Doth Stand
Adult Choir

KIRKEN
Nicole Paglialonga, violin
Ben Wyatt, cello

Built on a rock the church doth stand, even when steeples are falling,
Crumbled the spires in every land, bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of all distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.

Not in our temples made with hands, God, the almighty is dwelling;
High in the heavens his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heaven above deigns to abide with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.

We are God's house of living stones, built for his own habitation;
He fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation;
Were two or three to seek his face, he in their midst would show his grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.

Through all the passing years, O Lord, Grant that, when church bells are ringing,
Many may come to hear God's word, where he this promise is bringing;
I know mine own, mine own know me. Ye, not the world, my face shall see;
My peace I leave with you, Amen.

OFFERTORY

Ich Traue Seiner Gnaden BWV 97
"I Trust in his Grace"

J. S. BACH (1685-1750)

Brian Thorsett, tenor
Nicole Paglialonga, violin
Ben Wyatt, cello
Jonathan Elmore, piano

I trust in his grace
that from all harm,
from all evil protects me;
if I live according to his laws,
then there is nothing to harm me
nothing lacking that is useful for me.