



*The People of God in Worship  
November 5, 2017  
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

#### **THE GREETING**

Mr. Vic Angell

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

#### **THE CHIMES**

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

#### **THE PRELUDE**

Please consider the prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

#### **\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mr. Vic Angell

**Leader:** We have come out of our way and our daily routine to be with each other in this sacred place,

**People:** **Where we lay at the altar our fears and concerns and anxiety.**

**Leader:** We have left behind our lists of activities and chores for a common purpose:

**People:** **To draw strength from Christ like a tree joyfully planted by a stream.**

**Leader:** The table has been set.

**People:** **Let us feast together on the steadfast love and power of God.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 215**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mr. Vic Angell and The Community

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**THE FIRST READING**

Psalm 1

Mr. Vic Angell

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

John 15:1-9

Mr. Vic Angell

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**\*THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 139**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**THE GIFTS**

\*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mr. Vic Angell

Offertory

*He Leadeth Me*

Joseph Gilmore

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE THIRD READING**

Philippians 3:1-14

The Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt

Leader: A word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**

*Forgetting the Right Things*

The Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

The Community

All are invited to share the bread and the cup, waiting for all to be served.

The Bread: This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.

The Cup: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

\*THE BENEDICTION

The Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt

\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Benedictus

Craig Curry

\*THE POSTLUDE

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- \* The ushers will seat those waiting.
  - \* Those who are able will please stand.
  - \* Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

**Copies of the sermon outline and prayer list are in the narthex.**

*Rev. Donna Hopkins Britt is our pulpit guest today. She currently serves as Education Facilitator at Children's Trust in Roanoke, teaching children and adults in protecting against child abuse. Formerly the Senior Minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Roanoke, Donna earned degrees from James Madison University and the Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond. Welcome!*

*We also welcome Mr. Gary Lowe as our guest organist today.  
Thank you for being here.*

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 • Dear Peakland Family,  
 • It's during a time like this that we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us.  
 • Your many kind expressions of sympathy for Mom's passing will always be remembered. Thank  
 • you for your thoughts and prayers. With love, Cheryle Angell and family  
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Offertory Emphasis

The Middle East and Latin America are home to some of the most violent and enduring conflicts—wars and post-war tensions, ethnic violence, religious persecution, and church and family conflicts. But where some see only conflict, others see opportunity for transformation. Dan and Sharon Buttry lead *Training of Conflict Transformation Trainers* programs, equipping Christian leaders to train others for transformative action in conflict situations. Our contributions to the American Baptist Churches in the USA help fund this and many other ministries of reconciliation.

Please join me in prayer.

*We uphold the work of Dan and Sharon Buttry and all other witnesses and workers for peace. We gladly support American Baptist ministries that follow the example of the one we call the Prince of Peace. Amen.*