



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

Elder Class 2018

Susan Bailey

Ami Jo

Brent Opell

Melanie Smith

Elder Class 2019

Deb Call

Jama Hayes

Peggy Kincaid

Brian Smith

Elder Class 2020

Nancy Artis

Heather Polikoff

Jimmy Ritter

Jen Stewart

Andrew Warren

Jack Call, Clerk of Session

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

"Is there room in our lives for visions we cannot explain?"

~ Barbara Lundblad

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

Cantilène Religieuse

THÉODORE DUBOIS

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Robert Dean

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

✠HYMN No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

✠PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones,
the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory
and listen for the word of the Lord, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ... *(A time of silent confession follows.)* We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠GRATEFUL RESPONSE

WAREHAM

**And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery,
for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.**

✠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.)

✠ Please stand in body or in spirit.

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

2 Kings 1:1-12

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine
Adult Choir

GABRIEL FAURÉ

*O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
eternal light of the earth and the sky,
we kneel in adoration.
O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye.*

*Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming,
whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
and rouse our slumbering souls with thy radiance,
that they may waken Thy mercy to tell!*

*O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,
who here are gathered on penitent knee.
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory
and these gifts we return unto Thee.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

“Hidden In Plain Sight”

Dr. Catherine Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

UNSER HERRSCHER

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

(Please see insert.)

*Deb Call, Elder Class of 2019
Nancy Artis, Elder Class of 2020
Diane Wilson, Deacon Class 2020*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Congregation

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
REBECCA G. TE VELDE

HOUSTON

† DOXOLOGY No. 712 v. 3

KINGSFOLD

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN No. 13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

KINGSFOLD

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Fanfare

JACQUES LEMMENS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES February 11, 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 Robert Dean who is our liturgist today.

Creation Care thought: One study has concluded that enough grocery bags are used in a year to pile up 5 bags deep on every foot of ocean shoreline per year! **Are you recycling your bags?** Boxes for collecting are at both church entrances.

"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.

20th Annual Chili Cook-Off, TONIGHT, Feb, 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at BPC! Sponsored by UKirk Ministry at Virginia Tech. Join us and help support UKirk Ministry at VT! Enter your favorite chili for the competition, or just come, eat and vote for your favorites! A vegetarian alternative will be available.



Bring your muffin tins to sample all the different chili's to vote on!

Let's take care of kids, from top to bottoms! For its spring project, **Faith Circle** is leading drives to benefit two local organizations and the children they work to support. Our partners at Valley Interfaith Child Care Center (VICCC) and the Baby Shop are in need of **diapers (sizes 2-6 and pull-ups), wipes, and cream**. Faith Circle will be collecting through Lent and donating after Easter. Sign up in the Gathering Space. Thank you for helping!



If you would like to offer support, but would rather not get trapped in the baby aisle at the local store, we would be happy to shop on your behalf. Please write a check to BPC, memo line **Faith Circle Drive** and place it in the collection plate. Every dollar counts to the beautiful children and families you are helping to support!

Morning Stars Bible Study has become a community of people who look out for one another, celebrate with each other, and share the Word of God together. They meet on Tuesdays at 7:30am in Hatcher Conference Room at BPC and all are welcome. Knowing not everyone can make it on Tuesday mornings we have decided to do a holy experiment throughout Lent. **Starting Tuesday, February 20th at 12pm in Hatcher, we invite you to participate in Morning Stars at Noon.** This is an additional time, led by Pastor Catherine, meant for folks who cannot make it to the 7:30am group. Bring your lunch if you like. Come ready to get to know each other and talk about the lectionary texts for the week.

SERVING TODAY

Church Opener: Howard Long
Elder of the Week: **Today:** Jimmy Ritter **Mon-Sunday:** Jen Stewart
Ushers: Rick Davis and Scouts from BPC's Troop 44
Counters: Greg Campbell and David Harder

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

Feb. 11 Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
CEDEPCA Trip Informational meeting 11:30 a.m.- HCR
UKirk 20th Annual Chili Cook-Off 5:30-7:30 p.m. -FH
Youth Group-5:30 p.m. UKirk Chili Cook-Off

Feb. 12 Hildegard Circle meets at 6:00 p.m. at Patti Giles' home, 1302 Grissom Lane.
Faith Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. at Linda Pospichal's home, 110 Countryside Court.

Feb.13 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!

Feb. 14 Staff meets at 9:30 a.m. – HCR
Ash Wednesday Service at 12:00 noon
Worship Ministry Team meeting at 2:00 p.m. - HCR
Handbell Practice at 5:45 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 15 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – WM

Feb. 18 Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group-5:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner & Discussion at BPC
Session meets at 7:00 p.m. –HCR

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BPC

Feb. 20 Morningstar Bible Study at Noon- HCR

- Feb. 21 Ecumenical Lenten Supper Series at 5:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church,
600 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, Worship at 6:15 p.m.-
Deacon Mike Ellerbrock, "Those Who Hunger and Thirst".
- Feb. 23 & 24 PW Winterlude Retreat at Camp Alta Mons
Peaks Senior High Retreat at Camp Bethel
- Feb. 25 Art Forum: Quilts and Knits- WM following worship-11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Pizza & Movie- 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at BPC
- Feb. 27 Morningstar Bible Study at Noon- HCR
- Feb. 28 Ecumenical Lenten Supper Series at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church,
1205 Old Mill Road, Blacksburg, Worship at 6:15 p.m.-
Pastor Joe Racek, "Those Without a Home".
- March 2-3 *With Our Hands-Creative Spiritual Retreat at BPC –FH
- 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

***With Our Hands: A Creative Spiritual Retreat
March 2nd and 3rd, 2018***

Cost is \$15 prior, or \$20 at the door.

