



First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of Waynesboro, Virginia

# The Columns - *Online.*

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The Inauguration of President James Buchanan, March 4, 1857.  
*The earliest known photograph of a presidential inauguration.*

COVID average Incidence Rate per 100,000  
*from the Virginia Dept of Health.*

Augusta County:	62
Harrisonburg	60
Staunton	105
Rockingham	72
<u>Waynesboro</u>	<u>112</u>
<b>Average/100K</b>	<b>82.2</b>

*Session will schedule in person worship when the average incidence rate reaches 10 or less. For more information about incidence rates and their significance, click this link:*

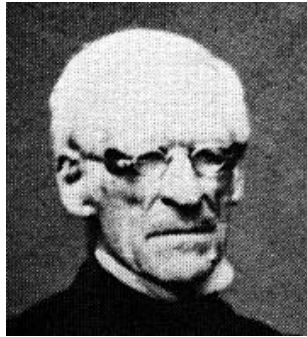
*Click here to learn more about incidence:*

**Covid  
ActNow**

## Music Notes for January 24.



TOPLADY.



HASTINGS.

This week, we sing one of the most familiar hymns in all of Christendom: *Rock of Ages*.

The text is one of over 100 poems penned by *Reverend Augustus Montague Toplady* (1740-1778). Inspiration for *Rock of Ages* came in 1763 when the preacher was caught in a storm while traveling along the gorge in the Mendip Hills in England. Toplady sought refuge in a gap in the gorge and wrote the words to the iconic hymn.

The music for the hymn was written by American *Thomas Hastings* (1784-1872), who penned over 1000 hymns during his lifetime.



"Rock of Ages" fissure, Burrington Combe, Somerset. Some historians dispute the connection to Toplady's hymn, but it still holds true in the minds of many.

**Virtual Worship.**  
*click on the pic*



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In the midst of an uncertain time, the session is working hard to discern the direction and scope of our ministry. These are challenging days for the church, but even as we are forced to curtail many of our usual activities, the work goes on - in the preschool, in the office, on the phone and across the internet.

Please return your pledge card as a reminder to yourself and a planning aid for the session; if you have not received one, give us a call! Mail your pledges and contributions to:

P.O. Box 877  
Waynesboro, VA 2298

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