

Cary Presbyterian
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Formed by Faith
Fall 2017

CPC Mission: We are **God's Family** through the **common bond of faith** in Jesus Christ. In **gratitude** for God's love and grace, and **empowered** by the Spirit, we **commit** ourselves to **grow** in God's love, to **worship** God faithfully, to **nurture** one another, to **share** the Gospel, and to **help** those in need.

Cary Presbyterian Church is putting our mission into action this fall engaging new and familiar programs, meaningful worship experiences and intergenerational service events.

This brochure includes information about opportunities for engagement this fall. More information is available at www.carypresbyterian.org.

Stay in touch with the latest news and events through our weekly e-newsletter.

Contact office@carypresbyterian.org to subscribe to our e-mail mailings.

Worship God Faithfully

(Music and Worship Opportunities)

8:30 a.m. Worship

This early morning service is an intimate worship experience that includes traditional elements of liturgies, hymns, scripture, sermon and prayers. A smaller crowd gathers for this service, which has a slightly different format from the 11:00 a.m. worship, yet contains primarily the same worship elements as the later service.

11:00 a.m. Worship

The 11:00 a.m. worship service follows the Service of the Lord's Day order of worship with the fullness of music, scripture, sermon and liturgies. Time with the Children is a special part of this service. Significant events in the life of the church are ordinarily celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. service, including Baptisms, Commissionings, Ordination and Installation of Officers, and Special Recognitions.

Communion

The Sacrament of Communion is celebrated in both services on the first Sunday of every month. Special communion worship is celebrated throughout the year, including Christmas Eve.

CPC enjoys **All Together Sundays** on the last Sunday of each month with only one service at 11:00 a.m. as a way to bring our entire congregation together for worship and fellowship.

Children in Worship

Nursery care for children under 3.5 years of age is provided during 11:00 a.m. worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Building, in the Pre-school classrooms.

Children from 3.5 to 7 years old are encouraged to attend Children and Worship beginning at 11:00 a.m. upstairs in the Education Building. Under the guidance of trained volunteer leaders, Children in Worship follows the general order of worship in the sanctuary, but on a child's level. Around 11:30, the children will be escorted to the sanctuary by ushers and teachers for Time with the Children on the chancel steps and then join their parents for the responsive elements of worship.

Children 7 years and older participate in worship in the sanctuary. Children's bulletins are available for these youngest disciples. Also, age appropriate books and activities are available in the rolling rack to the right of the main sanctuary doors.

Music in Worship

CPC offers a range of opportunities for you to make a joyful noise!

Chancel Choir, for high schoolers and adults, meets on Wednesday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is directed by Director of Music Ed Yasick. Choir members support the 8:30 and/or 11:00 a.m. services.

Some facts you may not know about the Chancel Choir:

1. High schoolers are welcome to join! Choir members range from 16 to over 80+ years old.
2. No experience is needed to be in the choir. We have members with no previous experience (other than a love of singing), to playing an instrument, to singing in high school, college, other church or community ensembles, to degrees in music.
3. People from all religious backgrounds are welcome!. CPC's choir has members with varied church histories that help make our worship experiences meaningful for all.
4. Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in preparation for the 8:30 a.m. and/or 11:00 a.m. service on Sundays, September through May. If you need to be away, just sign out that particular day.
5. Choir is a lot of fun! We enjoy singing, talking, fellowship, and food!

Youth Choir (Grades 2-5)

Youth choir meets most Sunday evenings from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Youth Choir sings in 11:00 a.m. worship at least once each month and produces at least one special musical event each year. Contact Julie Henry (Julieghenry@gmail.com) for information.

Rainbow Choir (preschool through first grade)

Rainbow Choir meets on Sunday mornings before Sunday School. Contact Ed Yasick (eyasick@carypresbyterian.org) for information.

Brass Ensemble (all ages) NEW!

Brass music is a familiar part of special holiday services. This year, emphasis will be placed on expanding the brass ensemble and increasing opportunities to play. If you play a brass instrument and would like to know more, contact Justin Dickson or Ed Yasick.

Instrumentalists (all ages)

CPC is committed to a diverse range of music. If you play an instrument and would like to share your gifts during worship, please contact Ed Yasick.

Special Worship Services

Oct 1 – World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is observed by several Christian denominations to promote Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. Its focus is the Eucharist. It was first celebrated in 1934 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the U.S. Presbyterian Church in 1936. It subsequently spread to other denominations. Later the National Council of Churches endorsed World Communion Sunday and it began to be promoted worldwide.

The Reverend Dr. Rose Cornelious, Development Director at Dorcas Ministries, will be the guest preacher for World Communion Sunday.

Nov 19 – Sunday of Generosity and Alternative Gift Fair

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

During worship on November 19 the congregation will collectively offer their gifts, tithes, offerings and pledges of resources and talents. You are invited to make your commitment to support the ongoing ministry of CPC and then stay after worship for some early Christmas shopping at an Alternative Gift Fair, sponsored by the Missions Team.