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Childcare on Friday evening by request. RSVP by Feb. 14.
In addition, a Guided Art Walk around the church will take place at 1pm on Saturday.



We need your small stuff!

Have any games sitting around with missing pieces? What about old or broken jewelry? Needing to clean out that craft closet? Well we have the place for you to bring all that stuff! If you have any small trinkets or crafting supplies that you want out of your house please bring them to the church!

You can bring them to Kendra's office and mark them "With Our Hands".
Here is a non-exhaustive list to get you thinking about what you could donate:

*small trinkets
 *newspapers
 *paint
 *hanging hooks
 *cogs
 *etc..

*magazines
 *yarn
 *wire
 *old watches
 *maps

*ribbons
 *hardware
 *small toys
 *drop cloths
 *scrapbook paper

*string
 *miniature figures
 *old sheets
 *game pieces
 *costume jewelry

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 \$30 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 _____ **ELDER/DEACON** Need a roommate? _____

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



Deb Call is being installed to fill the vacant Congregational Care Elder position for the class of 2019. Deb loves being a part of BPC and welcomes the opportunity to serve on the Session serving in a caring role. Her previous role as a Deacon has allowed her to deepen her relationship with many members and strengthen her own faith experience. She is a small animal veterinarian. Her semi-retirement has allowed her to become more involved in both church and community. She enjoys music and sings in the BPC choir and in the Master Chorale. She loves serving others and works closely with the Refugee Partnership and heads the new VTWC Service group. She especially values spending time with her two granddaughters – Abigail (age 3) and Sophie (age 4 months). Jack and Deb have two sons. Jeff and his wife, Lindsay, and the grandkids are members at BPC. Scott lives in Cincinnati. Jack serves as the BPC Clerk of Session. Laughter and lots of hugs sums up her basic approach to life. She is not a worrier and leaves that up to Jack.



Nancy Artis is being installed to fill the vacant Membership Ministry Elder position for the Class of 2020. Nancy and Pat joined BPC in September, 2015 after attending for a year in the process of transitioning from CO to full time in Blacksburg. They had been past members of PDC Presbyterian church in California for 10 years and after moving to Colorado in 2000, was part of a Presbyterian Mission church for 2 years until the pastor had to leave. Since then, she and Pat had been members of a non-denomination Bible church until coming here. During the past two years, she has been a liturgist, attends the Tuesday Morningstars Bible group and most recently facilitated a SHIFT small group. Managing their computer software company and being involved at Radford University in alumni activities, keeps her busy. Reading, walk-

ing and playing the piano are hobbies she enjoys. Her favorite scripture is Psalm 51:12 “Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.”



Diane Wilson is being installed to fill the Deacon position that is currently held by Deb Call in the Class of 2020. Diane was born and raised in the D.C. suburbs. In 1965 after graduating from the University of Maryland and marrying John they moved to Morgantown, WV. Diane taught elementary school for three years. As their family grew Diane settled into the "stay-at-home-Mom"

phase of my life for the next 27 years. Diane thoroughly enjoyed all the activities associated with raising boys—Den Mother, chauffeur for year-round sports and cheerleader at all their games, volunteering in the elementary school classroom, and chief fundraiser for the High School Band. Diane was also active in many church and community activities as well. A career change for John brought them to Blacksburg in 1997 where Diane discovered a passion for teaching ESL in the program at Blacksburg Baptist Church, where she continues to volunteer part time. Diane and John came to BPC in Spring of 2007. John has been retired for several years now, making time for them to travel and spend time with their mothers, children, and grandchildren.



Constitutional Questions for Elders and Deacons

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(For Ruling Elders: Deb and Nancy) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For Deacon: Diane) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Constitutional Questions for Congregation

Jack Call

Do we, the members of the church, accept Deb Call, Nancy Artis, and Diane Wilson as ruling elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ our Lord?



Recycle your Clean, Dry, Empty Plastic Bags and Film Packaging!

Plastics to Collect:

- LDPE / HDPE Films
- Newspaper Sleeves
- Bread Bags
- Product Wrap
- Cereal Liners
- Food Storage Bags
- Ice Bags
- Pellet Bags
- Produce Bags
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Grocery Bags
- Case Overwrap
- Packaging Air Pillows
- Salt Bags



Look for bins and signage near store entrances and drop off collected plastics and wraps.

When we collect 500 pounds , Trex will send us a bench, which we plan to donate to Head Start!

Go to trexrecycling.com to participating retailers.



2018 Ecumenical Lenten Supper Series

Based on
Matthew 25



Supper: 5:30-6:15 p.m. Worship: 6:15-7:00 p.m.

***Wednesday, Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Worship Service at BPC at 12:00 p.m.**