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Forever God is Faithful by Rebecca Middleton

WORSHIP SERVICE

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Lord, I believe my life is touched by you, that you want something for me, and of me.
Give me ears to hear you, eyes to see the tracing of your finger,
and a heart quickened by the motions of your Spirit.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Prelude in F Major

Bernards

Welcome

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

Introit

Santo! Santo! Santo!
Youth Choir

Moore

*Call to Worship

One: Celebrate the Lord our God!

All: Bow down at the feet of sheer grace.

One: Lift up your hearts and voices,

All: sing your loftiest songs to God.

One: Worship the Lord in the highest places,

All: for the One we love is utter Holiness!

*Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

No. 403

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

One: Gracious and loving God, you have laid out your intentions for us, your beloved community. You call us to bear one another's burdens, sharing our gifts and treasure with one another.

All: Forgive us when we hoard what we have; forgive us when we cling to our possessions and call them "ours." Help us to be signs of your grace for one another. When we cling to our belongings as our security, give us hearts ready to share. When our life together feels mundane, renew our excitement at serving one another. Helps us to marvel in the power of the Spirit, which makes our transformation possible. We know we can be changed, O God, through Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession

* **Response** *Hear My Prayer, O God (v. 1)* No. 782

***Hear my prayer, O God, and listen to my plea;
faithful, righteous One, give ear and answer me.
Judge me not, I pray; no merit dare I claim;
knowing my own faults, I trust in your just Name.***

* **Assurance of God's Grace**

* **Response of Praise** *Hear My Prayer, O God (v. 4)* No. 782

***Keep me safe, O God, and help me learn your will;
let your Spirit lead through level pathways still.
For your great Name's sake, my griefs and fears dispel;
free me from my foes, that I may serve you well.***

* **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 Exodus 33:12-23 OT, p. 80

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-22 NT, p. 24, 25

Sermon *Partiality* Lori Pistor

***Affirmation of Faith**

from 'Our World Belongs to God: A Contemporary Testimony'

**Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,
who renews our hearts,
moves us to faith,
leads us in the truth,
stands by us in our need,
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.
The Spirit's gifts are here to stay
in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs.
We thankfully see each other
as gifted members of the fellowship
which delights in the creative Spirit's work.
The Spirit gives more than enough to each believer
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.**

***Hymn**

Give Thanks, O Christian People

No. 644

Time with Our Children

Gather in... Faith, Compassion, and Abundance

Commissioning the Guatemala Mission Trip Members

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Affirmations of Faithfulness

Martin

Chancel Choir

*God has been faithful to lead us to this place.
God has been faithful, sustained us by his grace.
Will we take the challenge and make a sacred vow?
God has been faithful. Will we be faithful now?*

*God has been faithful to lead us to this hour.
God has been faithful, sustained us by his power.
Will we take the challenge and make a sacred vow?
God has been faithful. Will we be faithful now?*

*God has been faithful to lead us from above.
God has been faithful with his unfailing love.
God has been faithful. Will we respond and dedicate our all?
Will we be faithful to his call?*

*God has been faithful to lead us to this place.
God has been faithful, sustained us by his grace.
Will we take the challenge and make a sacred vow?
God has been faithful. We will be faithful to God.
We will be faithful now!*

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

***Prayer of Dedication**

***God, you have given us all things, and we thank
you for your abundant gifts. You know what we
need, and you provide for us in due season.
Help us use what we have for good, and not for
harm. Help us give out of your abundance,
and not out of our sense of scarcity, that we
may show forth the glory of your name, Amen.***

Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

***Hymn** *We Lift Our Voices* No. 710

***Charge and Benediction**

One: And let all God's people joyfully say:

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Response *Amen* No. 568

***Postlude** *Dialogue in G Major* Couperin

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: TBD

Today's Service Participants

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

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Youth Choir Director: Julie Henry

Choirs: Chancel Choir, Youth Choir

Acolyte: Bennett Keith

Lay Reader: Brandon Keith

Bus Driver: Allan Cain

Sound: John Campbell

Counters: Camille Lambe and Louis Lambe

Announcements and Opportunities

(Please check your E-Link newsletter in your email
or the PDF of E-Link on the CPC website for full

Advent Expectations: imagining and creating Advent/Christmas worship, today following 11:00 a.m. worship. Join the Music and Worship Team in the Fellowship Hall.

CPC Blood Drive: This Wednesday, October 25 is our Blood Drive. Paper sign-ups and SignUpGenius are active. Mobile sign-up at [RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) that day.

