

# Buchanan First Presbyterian Church

Grundy, Virginia

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

11:00 am

The Service for the Lord's Day

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**Voluntary**

Pianist Jessica Bailey

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Brad Napier

**Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Elder John Groseclose, Liturgist

*-Brent Chambers, Bert Polman*

In the presence of your people I will praise your name, for alone you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**Let us celebrate your goodness and your steadfast love; may your name be exalted here on earth and in heaven above.**

All who love you sing your praises and proclaim your power, for alone you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**You have not ignored our suffering but have heard our cry; may your name be exalted here on earth and in heaven above.**

All who seek your rule will praise you and be satisfied; for alone you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**All the people of the nations will bow down to you; may your name be exalted here on earth and in heaven above.**

Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn #65** - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**Prayer of Confession** (Responsive and Unison) *-John 1:8-9*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin before Almighty God.

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...** (silent prayers)

**Assurance of Pardon** (Responsive)

Pastor Brad Napier

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be God!**

**The Peace**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Children's Lesson:**

*"You Can't Judge a Book by It's Cover"*

Connie Bausell

**Special Music**

*"Let us Talents and Tongues Employ"* #524

Jessica Bailey, Soloist

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**The Old Testament Lesson:**

**Psalm 43:3-5**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle: I Corinthians 14:1-2 and 58**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon: “Stirring Hope”**

Pastor Brad Napier

*“Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?”*

*Psalm 43:5*

*“Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope....”*

*-The Confession of 1967, BOC, 9.54*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory

Doxology #606 - Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #649 - Amazing Grace

**Benediction and Blessing**

Pastor Brad Napier

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*“Grant O God, that amidst all the discouragements, difficulties, dangers, distress, and darkness of this mortal life I may depend upon your mercy and on this build my hopes, as on a sure foundation. Let your infinite mercy in Christ Jesus deliver me from despair, both now and at the hour of death.” AMEN.*

*-Thomas Wilson*

*Please give generously to the ministry and mission of Buchanan First*

*“Think with the mind of Christ;  
Love with the heart of Christ;  
Serve with the hands of Christ.”*

*We welcome guests and visitors to our worship service today. We hope you are blessed as we worship the Lord God together.*

**The Week Ahead:**

**Monday:** LABOR DAY. The church office will be closed.

**Tuesday:** Pastor's Day off this week.

**Wednesday:** Lydia Circle, 10:30 am.

Monthly Business Meeting of the Presbyterian Women, 11:30 am.

The Presbyterian Women will be collecting small bags of dog and cat food for the Buchanan County Humane Society for the month of September. The bags can be left in the Narthex or the Angel Room.

Holy Communion, 12:15 pm, at Vansant Presbyterian Church.

Adult Church school resumes for the Fall Quarter. The theme for the Quarter is "*God's World and God's People*". The lessons will come from the Book of Genesis. Books are available. The class will be taught at Vansant due to the construction at Buchanan First. A light supper will be served at 6 pm; the lesson begins at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy fellowship and spiritual formation.

**Thursday:** Quilting, 10:00 am

**Saturday:** Mountaintop Education event of Abingdon Presbytery at Royal Oak Presbyterian Church in Marion, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

**Sunday:** Sunday Evening Video Series on the Gospel of Mark, 5:00 pm, in Classroom 2.

**Upcoming...**

**Tuesday, September 11:** Stated Meeting of the Session

**Wednesday, September 12:** Church school at Vansant; 6:00 pm supper. The lesson will be "*God Created Plants and Animals*" from Genesis 1:14-25

**Sunday, September 16:** Video Class on the Gospel of Mark, 5:00 pm.

**Birthdays, September 2 - 8:**

**Sept. 2** - Stella Boyd;

**Sept. 6** - Chrissy Blevins; Dan and Ben Street

**For Our Prayer and Care**

Geraldine & Acie Blankenship

Waylon Cash Blankenship

Gary Boyd

Stella Boyd

Scotty & Michelle Bostic & family

Peggy Caparratto

David Cecil

Randy Cole

Charlotte Daniels

Delphine Deel

Ricky Deel

Vontilla Deel (liver cancer)

Teresa Fletcher

Ethel Hale

Jackie Helms

Jessie Hunt

Barbara Ann Keen

Mack & Kaye Keen

Kenneth King

Ellee Rose Large

Brenda Lester-Sprinkle

Betty Looney

Josephine Matney

Kyle & Sue McClanahan

Karen Mullins

Ruth Muncy

Sean Murphy

Bettie Prater

Ann Perkins

Brenda Richardson

Mattie Rasnake

Marsha Robinson

Lois Shanahna

Beth Bausell Ryan

Kate Silva

Justin Smith

Ronnie Smith

Tom Smith

Buford Stacy

Edd Talbott, Jr.

Jim Talbott

LeeAnn VanMeter

Charlie Wolford

Mike Wolford

Pastor Brad and

Kim Napier

