



Blacksburg Presbyterian Church

Our Mission

**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**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 2018

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war...I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

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

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

✠ Please stand in body or in spirit.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Kendra Crabtree
yearns for all

The one who calls us together this day
people to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing
trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

† HYMN No. 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

† PRAYER OF APPROACH

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made, in the name of the Holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength. ... (A time of silent confession follows.)
We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness,

By grace we have been saved.

In Jesus' name we are forgiven!

Our sins are no more.

We have been made clean.

God strengthens us with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

† GRATEFUL RESPONSE *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! v.4*

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

**All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.**

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

† 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

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18

ANTHEM

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Plainsong, Mode 2

BY BEVERLY A. WARD

Adult Choir

*1. O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
The fount of life and our true light,
We seek the peace your love imparts,
And stand rejoicing in your sight.*

*3. For you our restless spirits yearn
where'er our changing lot is cast;
Glad, when your presence we discern,
blest, when our faith can hold you fast.*

*2. We taste in you our living bread,
And long to feast upon you still;
We drink of you, the fountainhead,
Our thirsting souls to quench and fill.*

*4. O Jesus, ever with us stay;
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Oh, chase the night of sin away,
shed o'er the world your holy light.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51

SERMON

“Known, Seen, Called”

Dr. Catherine Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 726 vv. 1-4

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Congregation

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Joan Dickinson and Holly McFall

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

Christmas Joy
Emily King, soprano

by MARK SCHWEIZER

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky has withdrawn,
When the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled,
When the princes and shepherds have gone;*

Then the true work of Christmas begins.

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken hearts,
To feed the hungry,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among all brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

†DOXOLOGY 726 v. 5

KELVINGROVE

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN No. 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

January 14, 2018

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 are grateful for Kendra Crabtree who is our liturgist today.



Church Family Movie Night- Jan. 20, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring dinner (pizza or a bag dinner for your family) and enjoy a movie! Popcorn will be provided!

BPC's Annual Meeting will be held during worship on January 28, 2018.

Come celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with speaker Joe Sheffey on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 3:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 500 Stuart Street, Christiansburg, VA, 24073. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome! Please join us!

Annual Day for All People will be held in Richmond on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, where we can join people of faith from around the Commonwealth for a day of education and advocacy at the General Assembly. Tickets are \$30 for the day-long advocacy event; \$15 for students, "early bird" rate of \$25 if registered by Jan. 11. Several BPC members will be going. Register for the event and then contact Scott Smith at 540-808-3779 or scottsmith4u@gmail.com. You can **register here:**

<https://virginiainterfaithcenter.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=12>

Several BPC members will be going either the day before, Jan. 22, staying in a hotel and returning after the event on the 23rd, or going up early the morning of the 23rd and returning the same day. After you register for the event then decide which timing suits your schedule best, if you would like to join other BPCers on the journey.

"Worshipping with Our Hands: A Creative Spiritual Retreat" will take place at BPC March 2-3. This will be a time to worship God by exploring our spiritual gifts through 3-D collage. The emphasis is on the process of discernment rather than the project. There will be an introductory devotion and time to begin creative work on Friday night (7:00-9:00 pm) and open studio on Saturday (9:00 am-4:00 pm) followed by an opportunity to share experiences and a closing devotion (4:00-5:30 pm). Cost is \$15 prior, or \$20 at the door. Childcare on Friday evening by request. RSVP by Feb. 14. In addition, a Guided Art Walk around the church will take place at 1:00 p.m.

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener:

Dave Smith

Elder of the Week:

Today: Peggy Kincaid **Mon-Sunday:** Brian Smith

Ushers:

Marcia Wright, Zach and Heidi Swartzwelder, and Larry Bechtel

Counters:

Bill and Mary Jane Henika and Neal Boyd

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

- Jan. 14 Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Called Session meeting to accept new members at 11:30 a.m.
Fair Trade Items available today* please note date change!
- Jan. 15 Church Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 16 Morningstar 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
- Jan. 17 Adult Choir Practice at 7:15 p.m.
- Jan. 18 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – HCR
Adult Choir Practice at 7:15 p.m.
- Jan. 20 Church Family Movie Night 5:00 p.m. - FH
- Jan. 21 Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. – Cents Ability Collection
Youth Group meets 5:30-7:30 p.m. for Dollar Dinner Challenge
Session meets at 7:00 p.m. - HCR

