



August 12, 2018

## **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**

Ministers - All Members

Pastor - Catherine Taylor

Director of Music, Organist – Steve Lawrence

Director of Children and Youth Ministries - Susan Hunter

Director of Communication and Church Life - Kendra Crabtree

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Acting Campus Minister, UKirk Ministry at Virginia Tech – Rev. Kathy Carpenter

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

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018**

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“A Christian should be an Alleluia from head to foot.”

—Augustine of Hippo

**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

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

African-American Spiritual  
arr. Zachary Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Campbell

I will bless the Lord at all times;

**God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

O magnify the Lord with me,

**and let us exalt God's name together.**

† HYMN No. 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

† PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven. Draw us to Christ that we may receive nourishing grace for our journey in this world and know at last the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. ... (A time of silent confession follows.)** In your mercy, Lord. **Hear our prayer.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, hope in the Lord!

**God in Christ has forgiven us!**

God has redeemed us from all our iniquities through Christ.

**He is our Living Bread.**

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

† GRATEFUL RESPONSE No. 654     *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*     THANKFUL  
(Sing twice)

† 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

I Kings 19:4-8

John 6:35, 41-51

SERMON

"In the Strength of Christ"

Catherine Taylor

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN No. 734     *Hope of the World*     DONNE SECOURS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Congregation

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

*Take My Hand Precious Lord*

THOMAS DORSEY  
arr. K. Abeling

† DOXOLOGY

GLORY PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN No. 547     *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*     AR HYDY NOS

† BENEDICTION

**Blacksburg Brass Ensemble**  
**Cynthia Hurst, Scott Malbon; Trumpet**  
**Jennifer Hundley; Horn**  
**Larry Root; Trombone**  
**Bert Blanton; Euphonium**

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**  
**AUGUST 12, 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 the Blacksburg Brass Ensemble who is enriching worship today. The Ensemble includes: Cynthia Hurst, Scott Malbon, Jennifer Hundley, Larry Root, and Bert Blanton.**

**The Celebration Flowers today are sponsored by Judith and Roy Jones in loving memory of their mothers Willie Mae Jones and Katherine Hess.**

**Creation Care Thought:** The Bible makes clear a basic truth that we self-centered humans find difficult to accept, namely, that the natural universe was not created primarily for us. There is no doubt that God wants us to enjoy it and even use its resources to optimize a good life for ourselves. But the ultimate purpose of creation is worship. Nature and all living things were created to glorify God. --Tony Campolo, (1935- ), *Carpe Diem*

**Art Exhibit:** Joni Pienkowski's exhibit in Westminster Library with cows and ice cream cones is not to be missed! She is sharing this exhibit of her works throughout the summer and early fall. Her art work ranges from abstract to portraiture to an occasional sculpture. And to cows and ice cream. She is a multi-talented woman and a member, along with her husband Bob, of BPC since 1961. We have enjoyed Joni's many gifts and hope you will enjoy these drawings. An art forum is being planned for early autumn.

**Cooper House is offering two (2) parking spaces** for use during Virginia Tech's seven home football games for a season fee of \$175.00 each. Cooper House is a very short walk to the stadium, and the backyard lawn area can be used for pre/post game activities. Spaces are available on a first come basis. For more information email Terry McClellan at [admin@pcusa-vt.org](mailto:admin@pcusa-vt.org).

**SERVING TODAY**

<b><u>Church Opener:</u></b>	<b>Today:</b> Mike Giles	<b>Next Sunday:</b> Dave Smith
<b><u>Elder of the Week:</u></b>	<b>Today:</b> Melanie Smith	<b>Mon-Sunday:</b> Nancy Artis
<b><u>Prayer Room:</u></b>	<b>Today:</b> Peggy Kincaid	<b>Next Sunday:</b> Andrew Warren
<b><u>Ushers:</u></b>	Elva Miller, Lois Price, Jack and Deb Call	

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

August 12	Sunday School Teacher Training at 9:00 a.m. Shift Small Group at 9:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship at 10:00 a.m. – Gathering Space Worship at 10:30 a.m.
August 14	Summer Breakfast & Bible at Panera at 7:30 a.m. -715 University City Blvd, Bburg Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m. – HCR Prayer Group meets at 11:00 a.m. – Prayer Room- All are welcome!

