

Order of Worship
Sunday, June 15, 2025
Central Presbyterian Church
Bristol, VA

- * All who are able are asked to stand. CCLI #1230512
Please silence your cell phones.

Gathering for Worship

Chiming of the Hour
Prelude *Cantilene* Archer
Welcome and Announcements
Introit *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* Routley/Herbert

- * Call to Worship: (Responsively) from Psalm 8
Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
and blessed by God the Creator,
we come to worship one, holy God.
O God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.
**Your majesty is the music of the starry skies,
yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**
In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler
let your gratitude and joy be made known.
O God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

Opening Hymn #32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good,
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where're I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**

**There’s not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession (Unison)
**God of Justice and Love, who takes away the sins of the world,
we come seeking your mercy and forgiveness as we confess our
sins. We call you God of creation, yet we serve idols of our own
making. We confess Christ as our Savior, yet we rely on elaborate
systems for our protection. We claim the power of the Spirit
living in us, yet we seek our own counsel. Forgive our divided
lives, and help us to join in the holy dance that we may discover
new life in Christ. Have mercy on us, and make us whole. We
pray this in the name of the one who shows us your love, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen** (Silence)

- * Assurance of Pardon
...friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
- * Passing of the Peace
- * Gloria Patri Hymn #582
***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

Hearing the Word

Children’s Message
Anthem *God Be Praised* Larson

Sermon Joining the Holy Dance Rev. Ann Aichinger
Scripture John 16:12-20

- * Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Nicene Creed
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Responding to the Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done, on earth is 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.**

Call to Offering
Offertory *Litany* Schubert
* Doxology - tune is #609
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

- * Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out

- * Hymn #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*
**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

Congregational Meeting to elect elders

- * Charge and Benediction
- * Response *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Vaughn-Williams/Rankin
- * Postlude *Recessional in C* Dixon

**The flowers are placed in honor of Joy Briggs’ 90th birthday
which is June 23. Happy Birthday!**

**Members are asked to remain for a short Congregational meeting
to elect new 2026, 2027, 2028 elders.**

Elders being placed into nomination:

Class of 2026: Wes Ritchie
Class of 2028: Kelly Hamrick, Sheree’ Taylor, Mike Vollmer, Linda
Waldron, Mary Wampler

Pastoral Concerns:

- * Jane Morison’s friend has health issues;
- * Jean Thomason has ongoing health issues;
- * Cindy Hale has kidney cancer and will have surgery late June
- * Marvin Tadlock had hand surgery on Thursday.



Wes Alderman and family, Nancy Arnold, Joy & Guy Briggs, Randy Broyles, Carol Bryer, Doris Crabtree, Tyler Franklin, Dick Gordon, Bob and Becky Ingram, Mark McCord, Woody McGlothlin, Ken Moss, Vicki Myers, Jim Otis, Archer Parsons, Marvin Tadlock, Gale Thompson, Ed Updyke, Retta Vance, Glen Van Dyke, Rich Williams, and Linda Wise.

**Loving God with mind, heart, and hands
by being servants of God called
to love God and love others
by living the example of Jesus Christ,
and following the winds of the Spirit.**



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This is a reproduction of an abstract painting by Wassily Kandinsky. The composition is dominated by bold, swirling colors: a large blue area in the center, a bright red shape on the right, and a yellow arc at the top. A green shape is visible on the left. The central white area contains a blue circle. The entire piece is filled with a dense pattern of small dots and lines, creating a sense of movement and energy. The painting is framed by a thick red border.

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