



**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMUNION
11:00 AM JANUARY 7, 2018**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Like a River Glorious

Walters

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the Welcome Book and pass it to your neighbor.)

Introit

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 29)

(* Please stand as you are able.)

One: We come, in response to God's voice calling us to share in revering the Holy One.

**All: We greet you, God of holiness and mystery;
Creator of all life and wondrous beauty.**

One: We come, in response to God's voice calling us to honor the name of Lord God.

**All: We greet you, God of wisdom and truth;
God, the Quiet Center of all life and hope.**

One: We come, in response to God's voice calling us to celebrate with joy the glories of our God;
whose majestic voice thunders through all of creation.

**All: We greet you, God of holiness and mystery;
Creator of all life and wondrous beauty.**

***Hymn**

Come, Worship God

No. 386

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, but we confess that we prefer our old lives; we let nostalgia prevent us from trusting you to accept newness, we cling to destructive habits, we nurture grudges, and we are reluctant to welcome or forgive one another. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us and move among us so that we might live together with grace.

Silent Confession

***Hymn** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (v. 1) No. 475

***Come, thou fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!***

***Declaration of Pardon**

***Response** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (v. 3) No. 475

***O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.***

***Sharing the Peace**

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

All: and also with you.

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 1:1-8* OT, p. 1

Gospel Reading *Mark 1:4-11* NT, pp. 34, 35

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

One: Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your baptism?

All: I do.

One: Do you recognize the call of God to be God's people always?

All: I do.

One: Do you embrace the way of Jesus in faith and ministry?

All: I do.

One: Do you accept the nurture of the Holy Spirit who renews your spirit each day?

All: I do.

One: Do you accept and embrace others who seek a liberating faith in God?

All: I do.

One: In renewing your baptismal vows, remember your baptism as a mark of acceptance and welcome into the care of Christ's church where you may begin again your Christian faith and life.

All: O God, we rejoice in your grace, given and received. We thank you that you claim us, that you wash us, strengthen us, and guide us, that you empower us to live a life worthy of our calling. In the ways of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world. Establish us to be places of refreshment. Root us and nurture us in love, with all your people, that we may rightly and justly serve you. Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.

Time with Our Children

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Speak, O Lord
Sister Act Ensemble

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*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.*

*Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.*

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

(Please write any Joys and Concerns in the Narthex Prayer Book)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.
All your works, the height and the depth,
echo the music of your praise.
In the beginning your Word summoned light,
night withdrew, and creation dawned.
As ages passed unseen, waters gathered
on the face of the earth and life appeared.
When the times at last had ripened
and the earth grown full in abundance,
you created in your image man and woman,
stewards of all creation.
You gave us breath and speech,
that all the living might find a voice
to sing your praise,
and to celebrate the creation you call good.
With all the powers of heaven and earth,
we proclaim the ageless hymn of your glory:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands
and the abundance of your goodness.
When sin had scarred the world,
you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
As a father joyfully welcomes his own,
you embraced a people as your own

Through countless generations
your people hungered for the bread of freedom.
From them you raised up Jesus, full of grace and truth,
the living bread, in whom hunger is satisfied.
Baptized into ministry he healed the sick,
though he himself would suffer;
He offered life to sinners, though death would find him.
With a love stronger than death, he opened wide his
arms and surrendered his spirit.
But death could not bind him, as you raised him up
and exalted him Lord of creation.

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over
us and over these earthly gifts of bread and grape,
that they may be the communion of the body and
blood of Christ, that we may be one in him.
Trusting in your promise to be with us always let us be
ever watchful in prayer,
strong in truth and love,
faithful in the breaking of bread.
Then, at last, all peoples will be free,
all divisions healed,
and with your whole creation,
we will declare your praise,
through Christ, who taught us to pray...

**All: 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 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.**

Words of Institution

Keeping the Feast

Communion will be received in the pews.

Take and hold the bread; then as one body all will eat together.

Take and hold a cup; then all will drink together, in one Spirit.

*Prayer after Communion

*Hymn *God of Our Life (vv. 1 & 2)* No. 686

*Benediction

*Response *God of Our Life (v. 3)* No. 686

God of the coming years,

through paths unknown we follow thee.

When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.

Our refuge be.

Be thou for us in life our daily bread,

Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

*Postlude *Come Christians Join to Sing* Trad. Spanish Melody

After worship, the Officer of the Day will be available
at the Chancel steps to answer any questions
for visitors and CPC members.

