

Session

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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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023,

11:00 a.m.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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

PRELUDE "Lord You Give the Great Commission" c. C. V. Taylor Joey Harrington

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS:

Recognition of Graduating Senior and Litany for Owen Dunn

Leader: We mark this important transition for Owen and trust that God will always be with him as he begins his college journey.

People: We give thanks for his family, school, community, church and all who support him and wish the best for his future.

Leader: Now the Lord bless Owen and keep him. The Lord be kind and gracious to him.

People: May the Lord look upon him with favor and give him peace

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The hour has come to worship our God,

People: to gather as people of faith to glorify the God of all grace.

Leader: The time has come to devote ourselves to prayer,

People: to bring the burdens we carry, to lift our hopes to the God who hears us.

Leader: The hour has come to rejoice and make God's name known,

People: to lift a song of thanksgiving, to praise God for all our blessings.

*HYMN #263

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

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.

Radford Clothing Bank PCR is responsible for the month of **June**. Which has **19** shifts opening, which need 2 volunteers each shift. Which is **38** spots. Please check your calendars, there will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Or you can call **Judi Quesenberry at 540-641-1274**, if that is easier for you or if you have any question.

Radford/Fairlawn Daily Bread are preparing to reopen their dining room on **May 1**, so they are needing volunteers, anytime you can give them would be welcome. For more information call **540-838-0028**.

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, Brian & Sylvia Atkinson

Friends of the Congregation: Al Harris (friend of Ginny Jones), Marge Rasheff (Karen Miller's mother), Mary Sue Daniels (aunt of Jill Alderman), 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), Beverly Casey (friend Jill Alderman), Mason Pearce (Patty Oakley's cousin's son), Susan Dixon (friend of Carol White), Betty Freeman (neighbor of the Millers, cancer), Wanda Rose (friend of the Whisonants), Family of Howard Sadler, Mark & Blenna Patterson (friends of the Allen's), Bob Herndon (John Herndon father), Mary Ann Semones (friend of the Hiltons)

CALENDAR AND EVENTS

Head Ushers for May are:

May 7, 14 Brenda Whisonant
May 21, 28 David Lyerly

Last Day of Adult Sunday School will be on **May 21, 2023**

Worship Service will start being at **10:00 a.m.** on **May 28, 2023**

May 29th Memorial Day the Church Office will be closed.

Church picnic June 7th at Bissett Park. **At Shelter 2.** The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, and beverages. **Bob and Brenda Whisonant** will provide dessert to celebrate their **60th wedding anniversary** that day. Bring your favorite salad or side dish to share. We plan to eat about **6 p.m.**

Bible School is planned **July 9-12**

August 20 All Committee Meeting

August 22 Session Meeting

Notes

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you created the world and all that is in it. You hold all things, even our very lives, in the loving grasp of your hands. Yet, we confess that we often live as if this were not true. We see the divisions and fractures between people, and we add to them. We long to be connected to you and to others. But we fail to take the time and effort to build relationships. We protect ourselves from the risk of being rejected, rather than share the gifts of hospitality. Give us humble hearts that know our need to turn to you and that seek to be sisters and brothers and friends in faith. Let your Spirit unify us with one another and with your good and holy purposes. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, in the life, death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ has reconciled us. And he has given us the ministry of reconciliation. God has brought us near, forgiven us, united us. Friends, you are forgiven and free to be a part of God's work of building up what has been broken and bringing together what has been separated.

Thanks be to God. AMEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

1 Peter 5: 6-11

Children's Sermon and Recognition of Teachers

Patty Oakley

ANTHEM

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

John 17: 1-11

SERMON

"The Unifying Spirit"

Rev. Steve Willis

*HYMN #306 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed

Installation of Elders, Wilma Allen and Alice Collier

OFFERING “All who love and serve your city: c. Erik Routley Joey Harrington

Call to Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Every good gift comes from you, O God, and we have lost count of your many graces. Bless the offerings that we bring to you today. Help us to be faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us, like our time, talents, and resources. But also helps us be creative and generous stewards of our relationships, hopes and loves. **AMEN**

Prayers of the People

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 #703 “Jesus, They Boundless Love to Me”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “A Mighty Fortress” c. Martin Luther Joey Harrington



Christopher Owen Dunn, graduating from Radford High School. Owen will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall to study Residential Real Estate.

Ally Velat graduated from Radford University in December with her BSN in Nursing. She is working in the Emergency Room at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Cade Compton, grandson of Jo Alderman, graduated from Virginia Military Institute With honors. He will be attending medical school.

Emily Jenkins graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law with her Juris Doctor.

Oliver Lavery graduated from Radford University with his degree in Cyber Security.

Trace Shepherd graduated from Radford University with his BS in Exercise, Sport and Health Education. He is currently working for Federal Express.

Philip Mogen graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in December with his PhD in History.

Rebecca Dunn graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with her master’s in social work. She is continuing to work for New River Valley Community Service.

