

Buchanan First Presbyterian Church
Grundy, Virginia

November 18, 2018

11:00 am

The Service for the Lord's Day
Stewardship Emphasis Sunday

Voluntary

Jessica Bailey, Piano

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Brad Napier, Pastor

Call to Worship (Responsive) -*Rev. Frank von Christierson*

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with you all along life's way.

O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love and give, to make our life an offering that all may truly live.

The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: A world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

Let us offer ourselves to God in worship, gratitude and thanksgiving.

***Hymn #336 - We Gather Together**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, we waste opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those we allow to overtake us. We ask your forgiveness and pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with that perfect love which casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer

And now Lord, I confess specifically.....(silent prayers)

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bearer of our sins,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,

Grant us peace.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus the Christ, God has heard our confession, and forgiven our sins.

Thanks be God! Amen!

The Peace

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Children's time

Pastor Brad

Special Music *"You Are My All in All"*

Jessica Bailey

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer *(See the church prayer list)*

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle: II Corinthians 9:6-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: "Cheerful Giving"

Pastor Brad Napier

"...for God loves a cheerful giver. And.."

The Affirmation of Faith (Unison) - *The Apostles' Creed, GtG, p. 35*

Giving has always been a mark of Christian commitment and discipleship. The ways in which a believer uses God's gifts of material goods, personal abilities, and time should reflect a faithful response to God's self-giving in Jesus Christ and Christ's call to minister to and share with others in the world. Tithing is a primary expression of the Christian discipline of stewardship. Those who follow the discipline of Christian stewardship will find themselves called to lives of simplicity, generosity, honesty, hospitality, compassion, receptivity, and concern for the earth and God's creatures. AMEN.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology #606 - Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #708 - We Give Thee but Thine Own**

Benediction and Blessing

Pastor Brad Napier

***“Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved you!
Lo, you were within, but I outside, seeking there for you, and upon the shapely
things you have made I rushed headlong, I, misshapen. You were with me,
back far from you, those things which would have no being were they not in
you. You called, shouted, broken through my deafness; you flared, blazed,
banished my blindness; you lavished your fragrance, I gasped, and now I
pant for you; I tasted you, and I hunger and thirst; you touched me, and I
burned for your peace.” AMEN.***

*- St. Augustine of Hippo, 354-430
Latin Father of the Church
Bishop of Hippo, 396-430*

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:

Wednesday: No Lydia Circle
Mid-week Holy Communion, 12:15 pm.
No Church School

Thursday: THANKSGIVING DAY.

Friday: The Church Office will be closed.

Sunday: CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Congregational Meeting during worship to hear the report of the Nominating Committee to elect officers.

After the service, all are invited to help decorate the church for Advent - Christmas. We will have pizza for lunch and then "Hang the Greens". If you can contribute to the meal after worship, we need drinks, salads, desserts, etc. After we eat, we'll have a 'sprinkle for baby Thomas Solomon Bailey', son of Josh and Jessica Bailey (this was postponed from November 11), then we'll decorate the church for the upcoming holiday season. Everyone is needed: men, women and children!

Upcoming....

Tuesday, November 27: Giving Tuesday

Sunday, December 2: The First Sunday of Advent

Dr. Phillip Westgate, from the University of Pikeville, will present a Christmas Organ Recital in our Sanctuary at 3:00 pm. Finger desserts are needed; please bring those to the concert or leave them in the kitchen that morning.

Wednesday, December 5: PW monthly business meeting at 11:30 am. ALL women of Buchanan First are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, December 16: Quarterly fellowship dinner following worship. Hostesses are Sandy Dailey and Judy Osborne, co-chairs, along with Jackie Helms, Diana Holland, Janie Owens, Sheilah Powers, Shonna Powers and Doris Lee Stiltner.

The Presbyterian Women will have their annual **Christmas Brunch and ornament exchange** in December. The date and time will be announced later. On that day, shut-in baskets will be prepared. We have 8 on the list. If you know of someone, please check with Connie Bausell to be sure they have been included.

Buchanan First will be purchasing poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary December 16 - 25. They will be \$10.00 each. Anyone wishing to purchase a poinsettia in honor of, or in memory of someone, should let Charlotte know by December 1. Please earmark your check "poinsettia".

Birthdays, November 18 - 24:

Nov. 18 - Beth Bradshaw; **Nov. 22 -** Ron Cole

For Our Prayer and Care

Beth Bevins
Geraldine & Acie Blankenship
Waylon Cash Blankenship
Bucky 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)
Isabella Fugate
Teresa Fletcher
Ethel Hale
Jackie Helms
Jessie Hunt
Barbara Ann Keen
Mack & Kaye Keen
Dewey Kiser
Ellee Rose Large
Brenda Lester-Sprinkle
Dalton Lester
Betty Looney
Josephine Matney
Kyle & Sue McClanahan

Karen Mullins
Valerie Mullins
Ruth Muncy
Sean Murphy
Dixie Napier
Bettie Prater
Ann Perkins
Mattie Rasnake
Marsha Robinsin
Lois Shanahan
Larry Shelton
Kate Silva
Justin Smith
Ronnie Smith
Tom Smith
George Stokes
Buford Stacy
Edd Talbott, Jr.
Jim Talbott
LeeAnn VanMeter
Charlie Wolford
Mike Wolford
Pastor Brad & Kim Napier

***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.”***

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