Today's Officer of the Day (11:00): Peggy Viser

Today's Service Participants (11:00)

Minister: Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Special Music: Sister Act Ensemble

Piano: Nancy Neubauer

Acolyte: Natalie Hancock

Lay Reader: Alice Williams

Bus Driver: Ellen Govert

Sound: Jason Troiano

Counters: Alger Faber and Rowena Morrison



*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
by Jim Kurz to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Ann Kurz for her birthday.*

Announcements and Opportunities

Faith Formation

Sunday School (9:45-10:45 a.m. weekly for all ages) is back this week with new units, lessons, sessions, and more.

Faith Journey, for elementary kids, will be studying The Exodus, and the preschool class will be learning stories of Jesus' ministry. Middle and High School classes continue their relational Bible studies.

For Adults:

Bible and Beyond (Library) begins a new study entitled *The Call, with Adam Hamilton*. This is the story of the Apostle Paul, whose writings shape our New Testament and who is the person second only to Jesus in his influence on the Christian faith. The aim of the study is not simply to teach about Paul, but to help Christians today deepen their faith and answer God's call upon their lives.

Faith TODAY (Room 100, downstairs) on **Jan. 7** has Rev. Mitzi Leshner-Thomas leading a discussion of the New Year: *What Now?* The plainness of January after the excess of Christmas, the intentionality of planning for the "most wonderful time of the year" followed by the clean-up, literally and figuratively, and the cultural expectations of making resolutions provide fodder for a discussion about *What Now?* Come and consider a way to have meaning through this time.

Jan. 14: Medora Hix presents *To Whom Does Christianity Belong?*, a look at issues in World Christianity - whatever that means!

Jan. 21: *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves* -or not, by Adam Hamilton, presented by Jerry Slaymaker.

Jan. 28: Sheri Mitten leads a second discussion-no previous attendance necessary-on *More Than Enough: Living Abundantly in a Culture of Excess*.

Adult I Bible Study (Parlor) takes a deep look at *A Living Faith from God*, from the book of Daniel in the month of January.

Young Families (Room 102) is disbanding but on Jan. 7 we will have an evaluation and planning meeting about the learning needs of younger parents, and the continuing interest in faith formation by those who have been in the class previously. You are welcome to contribute to the discussion or to find out what might be next, whether you are new or a former participant.

Also, ask Medora Hix about Connections Classes.

The Christian Faith Formation Team (formerly known as Christian Education) will hold its annual planning meeting on Saturday, January 27 at 9:30 a.m. (not on January 8 as listed in this week's E-link calendar).

We are looking for additional team members for the year—especially men! Please talk to Medora Hix to find out more about our work, and join us!

The Page Turners will meet Monday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. We will discuss the book *A Gentleman In Moscow* by Amor Towles. New members are always welcome! Questions, contact Colleen Hann at colleenhann@nc.rr.com or Lisa Ward at lpward58@gmail.com.

Triple F Group will meet at IHOP on Kildaire Farm Road for brunch at 9:30 a.m. on January 22 and February 19, 2018. The group enjoyed lots of good Food, Fun, and Fellowship at the Christmas Luncheon, December 6 at Embassy Suites. Sixteen people attended, including three from the office. Regular meetings will resume in March. We hope to visit the Duke Lemur Center in the spring. This nondenominational group is open to all retired folks. Come join us!



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Fair Trade Coffee

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Congregational Fellowship
Youth Groups
Presbyterian Women
Presbyterian Men
Triple F
Scouting
Connections
Book Groups
Softball Teams
Ties that Bind



2018 Offering Envelopes Available

2018 offering envelopes are available for pickup in the Narthex this Sunday and for the first few Sundays in 2018. If you would like envelopes and do not see your name on a box, please send your request to barbara.carew@carypresbyterian.org or call the church office at 919-467-8700.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 7	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Worship Service and Communion Sunday School Worship Service and Communion SH Youth Group (SH Room) TBD MS Youth Group (meet at Jumpstreet) Note time/location change
Monday, January 8	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Abigail Circle (P) Staff Meeting (Office) Deacons Meeting (100) Childcare Administrative Board (102) Congregational Fellowship Team (P) Music and Worship Team (L)
Tuesday, January 9	10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Book Group Mary and Martha Circle (Off-campus) Boy Scouts Troop 232 (Rms. 101, 103, 105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L) Miriam Circle (P)
Wednesday, January 10	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Ruth Circle (102) Coping Creatively with Cancer (Off-campus) YAF Meeting Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, January 11	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Health Ministry Team (209) Missions Team (L) Bob Hall Group (100)
Friday, January 12	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, January 13	9:00 a.m.	Lily Pad Project (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, January 14	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School Worship Service MS Youth Group (MS Room) MLK themed films and discussion SH Youth Group (SH Room) Stressbusters (Dealing with Emotions – Comedy Night)