The CPC Alternative Gift Market is known as a supermarket for the poor and the planet. It does not exist to make a profit, but rather it gives away three assets: It gives joy to the shopper, global awareness and education to the recipient of a gift card, and great benefit to people living in poverty. The gifts available at the Alternative Gift Market are unique: gifts of peace and justice, gifts that are sustainable and that build security which always fit and never need to be returned. Tangible fair-trade products are also available. The Market will be open during the Sunday school hour as well.

Dec 3 – Advent Begins

Formed by Faith (Faith Formation)

Christian Faith Formation is supported by CPC Director of Christian Education Medora Hix and the Christian Faith Formation Ministry Team.

Sunday morning classes begin at 9:45 a.m. and are held in various locations throughout the church buildings. Below is a brief overview.

You can find a complete listing of Sunday School classes, curriculum and locations on our website in the Learn section.

Sunday School for Children and Youth

Experienced and loving teachers care for Toddlers/Twos and Preschoolers in the lower level of the Education Building with age-appropriate curriculum and activities.

Elementary age children in grades 1-5 meet upstairs in the Education Building for Faith Journey. In this creative model, the same Bible story or concept is taught in workshops over five weeks. Each Sunday, the groups of children rotate to a new workshop; each group is supported by a consistent team of shepherds.

Older youth meet downstairs in the main building.

Middle schoolers (grades 6-8) meet in the middle school room (Rm 103). This year, the curriculum is a survey course on the Bible to prepare for confirmation.

Confirmation: designed for 8th grade and held during the Sunday school hour in Room 106

The youth choosing to be confirmed join the church in May. Mentors, spiritual practices and three-day long retreats round out this transforming course.

Senior Highs (grades 9-12) meet in the high school room (Rm 105). This class features personal interaction as well as Feasting on the Word, a lectionary based Bible study that unites living and faith.

Adult Christian Faith Formation

The scope of Adult Christian Faith Formation, concentrated during the Sunday School hour, is very broad because we see faith as relevant to every area of our lives. CPC seeks to provide biblical, theological, and historical context for both new and old insights to be examined by presentation and open discussion. Subject matter is biblically oriented, while also including diverse topics and ways of looking at faith. There are courses offering help and hope for spiritual growth and courses exploring the implications of our faith.

This fall, there are three continuing classes and two new adult classes being formed on Sunday mornings:

Adult I Bible Study (Parlor)

Covenants with God, September - June

This popular adult curriculum, based on the Uniform Series, enables Christians across the globe to study the same Scriptures and topics on the same Sundays throughout the year.

Bible and Beyond (Room 109):

"This Changed Everything - The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation" (a DVD documentary), September 10 - November

Celebrates the fruits of the Reformation while exploring difficult questions about the cost of division: Could schism have been avoided? Is there hope for reunification? What did Jesus really mean when He prayed for His followers to be "one?"

The Rise and Fall of the Bible, November through January

In this exploration, critically acclaimed author and professor Timothy Beal takes us back to early Christianity to ask how a box of handwritten scrolls became the Bible, and forward to see how the multibillion-dollar business that brought us Biblezines and Manga Bibles is selling down the Bible's sacred capital. Showing how a single official text was created from the proliferation of different scripts, Beal traces its path as it became embraced as the word of God and Book of books.

Young Families Class (Room 102):

A class focused on parents with young children, September through December

This ever-changing, fresh, relationship-oriented class focuses on being young Christian families. Potential topics include helping your child to pray, the latest denominational statement on racism, and everything in between. Many in this class help teach Sunday school and otherwise serve the church, so come as often as you can but know that it's okay to come and go.

Faith TODAY (Room 100): All Year

Responding to the need for flexibility in attendance and topic, the class will be different each week. This allows drop-in attendance and permits regular learners to engage with a variety of current subjects. Embedded will be topics of special interest to prospective or new members, and those who want to revisit learning about particular Presbyterian perspectives and practices or about Cary Presbyterian Church. Individual sessions will be publicized regularly. A few titles include:

Half Truths: God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle, Mindfulness, and More Than Enough: Living Abundantly in a Culture of Excess.

Connections Class(es): (Fellowship Hall, other customized spaces)

New this year, several Connection Classes may be formed as participation warrants. Created in response to those who desire to have a more relationship-based learning experience, the format is an adaptation of a Share, Word, Care model. Small groups meet weekly to check in with one another, share and discuss a reading, and then pray together. Contact Medora Hix by telephone (919-819-5360 cell) or by email, medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org if you would like more information.