- August 15 Montgomery County School First Day for Students 2018-2019!  
Staff meets at 9:30 –HCR  
Adult Choir Practice begins! 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- August 16 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m. – HCR
- August 18 Peaks Presbytery meeting at Trinity Ecumenical Parish-Moneta
- August 19 **RALLY DAY** at BPC at 9:00 a.m.  
Milestone Sunday during worship at 10:30 a.m.  
BPC's Cents-Ability Collection  
Session meets at 7:00 p.m. - HCR

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Aug. 20 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meets at 3:30 p.m. –WM
- Aug. 21 *Morningstars Bible Study at BPC at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome. Coffee provided!*
- Aug. 26 Sunday School Begins! 9:00 a.m.  
End of Summer Shindig! Nature Walk. Fun for all! 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
at the Furr's home see insert for more information.
- Aug. 27 KnitWits gather at 1:00 p.m. – WM
- Aug. 29 Caring for the Community at 9:30 a.m.- HCR
- September 2 No Sunday School
- Sept. 3 Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 10 Lydia Circle meets at 1:30 p.m. – FH
- Sept. 12 Faith Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. at Jen Stewart's home-304 Lucas Dr, Bbrg
- Sept. 16 Session meets at 7:00 p.m. – HCR
- October 7 Art Forum with Joni Pienkowski at 11:45 a.m. – WM
- October 13 Blacksburg Master Chorale concert at BPC at 7:30 p.m.
- October 14 Celtic Spirituality Class at 9:00 a.m. - HCR  
**Fallapalooza**  
*4:00-5:00 p.m. Fall Festival, 5:00-6:00 p.m. CROP Walk Dinner*
- Oct. 21 & 22 BPC's Smyth Lecture Series - John Philip Newell- see insert
- November 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends- Fall back 1 hour



SMYTH LECTURE SERIES WELCOMES  
JOHN PHILIP NEWELL

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**All events will take place at  
Blacksburg Presbyterian Church  
Located at 701 Church St. SE, Blacksburg, VA 24060-5213**

**Sunday, October 21st at 10:30 a.m.**  
Sermon: *Made in the Image of the Divine*

**Sunday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Boundless: A Celtic Vision of the Sacred in All Things*  
Lecture and Reception, including book signing  
Childcare will be provided.

**Monday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.**  
*Boundless: A Celtic Vision of the Sacred in All Things*  
Lecture and Reception, including book signing  
*Childcare will be provided.*

***Ministry Leaders Luncheon***  
***Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 noon- \$9.50 (pay at the door)***

*Homemade lunch catered by Gillie's;  
includes soup, salad, bread, and dessert.*

*You must pre-order your lunch by Friday, October 12th at  
[blacksburgpres.org/smyth-lunch](http://blacksburgpres.org/smyth-lunch)*

**End of Summer Shindig**  
**Sunday, August 26th, 4:30 - 6:30pm**  
**The Furr's Home: 708 Southgate Dr.**

**Nature Walk in Stadium Woods at 4:30pm**

Led by retired VT forestry professor, Jeff Kirwan, Co-author of the book *Remarkable Trees of Virginia* and pioneer of new ways to engage people of all ages in the care and appreciation of trees.

**Picnic at the Furr's 5:30pm**

Enjoy outdoor lawn games and fellowship with your church family!

**Bring Your Own D.I.G.S.**

Dinnerware (reusable plates, cups, napkins and utensils)

Icky bug repellent

Games for outdoor play

Something to sit on (lawn chairs or blankets)



**Food will be provided!**

**FALL ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

*Anxious to Talk About It*, by Carolyn B. Helsel

Sunday, August 26th - October 7th (no class on September 2nd)

9:00 a.m. in Hatcher Conference Room

Facilitated by Catherine Taylor

**If talking about racism makes you anxious, afraid, or even angry, you're not alone.** In *Anxious to Talk about It*, pastor and professor Carolyn B. Helsel draws on her success with white congregations to offer insight and tools to embrace, explore and work through the anxious feelings that often arise in these hard conversations. You will learn how to join conversations with courage, compassion, and knowledge of self, others, and the important issues at stake.

**SHIFT Small Group**

9:15-10:15 a.m., Westminster Library

This is a continuation of BPC's SHIFT that means to help those worshipping at BPC discover and strengthen their discipleship identity. Not able to join this summer? Jump in starting August 26th!

**Fall Book Study Workshop**

*The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery*

By Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile

7:00 p.m. on Mondays in Westminster Library

Begins September 10th. Will meet for 5 weeks.

Join Kendra Crabtree, Director of Communications and Church Life, this fall as we scratch the surface on this system of discovery. Email [kendra@blacksburgpres.org](mailto:kendra@blacksburgpres.org) to participate.

**Other Adult Opportunities:**

Tuesday Morningstars Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. beginning August 21 in Hatcher Conference Room. Led by Catherine Taylor. All are welcome. Coffee is provided!