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is October 29! Be sure to attend any class, any age, that day for interesting learning experiences. Newcomers in all classes are always welcome.

All Saints Worship and Communion, November 5. Remembering those who have entered the Church Triumphant. Rev. Mitzi Leshner-Thomas will be preaching.

The Cool Books Club will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Giesbrecht. The book for this month is [Truth Speaks to Power: The Countercultural Nature of Scripture](#) by Walter Bruggemann.

Not-So-Silent-Retreat: Friday November 10 - Saturday November 11 at Cedar Cross Retreat Center near Louisburg. The retreat will be from Friday at 4 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Lodging and meals cost is \$85. Contact Jeanne Bolick (jlbolick@att.net) or Diane Garber (dianegarber@icloud.com) for more information or to register.

The Social Justice Ministry at Cary Presbyterian Church invites you to a presentation about human trafficking on Thursday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. Moffett Churn, Interim Associate Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh and a founder of the New Hope Presbytery Human Trafficking Roundtable, will speak about this phenomenon from a moral and faith-informed perspective.

Hurricane Matthew Relief Trip: November 18. Leaving CPC at 7:00 a.m. and returning around dinnertime. Contact Sally Goettel at sgoettel@nc.rr.com.

Guatemala Esperanza Mission Team Members commissioned today at the 11:00 a.m. worship service:

*Isabel Bradsher, Sherry Bradsher, Barbara Harvey,
Medora Hix, Josetta and Gerry McLaughlin, and Carol Payne*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Adult Sunday School classes: Look for new signs at the two main entrances that will outline that Sunday's topics in adult education - Then make the decision to attend one of the classes!

Faith TODAY Adult Sunday School class notes—Next Week

Oct 29: The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation; led by Confirmation Class!
Come and enjoy their presentation and interaction with you.

Oct. 29: Reformation Sunday all classes will feature a Reformation emphasis.

Connection Classes

Connection Classes are now being launched. Contact Director of Christian Education, Medora Hix, by telephone (919-819-5360 cell) or by email, medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org for more information or to be a part of this.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Sunday, October 22	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 2:15 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School/All Ages Worship Service Advent Planning (Fellowship Hall) MS Youth Group: Corn Maze HS Youth Group: NC State Fair
Monday, October 23	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting (FH) Page Turners Book Club (P)
Tuesday, October 24	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Preschool Conference T/TH3 (106) Connections Book Group (P) Officer Orientation (102) Boy Scout Troop 232 (101, 103, 105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (Al-Anon) (Library)
Wednesday, October 25	10:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (P) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, October 26	No activities scheduled	
Friday, October 27	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, October 28	No activities scheduled	
Sunday, October 29 Reformation Sunday	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Sunday School/All Ages All Together Worship Service SH Youth Group: Corn Maze MS Youth Group: Fall Festival (103)

Reformation Sunday, October 29!

Emmie Brown will be preaching; CPC Brass Ensemble playing.



*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
by Cathy Williams to the glory of God
and in honor of grandchildren.*



Be The Hands!

A Day of Mission and Fellowship,
Saturday, November 4

Spreading Christ's love throughout our
community...together!

Sponsored by the Deacons and Mission Team,
this will be a day of work, fun and fellowship for all
ages!

Here's how you, your family, your neighbors and
friends can take part:

Donate by taking a leaf from the Donation Tree
located in the Narthex (shown below) and buy or
collect items to package for helping agencies in our

community and beyond. Needs include personal care and hygiene items, hurricane relief supplies,
non-perishable snacks, school supplies, and more.

Participate in one of more than 10 separate Be The Hands projects throughout the community
including yardwork, meal preparation, friendly visits to area senior-living centers, car inspections, food
collections, painting, kit assembly, card writing and more.

Pray with us at the Be The Hands day kickoff with a 9:00 a.m.
continental breakfast and Service of Blessing. Come and join
hands together as we ask for God's strength and guidance for
the day ahead.

Fellowship if you're able to work a lot, a little or not at all.
Join your church family and friends for a free THANK YOU dinner
that evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the CPC Fellowship
Hall.

Sign up NOW to Be The Hands. Sign-up sheets are posted
in the Narthex or sign up online at
<https://tinyurl.com/y8u9c2a8>

For more information, please contact Todd Crouse
(crousetrc@gmail.com)



Be The Hands Fellowship Dinner

All are invited to the Saturday, November 4 Fellowship dinner,
from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., even if you're unable
to participate in the day's early activities.

If you plan to come, RSVP to SignUpGenius at
<https://tinyurl.com/yd2lk5nr>.

We look forward to seeing you there!