Online Christian Faith Formation

Recognizing that some adults simply can't get to Sunday School or special studies and that some prefer to learn at their own pace, Cary Presbyterian has a faith formation website called Faith Formation 24-7, with websites for prayer, Bible study, and other support. There also is a page for adult learning, a page for parents, for teens and for children. Here is a link:

<http://carypresbyterianfaithformation24-7.weebly.com/>

Nurtured in Faith (Congregational Fellowship)

Ministries with Youth and Families

Tiffany Warren, director of Youth and Families Ministry, works with our dedicated and energetic youth advisors to plan and oversee youth programs. Youth groups and advisors are:

- Christian Adventurers - 3rd -5th graders (meet once/month) - Leah Burton and David Bohm
- Middle School (meet once/week) - Todd Crouse, Tim Farless, Holly Boswell and Jason Riffle
- High School (meet once/week) - Summer Bohm and Shane Pierce

An exciting lineup of events is planned for fall. A few upcoming dates to save:

- Oct 22 - Crop Walk
- Nov 4 - MS & HS Lock in after "Be the Hands" workday
- Dec 10 - CA & MS Christmas Caroling

In addition, the popular programs for high schoolers, Bridge to Life and Stressbusters, will continue this year. More information will be coming via the Youth and Families newsletter and in the E-Link. If you do not already get the Y&F newsletter, but would like to, please contact the church office (office@carypresbyterian.org).

Sept 22 and 23 "Bonding at Bond Park"

In lieu of the annual spring CPC Family retreat, CPC is offering a Friday-Saturday "staycation" retreat!

- Friday night potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday activities from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Cary's Bond Park include getting-to-know-you activities, team games, free time, faith reflection, food and devotions
- Lunch, dinner and 2 snacks provided on Saturday
- Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child
- More information to come!

Wednesday, Oct. 25 – Share the Gift of Life

CPC's annual fall blood drive is coming. Look for the red balloons and sign-up sheets outside the Fellowship Hall soon. Contact Sally Adams with questions.

Saturday, Nov. 4 - Be The Hands! – A Day of Mission Work and Fellowship

All ages are invited to participate in a day of mission work and fellowship. This event combines our former Deacon Work Day and Summer Mission Experience into one and takes them to a whole new church-wide level. Some details:

- Brief worship service and continental breakfast at 9 a.m.
- Variety of community service projects, large and small, throughout the day
- Dinner and fellowship back at CPC from 5-7 p.m.
- Family, friends, and neighbors of all ages welcome for an hour or the whole day!
- Sign-ups and more details coming in October
- Questions? Contact Todd Crouse at crousetrc@gmail.com



November 10-11 – Not So Silent Adult Retreat Sponsored by The Spiritual Practice Team of CPC

Cedar Cross Retreat Center, Louisburg, NC

Look for more information to come in the weekly e-newsletter and the bulletin.

Thursday, Nov 16 – Social Justice Ministry Event

Moffett Churn, honorably retired minister of the New Hope Presbytery who now serves as interim associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church Raleigh, will be speaking on Thursday night, November 16th on human trafficking. Moffett has been involved with the implications of human trafficking since the inception of this ministry. The community is invited.

Growing in Faith (Missions and Outreach)

Fair Trade Products

CPC proudly serves and sells Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and olive oil through the Presbyterian Coffee Project. Churches can now reach out to our neighbors overseas not only with the prayers and offerings we give, but with the goods and services we purchase. Buying fair trade through the Presbyterian Coffee Project ensures that more of the money we spend on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who actually grow it. Coffee is available for sale near the Fellowship Hall on All Together Sundays (the last Sunday of each month). All proceeds support Esperanza, Cary Presbyterian's unique international work in Guatemala.

Ties That Bind

Cary Presbyterian invites CPC members and friends to share their stories through a ministry called Ties That Bind (TTB). Patterned after National Public Radio's popular StoryCorps, church members have the opportunity to share stories of relationship with God and with one another by participating in a 30 to 40 minute audio-only recorded conversation. The **Ties That Bind** audio recording ministry offers the opportunity to record the stories of our lives as a means of honoring one another and God while also preserving our history and the human voice.

My story is important not because it is mine, God knows, but because if I tell it anything like right, the chances are you will recognize that in many ways it is also yours... it is precisely through these stories in all their particularity...that God makes himself known to each of us more powerfully and personally.

Donations for Dorcas

You are invited to bring non-perishable food items any Sunday to stock the food pantry at Dorcas Ministries. Bin is available in the Narthex.

Gather in...Faith, Compassion and Abundance

This is the focus offered this year by the Generosity Team. Watch for the new logo and the ways we will respond with our resources for the ministries of CPC.

Mark these dates on your calendar!

Additional information and events will be posted to the CPC website and announced in the weekly E-Link newsletter as they are scheduled.

September 10 – Youth Groups Kickoff

September 13 – Dinner meeting for interested church musicians and adult choir members - Fellowship Hall

September 23 – Bonding at Bond Staycation

September 24 – Congregational Meeting and Election of New Church Officers

October 1 – World Communion Sunday

October 22 – CROP Walk; Advent Planning following worship

October 24-31 – Guatemala Mission Trip

October 25 – CPC Blood Drive

November 4 – Be The Hands!: A Day of Service and Mission

November 10-11 – Not So Silent Retreat

November 16 – Social Justice Ministry Program on Human Trafficking

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