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BPC

- Jan. 22 KnitWits met at 1:00 p.m. –WM
Faith Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. at Julie Burger’s home, 911 Draper Rd.
- Jan. 23 Annual Day for All People- Richmond, VA
- Jan. 27 – Feb. 3 BPC Hosting To Our House – Volunteer Opportunities-Sign up today!
- Jan. 28 BPC’s Annual Meeting during worship
Youth Group to Crimpers Climbing Gym, 5:00-7:00 p.m. **RSVP by Jan. 21-Cost \$15**
- Feb. 11 UKirk Chili Cook-off at 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Service at 12:00 p.m.
- Feb. 23 & 24 PW Winterlude Retreat at Camp Alta Mons
- March 2-3 *Worshipping with Our Hands-Creative Spiritual Retreat at BPC –FH
*Note Date Change
- March 9 Church Women United Human Rights Celebration at BPC.
Refreshments at 10:00 a.m. program to follow in Westminster Hall.
- March 11 Daylight Saving Time begins- Spring Forward



To
Our
House

save the date:

January 27th – February 3

**SHELTERING HOMELESS MEN
Volunteer Opportunities**

Please check off any volunteer opportunity you might consider. Our key coordinator will contact you to talk in more detail.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

_____ Provide snacks, breakfast, and lunch items

_____ Evening: Volunteer at Intake Site - 5:30 PM and drive guests from Intake to church - 5:40 PM

_____ Evening: "In-Charge" 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

_____ Evening: Drive guests to shower at Community Center

_____ Overnight: Stay overnight (you can sleep), 9:00 PM - 6:30 AM

_____ Morning: Drive guests, church to Intake, van provided, 6:30 AM (usually the same volunteer as overnight person)

_____ Weekly: Launder all linens

_____ One Time Delivery: Cots and materials to next Host Site

_____ One Time Set Up: Set up cots and materials for BPC

_____ Volunteer: Nurse, doctor, mending, attorney, hairdresser, other services

BPC WILL HOST TO OUR HOUSE JANUARY 27TH – FEBURARY 3RD

Please complete this form and place in the Offering Plate
Or you can sign up at this link on our website: <http://www.blacksburgpres.org/toourhouse>

2018 CELEBRATION FLOWER RESERVATION

Celebration flowers glorify God and add beauty and a sense of hospitality to our worship services. Flowers are often given in memory or honor of a loved one or to celebrate a special event in our lives. To give everyone a chance to participate, all Sundays, except those during Lent and Advent, are available to be reserved on a first requested basis. If you would like to sponsor the celebration flowers for any of the following dates in 2018, please complete this form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	4	X	1	1	3	1	5				X
	11	X	8		10	8	12		7		X
	X	X	15			15			14	18	X
	X	X	22		24						X
28			29					30	28		30

Please indicate your choice: Best Wishes BPC's Flower Committee Peace Lilies

Choice of dates: First : _____ Second: _____ Third: _____
 (Please indicate optional choices in case your first choice is no longer available.)

Sponsor's name: _____ Phone: _____

Address to be billed by florist: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Flower/color preferences: _____

(If no preference is specified, the florist will select flowers/colors from the best available.)

TO BE PRINTED IN BULLETIN: "Flowers given by _____

_____ in loving memory of _____

_____ in honor of _____

_____ other _____

After church (please check one:

_____ Sponsor will take arrangement(s) home

_____ Deliver to shut-in(s) (names) _____

_____ Other _____

Best Wishes will bill you directly for your arrangements, which will cost \$50. (Special floral requests may incur an additional charge.) Or elect to have BPC's Flower Committee create arrangements for you for the same price.

As an alternative, you may sponsor the use of BPC's peace lilies in worship and donate the cost of an arrangement to a church program or charity of your choice.

Living Love:

Experiencing Faith Everyday

Presbyterian Women's
Winterlude Retreat 2018

February 23rd-24th
Alta Mons Camp and Retreat Center
Shawsville, VA (40-minute drive)

Register by February 4th with a \$50 deposit
Refunds are unavailable after registration deadline.

Check in begins at 5pm on Friday. The retreat will end at 7pm on Saturday.

Led by Pastor Catherine Taylor

As a person of faith, you attend worship and hope to incorporate the teachings of Christ and the church into everyday life. But how do we take the ideas and lessons we hear at church and make them real day to day? During this year's Winterlude Retreat, we will explore letting God's love infuse our actions – in our homes, in our work, and in our relationships.

Ways to Participate

Option 1: Entire retreat (overnight and all meals)

Option 2: Saturday only (9am - 7pm, with lunch and dinner)

Costs:

- \$130 overnight private room, program and 2 Saturday meals.
- \$90 overnight shared (double) room, program and 2 Saturday meals.
- \$45 Saturday only, program and 2 meals

Note: Dinner on Friday will be provided by participants (sign-up), and breakfast on Saturday will be BYO. Financial assistance available.

Questions?

Winnie Drummond 434-826-9639 winnie.drummond@gmail.com
Nancy Furr 540-951-8219 nancyfurr@gmail.com

Register online, or in the office including your \$30 registration fee (checks made out to BPC-PW).

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

I plan to attend: Fri. and Sat. _____ Sat. only _____ Private room _____ Shared (double) room _____

Requested roommate _____ Need a roommate? _____

Vegetarian, gluten-free or vegan meals? (Please circle all that apply)

