

Morning Worship—March 11, 2018

4th Sunday in Lent

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. *Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Sarabande" Handbell Choir

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

People: God's love endures forever!

Leader: In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

People: Christ's light shines in us!

Leader: When we think our hands are empty, when we have no music in our souls:

People: the Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 461** "God Is Here"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Light of the world has come, Ceaseless Creator, but we admit we love the shadows all around us. For there, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to your grace; there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with you, instead of singing your praises; there, we can give into our natural anger, and not be touched by your call to be agents of peace and hope.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sung to "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded") #98

Take pity, Lord, I pray Thee, Thy mercy show to me, My Sins and my wrong-doing I now confess to Thee; From all of my transgressions Thou, Lord, hast set me free, Thy blood so precious shedding Upon the cruel tree. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let the community of faith say so:

People: God's love endures forever!

Leader: Let those gathered in grace say so:

People: God's love endures forever!

Leader: Let those gathered from all parts of the world say so:

People: God's love endures forever!

Leader: This is the good news for us:

People: God's love endures forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (579)

GREATOREX, 1851

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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Utley

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive Your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to Your will and live always for Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

O. T. LESSON (447/470) Psalm 145:8-21

ANTHEM "Lay Up Your Treasures In Heaven" by Pepper Choplin

N. T. LESSON (813/773) Acts 4:32-35

SERMON "Grace: The Undeserved, Unexpected Invitation" Rev. Carl Utley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (See Apostle's Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 467** "How Great Thou Art"

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" Handbell Choir
Doxology 591 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
Prayer of Dedication

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Lord's Prayer see Aids to Worship pew insert)

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 466** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE 540, stanza 1 "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

POSTLUDE "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" arr. Mark Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Becky Meadema, Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller's grandmother), William Copeland (Linda Copeland's father), Dianne East, Marilyn East, Santiago Estevez, Wes Snead (Mary Lou & George's son),

ON THE MEND— Alice & Randolph Bradshaw, MD (Becky Meadema's parents), Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris' mother), Tim Kernodle, Mack Williams, Nultie Wiseman

First Presbyterian is hosting the Community Services during Holy Week, March 26-30. A light lunch will be served at 12:30 each day. Help will be needed to set up, prepare, serve and clean up from 11 a.m.—1:30 a.m.

Please contact Marie-Louise 770-0136 if you can help.

March 26 Dr. Ralph Hawkins Averett University

March 27 Dr. CAM McIntire Pittsylvania Baptist Association

March 28 Meredith Williams Ascension Lutheran Church

March 29 Bruce Wilson West Main Baptist

March 30 Bart Fletcher Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

Preaching Schedule

March 18th Rev. Stephen Earl

March 25th Jackson Weller

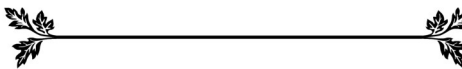
April 1st Joyce Perez

Everyone is invited to attend a reception, given by the Presbyterian Women for Dick Stoakley Sunday March 18 immediately following services. We are honoring his 15 years of service to FPC.

SERVING TODAY

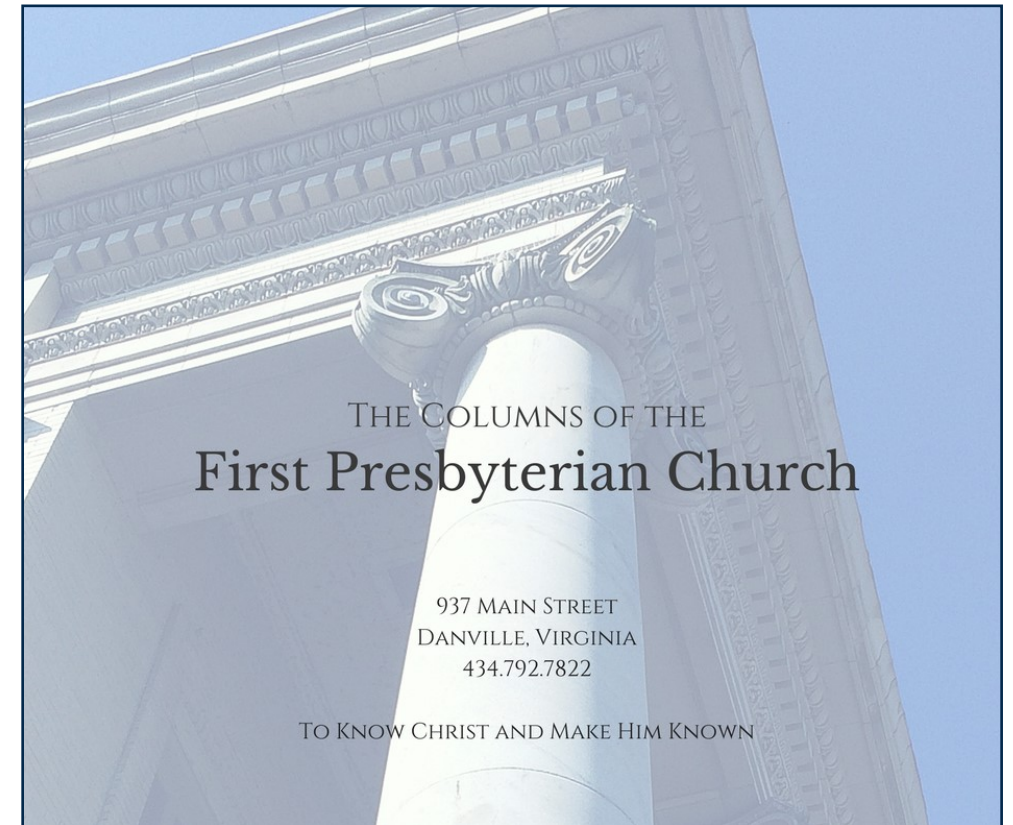
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| Nursery/Sunday School | Brenna Takata |
| Children's Sunday School | K. Dolianitis/M. Sweeney C. Baker/K. Machado |
| Elders at Front Door | G. Hayes |
| Security & Side Door | B. Wilson |
| Visitation | H. Beale |
| Deacon to Receive Offering | Harriet Beale |
| Officers to Count Offering | Beale/Meadema |
| Church School Superintendent | Gail Davis |
| Liturgist | Joyce Perez |
| Time for Young Disciples | Rev. Utley |
| Sound System | Ray Beale |
| Ushers | Team 2 |
| Flower Ministry | Evening Circle |
| Asst. Custodian | Ron Tanner |
| Childcare Specialists | Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler |
| Saturday Lunch Ministry March 17th | B. Wilson/K. Dolianitis |
| Saturday Lunch Attendance 3/3 | 45 |

Rev. Dr. Utley has been the Transitional General Presbyterian of the Presbytery of the Peaks since May 1, 2017. Prior to serving at the presbyter office, he was the interim pastor at Covenant Presbyterian & Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church of Roanoke. Please give Rev. Utley a warm welcome as he brings the message this morning.



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

March 11, 2018

MONDAY, March 12

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. VIP

TUESDAY, March 13

5:15 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Property

WEDNESDAY, March 14

6:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, March 15

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, March 16

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, March 17

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, March 18

9:00 a.m. Missions
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Sunday School:
Mid & High School, Rm 112
Outlook Class, Rm 322
Bible Fellowship, Library
Seekers, Rm 109
11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
Noon Reception for Dick Stoakley