

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 – Mary Raine Paxton – Rafiki Foundation

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *Rejoice in the Lord Always* Anon. 16th Cent.

✦ 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 804 (vs. 1)

Children's Message

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 804 (vs. 5)

1st SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:1-9 NT (p. 187)

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:12-24 NT (p. 72)

SERMON *Focus* William M. Klein

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

✦ HYMN 23 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*
(tune: Austrian Hymn)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Affirmation in Words (unison)

from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUSA)

God has allotted the precious gift of time to each of us. Our life span is limited and no hour comes again. We acknowledge daily tasks and relationships as our present calling from God. As we invest life in careers and avocations, we are to match our abilities to the world's needs. We are to include in the rhythm of our lives times when we set aside our own working to enjoy the

world's goodness and beauty and to worship its Creator. Amen. (Ch. 9, (3), lines 28-37)

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 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *And the Peace of God* Anon. 16th Cent.

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.]

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice Helmut Walcha

✦ Those who are able may stand.

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

All are invited to attend Coffee & Lemonade Fellowship in Brady Chapel.

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

Music Notes:

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship** is from a motivational song by Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957), a leading figure in the UK (and worldwide) in the practice of worship and liturgy. The text:

*God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard;
to raise up the voice with no power or choice,
And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near,
to remove oppression and break down fear.
Yes, God's time is near.*

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At the **baptism**, the choir sings a verse from a hymn by Hugo von Laufenberg (1385-1458), said by many to be the most important hymn-writer of his time; the English version is by the great Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). The tune (“Vom Himmel Hoch”) is one of the best-known of the 16th-century hymn melodies. The choir's text: *Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord most dear, As you were once an infant here, so give this child of yours, we pray, your grace and blessing day by day.*

The **anthem**, well known to choral scholars, is a piece of unknown authorship, but known to be from the sixteenth century, setting verses (Philippian 4:4-7) from today's Gospel reading. The choir's text:

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication
Let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
Keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen*

As a closing **choral response**, the choir repeats the closing blessing (Philippians 4:7) of the offertory anthem (see above).

Congregational Hymns: One of several hymn texts by Jacque B. Jones (b. 1950), “**These Treasured Children**” was written for use in worship at the historic Plymouth Church in Brooklyn, NY. Jones chose for these words the tune “Puer nobis nascitur,” which first appeared in a 15th-century Trier manuscript. The tune came into wider use through the adaptation in 1609 by the great German musician, Michael Praetorius (1571-1621). The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. At the children's time we sing from “**Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart,**” by the English priest, poet, editor, and translator, Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891). The tune (“Marion”) was composed by the English-born musician, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916), a leading figure in the church music of New York City, for Plumptre's text. The choir's descant is by C. H. Webb. The Presbyterian leader and hymn writer, Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008) wrote “**God, You Spin the Whirling Planets**” for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women. For her text, Huber chose the tune “Austrian Hymn.” This melody, thought to be of Croatian origin, was arranged by the great Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809), and later received the words of the German national anthem. The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. “**The Church of God in Every Age**” is one of many great texts by the British minister and hymn writer, Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000). The tune (“Wareham”) is one of a number of hymn melodies composed by the English musician, William Knapp (1698-1768). The choir's descants are by Lois Fyfe and Sydney Hugo Nicholson.

Organ Music: The **prelude** and **postlude** are from the rich store of hymn-based organ preludes by German composers. In this case, the hymn is an extended text by Martin Luther. As is not uncommon in Lutheran churches and, in fact, in all denominations, the text has been sung over the centuries to a number of different hymn melodies; and this is the case with today's organ settings, which are based on two different tunes. The **prelude** is by the prolific organist/composer, Max Reger (1873-1916). The **postlude** is by the brilliant 20th-century organist, Helmut Walcha (1907-1991).

