

Session

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Diane Bibb

Class of 2024

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We welcome each person who is visiting with our congregation and extend a special invitation for you to make The Presbyterian Church of Radford your home. Please take a visitor's card from the pew, fill it out and place it in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary. Hearing devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you wish to use one during worship, please let one of our ushers know. Kindly remove the batteries after use.

Presbyterian Church of Radford

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

(ASTERISK * indicates rise in body or spirit. BOLD indicates congregational response)

PRELUDE "Alas, Did My Savior Bleed" c. Hugh Wilson Joey Harrington

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come with thirsty souls and longing spirits, needing the love and grace of God.

People: We come to the One who supplies our needs and gives us living water to quench our thirst.

Leader: We come with prayers in our hearts and with hopes to be made whole.

People: We come to the One who knows us completely, who brings peace to all of us, and to each of us.

*HYMN #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You hear the bitter words we speak to one another and see the hurts that we cause those around us. Fountain of grace, in Jesus Christ you do not turn your back on sinners, but meet us where we are. Parched by the dryness of our own spirits, you replenish us with living water. Burdened by our own failures, you shoulder them with us. Longing for hope in our lives, you send us our redeemer, your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASKING IN WORSHIP - Masking in worship and Sunday school will be optional. This policy is subject to change if there is another surge in COVID-19 cases.

Giving Statements were sent out in the mail.

Women's Fellowship Circle will deliver **Easter baskets** for 7-10 children at the Children's Home of the Highlands in Wytheville. We are asking for donations of snacks and Easter candy for the baskets. There will be boxes in the office and parlor for donations. Thank you!

Flowers for the sanctuary: A big thanks to all the volunteers who have placed flowers in the church over the past year. If you would like to donate flowers in the coming months beginning in April, please contact Mary Denton Lyerly at (540) 731-1707.

Welcome to our new office manager: "Hi everyone, my name is Mary Collins. I'm the new office manager. I'm from Hiwassee VA. I love to spoil my nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews and great-great niece and nephew. I enjoy going to new places in VA and around the country and checking them out. Trying new things. Love going to the Blue Ridge Parkway. I enjoy history especially local history. I do different crafts. I have a very spoiled Jack Russell named John. I'm very excited to start this position and meet everyone. Thank you." Thank you to Holly Moore for filling in while the search was on for a new office manager.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Congregation: Pastor Nominating Committee, Marj Lyle, Randy Ogden, Richard Robertson, Linda Coyle, Ron Stockhoff, Hugh & Karen Miller, Linda Cadwell, Teresa & Jim Coulthard

Friends of the Congregation: Al Harris (friend of Ginny Jones), Marge Rasheff (Karen Miller's mother), Mary Sue Daniels (sister of Jimmie Jenkins), Greg McFall (friend of the Millers), Melissa Delph (friend of Diane Bibb), April Collins Salvant (friend of Annyce Levy), Trey and Christina Wall (son & daughter in law of Dot Wall), Ron Singleton (brother of Debbie Chase), SuSu Sadler (friend of Helen Harvey), Family of Janet D'Amours (friend of Ron Willoughby & Gail Fei), Beverly Casey (friend Jill Alderman), Mason Pierce (Patty Oakley's Cousin's son), Alley Hayes (Belle Heth student, treatment for brain tumor), Susan Dixon (friend of Carol White), Betty Freeman (neighbor of the Millers, cancer)

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Head Ushers for March are:

Mar 5 & 12 Tom Mogen
Mar 19 & 26 Diane Bibb

Beginning Sunday, February 5th, Steve Willis will be teaching Sunday school and giving Brenda Whisonant a well-deserved eight-week rest. He will be discussing his book, *Imagining the Small Church, Celebrating a Simpler Path*. Come for one Sunday or come for all eight and see if this relates to life at PCR.

Coffee Fellowship, March 19 sponsored by support group #2. Everyone in the church is invited to bring goodies for the coffee. Finger foods are preferred.

Lunch Bunch, April 5th The new Episcopal priest Rev. William Yagel is scheduled to provide our program.

Pastor Nominating Committee will meet next **Sunday, March 26th**, after worship for PNC training.

Elder training was postponed because of snow but will be done at the stated session meeting on **Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 pm**.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Not when we had gotten it all right, but when we had gone astray; not when we knew all the rules, but when we had broken God's heart – that is when Christ died for us, so we might live. This is joyful news. Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5: 6-8

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Patty Oakley

ANTHEM #479 *Ho, All Who Thirst*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 4: 5-42

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON ***"Tasting the Living Waters"***

Rev. Steve Willis

*HYMN #182 *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed

OFFERING Improvised

Joey Harrington

Call to Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Creator God, the blooms and colors of spring are emerging all around us. They remind us of the abundance with which you have filled the earth. Help us to live with a bit of the generosity that we witness in the natural world. Bless these gifts we make today, that we may add to the earth's fullness and exult in your goodness. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Notes

The Lord's Prayer

We now join our voices together to pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by 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.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

**HYMN #623 "I've God Peace Like a River"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" c. Ithamar Conkey Joey Harrington