

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY *We Lift our Voices* Hymn 710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord use our lives; they are yours; we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you.

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*THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 708 Verse One

We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

If standing is difficult, please remain seated. Larger print bulletins are available.

Ushers

Matt and Susan Graybill. John and Lee Ann Kabana

Liturgist

Kim O'Conner

Acolyte

Kaylee O'Conner

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

March Twenty fourth the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Nineteen

Third Sunday in Lent

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP! You are special, because God brought you here today. Together we celebrate and rejoice in God's blessings in our lives!

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Isaiah 55:1-9; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE PASSING OF PEACE

THE GATHERING HYMN 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit,

God's love is poured into our hearts.

**Congregants: The law of the Lord revives the soul,
the Word of God makes the simple wise.**

Minister: Let all who thirst come to the waters.

Congregants: Let all who are hungry be fed.

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Eternal God, Creator, Redeemer, Savior,
Your Kingdom has come into our troubled world
through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son.
Help us in our gathering this day
to hear and heed Your Word**

**and to see the visions for life You provide.
Help us to become instruments of Your saving grace
and conduits of Your life-changing love.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgist)
Are you thirsty for grace?
Are you hungry for mercy?
God is calling--come to the waters!
Let us confess our sins before His throne of love.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**God of mercy and forgiveness,
You sent Jesus to seek and to save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from You
and turned aside from Your way.
We have failed in love, neglected justice,
ignored Your truth, and not lived in peace.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sinfulness.
Return us to paths of righteousness,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Liturgist)
Hear Good News!
The steadfast love of the Lord never fails.
God's love for us is poured out
through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
In him, we are forgiven. Praise be to God!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS Hymn 576 *Lord Have Mercy*
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 63:1-8

¹ O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,

my lips will praise you. ⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. ⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips ⁶ when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; ⁷ for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. ⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM *Come Unto Him* G.F. Handel
Come onto him, all ye that labor, come unto him, ye heavy laden, and he will give you rest.
Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him, for he is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest into your souls.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher,* let me see again.' ⁵²Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)
**Gracious God, our Way in the wilderness,
guide us, by Your Word, in our Lenten journey.
Minister to us with Your Holy Spirit,
and open us to hearing Your Voice,
so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed.
Through Christ, the living Word, we pray. Amen.**

THE SERMON *JESUS AND THE BLIND MAN* Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Announcements

Ushers for March 31, 2019 – Chuck Lockard, Bob Newman, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

THE SESSION will hold its regular monthly meeting today following the morning worship service.

New Address for Barbara Jones 11 North Broad Street, Salem VA. 24153

We are making a new address directory. Please check out the sheets on the table in the narthex for any changes that need to be made by your name.

LAY LITURGIST VOLUNTEERS are important in our worship experience each week. If you would like to serve as a liturgist in our worship service, contact the Minister.

We are in need of candy donations for the Easter egg hunt. If you can donate candy please leave it in the church office by April 7th, Thank you.

The Annual Easter Egg Extravaganza will be held at 10:00 am April 20, 2019. Candy donations are welcome!! Please contact Kimberly O’Conner if you have any questions!

We are in need of Children’s books for the Little Free Library. If you have new or used (in good condition) books that you would like to donate, please place them in the secretary’s office. Thank you.

Presbytery of the Peaks and CEDEPCA are sponsoring a Listen and Learn Trip to Sumpango, Guatemala from October 28-November 3rd. You will witness the “Day of the Dead” celebration with a giant kite festival. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact Sandy Schlaudecker at 540-941-1314 or email her at spspas@aol.com.

Habitat for Humanity will begin to break ground for the 2019 Apostles Build this spring. The build will take place from April-August at 1716 Loudon Avenue. If you would like to volunteer, they would love to have you. NO EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED! You can find more information on the bulletin board across from the office. If you are interested in putting faith into action, contact Jenny Lee at 540-344-0747 ext. 103 or email her at jennylee@habitat-roanoke.org.

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Next Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Bobby Brammer	Betty Dixon	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Rose Howard
Tom Kirby	Jim Maile	Floyd Moretz
Ramona Ortiz	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens
Jo Ann Threlkeld	Bill Waddell	George Wingeier
Shirley Wynn		

Friends and Family

Mike Duckworth-(Holly Woodson’s brother-in-law)
Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)

*THE SESSION *

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Class of 2019: Margie Cundiff, Susan Graybill, John Kabana, Allen Kling, Holly Woodson

Class of 2020: Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Lynn Kirby, Bob Newman, Dave Snider

Class of 2021: Vee Hayes, Judy Ferrell, Chuck Lockard, Jeremy Newman, Ray Williams