Announcements & Opportunities

Assisting with worship this morning is Andy Coffey. The **beadle** is Grace Fure. The **flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Jim and Barbara Joyner in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Baptism: This morning we are pleased to welcome into the fellowship of the church by the **sacrament of baptism** Eleanor Mary Thomson, daughter of Laura Parker and Nat Thomson. Laura, and daughter Bezi are visiting from Sydney, Australia. The Parker family & friends cordially invite the congregation to a **reception** in Brady Chapel after the 11:00am service to celebrate Eleanor's baptism.

Third Sunday Brunch: After the 11:00AM service on Sunday, October 22nd we will enjoy a Sunday Brunch in Dunlap. Cost - \$6/person; \$16/family; children under 5 & campus students free. Please join us!

Youth Auction and Cook-Off - Thursday, October 26th: Please consider making a donation for the Mac & Cheese Cook-off/Gifts & Talents Auction. Fill out a donation form located in the friendship pads at the end of each pew, and let us know what you're able to donate. All money raised will support another Rise Against Hunger event. Please turn entries into Sarah by **Monday, October 23rd**.

Faith Build: Saturday Oct. 21 & Oct. 28, 8:30 through about noon. No prior construction experience is necessary, must be at least 16 years old. There is no maximum age! Sign up with Pam Luecke at lueckep@wlu.edu or 463-7860.

Community Table Desserts: For **October 23** we are preparing pumpkin pie bars. There is a recipe for a 9x13 pan available in Murray Hall, **or** you can make regular pumpkin pies - we'll take either! Please contact Mary Beth Baker (mbbaker35@yahoo.com or 463-9563). Desserts may be left in Brady Chapel kitchenette by noon on Monday or delivered directly to The Community Table between 2 and 5:30pm.

Monday, October 16th, Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a **Parent Internet Safety Night** from 6:30 - 7:30pm in their sanctuary. Detective L. E. Hunt of the VMI Post Police will discuss the greatest problems for kids online and with smart phones, and will explain to parents the steps they can take to mitigate these risks. This is a discussion for adults - not suitable for children.

Congratulations to Grace Huffman for being named Region 3C Player of the Year as part of the Rockbridge County High School golf team. Great Job Grace!

THANK YOU! So far, Shenandoah Presbytery gave the following for Disaster Assistance: \$4,050-Church World Service, \$11,583-Hurricane Harvey Relief, \$817-Hurricane Irma, and \$6,787.49-General Relief.

"Happy Coats-giving": The Roanoke Rescue Mission has an immediate need for clean, gently used coats of ALL sizes for men, women, and children. Coats may be hung in the Murray hallway hooks only until the end of October.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN (10/15)	12:00 Baptism Reception 2:00 Science Fair 2:00 New Elder Training 5:00 LTT 7:00 Lam Handbells
MON (10/16)	<i>Newsletter Information Due</i> 4:00 Worship Committee 6:00 Young Adult House Church 6:30 Internet Safety Class for Parents – see note
TUES (10/17)	10:00 Lectio Divina 5:00 Christian Education Committee 5:30 Property Committee
WEDS (10/18)	5:00 Outreach Committee
THURS (10/19)	5:00 Bible Study 7:30 Adult Choir
SAT (10/21)	8:30 Faith Build – see note
SUN (10/22)	8:45 Informal Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Regular Worship 12:00 Sunday Brunch 2:00 New Elder Training 5:00 LTT 6:00 Youth Group 7:00 Lam Handbells

RARA Pantry Item of the month (Oct): Whole Grain Cereal

Following Time with the Children, those in Kindergarten through third grade will be excused to Enrichment. 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.

The nursery will be available from **8:30am** (for Early Worship attendees) until **12:15pm** - after the final worship service.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
15 October 2017
11:00 AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Max Reger

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to service, rather than honor.

God calls us to love the unknown, rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship, trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

God Is Calling Me
Bernadette Farrell

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 487

These Treasured Children

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, forgive us for we readily exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your Spirit, that we may serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon