

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Congregational Response (responsive)
We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace (responsive)
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church - members of the VMI Class of 1971

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem O How Amiable Ralph Vaughan Williams

✦ Doxology (sung)

**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

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 400 (vs. 1)

Children's Message

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 400 (vs. 4)

FIRST READING Joshua 4:1-9 OT (p. 187)

SECOND READING Psalm 127:1-2 OT (p. 541)

SERMON *Monuments* William M. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [A time to reflect upon the implications of scripture and sermon for your life.]

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [An expression of our common hope and purpose.]

Affirmation in Words (unison) from Michael Perry

**We believe and know Jesus is the Holy One of God.
We believe he is the Christ, the Son of God, who
was to come into the world. We believe he is in the
Father and the Father is in him. We believe Jesus
is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing
we have life in his name. Amen.**

Affirmation in Song (sung through twice) *Gloria, Gloria*

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

✦ HYMN 313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung in unison)
Through the Love of God

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well.

Faith can sing through days of sorrow,

"All, all is well."

On our Father's love relying,

Jesus every need supplying,

Or in living or in dying, all must be well.

BLESSING IN MUSIC [During the playing of the music you are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

Fugue in E-Flat Major, III (BWV 552) J. S. Bach

✦ Those who are able may stand.

*All are invited and encouraged to attend Lemonade Fellowship in
Brady Chapel.*

*Please ask an Usher for assistance with hearing devices
& large print bulletins*

**If you are carrying a cell phone or some other electronic device,
please turn it off before worship begins. **

Music Notes

Choir Music: The **anthem**, by the British master musician, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), uses text from Psalms 84 and 90, and concludes with the first stanza of today's opening congregational hymn. The anthem text:

How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing

to enter into the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Year, the sparrow hath found her an house,

and the swallow a next where she may lay her young:

even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be alway praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work

of our hands upon us. O God, our help in ages past.....

Congregational Hymns: "**Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**" is one of the many hymn texts penned by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), often called the 'father of English hymnody.' The tune ("St. Anne") has long been attributed to the English musician, William Croft (1678-1727). The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. "**Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness**" (known better by the first words of its refrain: 'Christ, Be Our Light') is perhaps the best known of the many wonderful hymns and songs by Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957), a leading figure in liturgical scholarship and creation in the United Kingdom, whose work is known around the world. At the children's time, we sing from "**I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say**," an uplifting setting of Psalm 122 by Bernadette Farrell (see "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" above). "**Lord, Make Us More Holy**" is a well-known African-American spiritual. The closing congregational response is taken from "**Through the Love of God Our Savior**," one of a number of hymn texts by the English poet, Mary Bowley Peters (1813-1856). We sing her words to the well-known Welsh melody "Ar hyd y nos."

Organ Music: The **prelude** and **postlude** are two parts of a monumental fugue in three sections, composed by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) as the conclusion of a major collection of hymn-based organ works dealing with the major parts of the worship service and sacraments. The fugue subject [=melody] very closely resembles our hymn tune "St. Anne," used in the opening hymn of today's service, and which figures in the choir's anthem.

Announcements & Opportunities

Welcome to the new VMI students. We are pleased to have you join us in worship today and look forward to having you join us often while you are students at VMI.

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of Bill Hess by his family.

Assisting with worship leadership this morning is Bob Doyle. The **Beadle** (young person who carries in the Bible) is Grace Fure.

Next Sunday at 5:00 PM you are invited to attend our monthly **Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing**. This 45 minute service is held in our sanctuary each first Sunday evening of the month and is led by your pastor. Everyone is welcome to attend...spread the word.

Next Sunday we will receive our monthly **4¢-A-MEAL** offering.

Next Sunday we return to our **two Sunday morning worship schedule**. The first service will be at 8:45 in our Brady Chapel. The second service is at 11:00 in our sanctuary.



We have **openings** for the **flower calendar** for September 3rd and September 17th. Please call the church office or email kkennedy@lexpres.org if you'd like to provide.

Rally Day: Start the Christian Education year off right by attending Rally Day celebrations at 9:45 am on **Sunday, September 10** in Dunlap Auditorium. Come to Dunlap to greet and mingle with friends to find out what they have been up to this summer. We have several new offerings for Adult Sunday School which are described on the next page of the newsletter. In addition to finding new classes, we will have time to explore opportunities to serve throughout the community and beyond. Enjoy breakfast goodies, including fruit, pastries and beverages. Regular classes will begin the next Sunday, September 17.

House Church: House Church is a wonderful way to get to know fellow church members in a more casual atmosphere. We have a monthly pot luck dinner and Christian fellowship. Following the meal, the group will discuss issues and questions prepared by Bill Klein, or similar activities. Please, sign up in the note book in the foyer near Brady Chapel or contact Pat Jones via email at prjones.lex@gmail.com.

Youth Group begins on Sunday, September 10 with a **swim party** at the Ponds Clubhouse from 2 - 4 p.m. Bring a friend to show them what a great time we have at Youth Group.

Choirs will be starting soon! The ADULT SINGING CHOIR rehearses on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00PM and will be starting

on Sept. 7th. The YOUTH SINGING CHOIR meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 9:45AM and will be starting on Sept. 10th. LAM TEEN TINTINNABULATORS rehearses Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:00PM and will be starting on Sept. 17th. The LAM HANDBELL CHOIR rehearses Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:00PM and will also be starting on Sept. 17th.



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Sermon Videos on Our Website under "Worship", "Sermon Videos"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN (8/27)		<i>Last Sunday of Summer Worship – See Note</i>
	10:00	Worship
MON (8/28)		<i>Community Table Desserts</i>
TUES (8/29)	10:00	Lectio Divina
WEDS (8/30)	4:30	<i>September Newsletter Assembly</i> Administrative Council
THURS (8/31)	5:00	Bible Study in Brady Chapel
SUN (9/3)		<i>Resume Two Worship Schedule</i> <i>Nursery Resumes 8:30am – 12:15pm</i>
	8:45	Informal Worship
	9:00	Children's Subcommittee
	11:00	Traditional Worship
	5:00	Wholeness and Healing

RARA Pantry Item of the month (Sept): Canned Meat

For children ages 3-12, there are folders in the foyer near the elevator with color sheets, puzzles, and related worship materials, as well as children's Bibles and books. Following "A Time with the Children," those in Kindergarten through third grade may be excused to the upstairs movie room for a Bible Story movie.

NURSERY **SUMMER** WORSHIP SCHEDULE
9:45 - 11:00: (infant - preschool)



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
27 August 2017
10:00 AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Fugue in E-Flat Major, I (BWV 552)*
J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from words by Joan Stott
We gather together in praise and worship of our faithful God, because our help and hope rests always in the Lord our God.

Blessed be the Lord, who is our security and home, and whose mercy and grace free us from all that traps us.

We come together to praise and worship our gracious God, because we are confident of God's generous care over us.

Our eternal trust is in the name of the Lord our God, who is our maker, our Savior, and our eternal home.

HYMN 687 (remain seated) *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but too often we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy.