

# *Gather in...*



## *Generosity Sunday Worship Service*

**11:00 AM NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Gathering Chime

**Prelude**

*Andante*

Mendelssohn

## Welcome

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

**Introit**

*O Worship the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Moore

## \*Call to Worship

(\* *Please stand as you are able.*)

One: God of creation and all beginnings!  
We gather this day grateful for the gift of faith;

**All: Breathe your spirit within us,  
and gift us with voices to name you.**

One: God of resurrection and new life!  
We bring the hope of yearning hearts,  
grateful that you have named us as Your own;

**All: Breathe your spirit through us,  
and gift us with hearts that honor you.**

One: God of sustenance, in all our goings and comings!  
We yearn to taste the artistry of Your love,  
which anoints us with light and shadow;

**All: Breathe your spirit upon us,  
and gift us with the beauty of your name!**

**\*Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

No. 401

## \*Call to Confession

## \*Prayer of Confession

**We come before You, O Holy One, just as we are:  
sometimes filled with great hope and faithful  
dreams; often stumbling with uncertainties  
and doubt; always aware of the suffering that  
inflicts our community and our world,  
and torn by the grief that troubles our peace.**

**Too often we are complicit in causing grief and pain. Sometimes we can name our fault. Sometimes we try to deny what we have done and not done. Forgive us, O God.**

*Silent Confession*

**\* Response**

*Softly and Tenderly (v.2)*

No. 418

***Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?***

***Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?***

***"Come home, come home! You who are weary come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"***

**\*Words of Assurance**

One: Gather us into the heart of Your presence  
with a mother's strong care;  
welcome us home with a father's tender embrace;

**All: Call us once again into the joy of your presence,  
given over to the abundance of your mercy  
and grace. Amen.**

**\* Response**

*Softly and Tenderly (v.3)*

No. 418

***O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!***

***Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.***

***"Come home, come home! You who are weary come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"***

**\*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 1:26-31                      OT, pp. 1, 2

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**                      Matthew 25:31-46                      NT, p. 29

**Sermon**                                      *Then They Will Answer*                      Lori Pistor

**\*Hymn**                                      *God is Calling through the Whisper*                      No. 410

## Time with Our Children

### Prayers of Joy and Concern

*Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

### Gather in... Faith, Compassion, and Abundance

A Litany of Inviting Each Other

One: We are created in the image of God

**All: The generous God who has given us life  
and all that sustains and enriches it.**

One: In baptism, God claims us.

**All: God claims us to be disciples of Jesus  
who have compassion for all,  
who work for justice and peace,  
who reach the lonely, sick and troubled,  
who feed the hungry.**

One: Each time we gather at the Lord's Table

**All: we are called anew to be a community  
of God's people, engaged in God's mission.**

One: Therefore, disciples, will you each give as you need  
to give and as others need to be helped?

**All: We not only give these gifts;  
we invite each other to be giving disciples,  
living into God's abundance.**

**\*Bringing of Commitments, Prayers, Offerings,  
Talent and Time and Gifts.**

*After the Elders and Deacons and their families have come  
Forward, all are invited to bring your gifts forward.*

**Offertory Anthem**

*Bring to God the Harvest*  
Chancel Choir

Poorman

*Bring to God the harvest as you kneel before him.  
Blessed is the time of thanksgiving and praise.  
Bring to God a heart filled with dedication  
and the will to serve him all your days.*

*Bring God the talent you have been given  
and bring it to him as your life does unfold.  
Then sow the best seed you find deep within you;  
it will give more than you can hold.*

*All the world is one big field where we toil in different ways.  
And the harvest that we yield we will give with grateful praise.  
Joyful hearts will overflow and his goodness we will see.  
As we toil and as we grow, blessings come abundantly.*

*Bring to God the harvest as you kneel before him.  
Blessed is the time of thanksgiving and praise.  
Bring to God a heart filled with dedication  
and the will to serve him all your days.  
Bring to God the harvest, bring to God the talent.  
Bring to God your heart, your life, your all!*

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 608

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





*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given  
by Jim and Barbara Turner to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of his mother,  
Dorothy Turner McGuire and his brother, Bill Turner.*

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): Wendy Czika

### Today's Service Participants (11:00)

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

**Director of Music:** Ed Yasick

**Choir:** Chancel Choir

**Acolyte:** Lily Czika

**Lay Reader:** Lynn Voss

**Bus Driver:** Wayne Honeycutt

**Sound:** Joey Bartholomew

**Counters:** Sandy Ogle and Jane Dunbar

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Adult Sunday School classes: Look for new signs at the two  
main entrances that will outline each 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, Nov 26:**

Sunday School is in recess. Come to worship! Classes resume December 3.

#### **Connection Classes**

Connection Classes are now underway, more can be formed. Contact  
Director of Christian Education, Medora Hix by telephone (919-819-5360,  
cell) or by email at [medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org)  
for more information or to be a part of this.

**The CPC Church Office will be closed  
Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 24.  
Have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday!**

# Announcements and Opportunities

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

**The Fair Trade team is offering Christmas gift sets and other gift items again, this year. We will have them at the Alternative Gift Market today!**

Items range from \$2.00 to \$30.00. We hope to see you there!

Other dates Fair Trade items will be available:

November 26 (Thanksgiving weekend): Our Regular Fair Trade Sunday

December 3: Between services. Last day to order Christmas items.

December 10: Between services.

December 17: Between services. Last day to pick up an order.

**The Triple F Christmas Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 5,**  
at 11:00 a.m. at Embassy Suites, Cary.

**Presbyterian Women's Annual Christmas Dinner is Tuesday,**

**December 5,** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

All women of the church are invited to attend. We will enjoy a potluck dinner. (Please bring a side-dish to share.) After dinner we will wrap gifts for graduate families of The Caring Place. Other CPC members can help the graduate Cary Place families by donating gift cards for food or gas. You may put the gift cards in the envelope marked "Gift Cards" in the PW slot in the office.

**Esperanza Guatemala News:** Discover the many wonderful things that happened during our recent trip, from the scholarship ceremony, to a new water system coming to the town, to our dinner! We want to share all this, so an informal session will be held following worship, December 10. A light lunch of beans and rice (bring your favorite toppings!) will be served. During the service, you will hear the sermon and children's time offered in Nimasac.

**Meals on Wheels Volunteer Driver Needed:** Make a difference in senior or disabled peoples' lives. Deliver complete and balanced hot meals once a month (the first Thursday). Pick-up is around 10:45 a.m., the route takes about 60 to 90 minutes. Enjoy friendly smiles and stories as you make your rounds. For more information or to sign up, please contact volunteer driver coordinator Jennifer Lawyer at [jrlawyer@gmail.com](mailto:jrlawyer@gmail.com) or (919) 462-8447.

## Youth Groups, Sunday, Nov. 19

### 6:00 p.m. - Christian Adventurers: Apple Pie Making

The CAs will be making apple pies to give to all the staff at Cary Presbyterian Church.

This is a fun service project and a joy for our dedicated staff to receive homemade pies from the youngest of our youth group members. **Dinner will be served, please bring \$3.**

### 6:00 p.m. - Middle School: Pre-Thanksgiving

It's time for Thanksgiving - MS Youth Style!

Join your advisors and friends for a variety of Turkey-Day activities you absolutely won't want to miss!

We'll be carving the Thanksgiving Pizzas beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Please remember to bring \$3 for dinner.**

### 5:15 p.m. - High School: Bridge to Life

We're excited for another session this Sunday with Madison and Jake for **BridgetoLife!**

A reminder: we'll meet at CPC and travel together on the CPC bus to West Raleigh Presbyterian Church for a fun evening of games, activities and discussions. This program provides an opportunity for mentorship and teaches ways to stay engaged with a faith community after high school youth group.

**\*\*\* Meet the bus at 5:15 pm at CPC.**

**The bus will leave CPC promptly at 5:30 p.m., returning at 8:00 p.m.\*\*\***

**Please remember to bring \$3 for dinner.**





### **Church Staff**

The Rev. Lori Pistor, Interim Pastor  
The Rev. Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor  
Medora B. Hix, Director of Christian Education  
Angie H. Keith, Director of Preschool  
Edward T. Yasick, Director of Music  
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### **CPC Elders**

***Class of 2017***  
Al Hardie  
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Brandon Keith  
Boyce Oglesby  
Conniesue Oldham  
Kecia Simmons  
Tom Van Scoyoc

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Jeff Clark  
Wendy Czika  
Scott Patrick  
Jerry Slaymaker  
Cathy Williams

***Class of 2019***  
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Julie Henry  
Scott Peoples  
Peggy Viser

### **CPC Deacons**

***Class of 2017***  
Todd Crouse  
Teresa Amentt Jennings  
Kim Riffle  
Janet Robinette  
Tom Stuart

***Class of 2018***  
Anne Margaret Bartholomew  
Hal Drumheller  
Peg Giesbrecht  
Kevin Steidinger

## THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<b>Sunday, November 19</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. <b>11:00 a.m.</b> 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Worship Service/Dedication Sunday</b> Sunday School/All Ages Alternative Gift Market (Fellowship Hall) <b>Worship Service/Dedication Sunday</b> Alternative Gift Market (Fellowship Hall) Youth Coordinator Search Team (Lori's office) SH Youth Group: Bridge to Love MS Youth Group: Thanksgiving (MS Room) CA Youth Group: Pie Making (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Monday, November 20</b>	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Preschool Thanksgiving Feast (FH) Personnel and Administration (209)
<b>Tuesday, November 21</b>	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Book Group (P) Boy Scout Troop 232 (101, 103, 105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (AI-Anon) (Library)
<b>Wednesday, November 22</b>	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Coping Creatively with Cancer (L) No Choir Rehearsal this week
<b>Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day</b>	No Activities Scheduled	Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed
<b>Friday, November 24</b>	No Activities Scheduled	Office Closed
<b>Saturday, November 25</b>	No Activities Scheduled	
<b>Sunday, November 26</b>	9:45 a.m. <b>11:00 a.m.</b> 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	No Sunday School this week <b>All Together Worship Service</b> No SH Youth Group this week No MS Youth Group this week



*Angel Tree*

The Angel Tree for Loaves and Fishes families will be in the Narthex, Sunday, November 26.

Gift suggestions will be available for preschool, elementary, and middle school students. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the tree area by December 10. Some donations may be placed with the Pride for Parents Store, where vetted low-income families in Southeast Raleigh may shop for discounted gifts for their families. You may also provide Gift Cards or checks made out to Loaves and Fishes. A container will be available for these donations, or place them in Barbara Turner's box in the office.

Thank you for assuring that these families will be blessed at Christmas.



Give something  
**unexpected**  
this  
Christmas.

*Alternative*  
**gift market**

**It's Here! Alternative Gift Market is today, November 19**

**AGM lasts from noon to 3:00 p.m.  
(and during Sunday School hour) in the Fellowship Hall.  
A soup and sandwich lunch will be offered  
at moderate cost from noon until 2:00 p.m.**

Alternative gifts are donations given to promote health, economic prosperity, and peace, with the option of designating the gift in the names of relatives, friends, and associates.

More than 15 booths highlighting different projects, such as clean stoves for use in Kenya, a school promoting peace in Israel, and others are present. Actual goods including items from Fair Trade Coffee, Clothing for Hope, and Beads for Life, plus Guatemalan scarves and embroidered bags from PaLa' Village Market are also available. The projects are fully vetted, and gift prices range from as low as \$5 up to \$200.

**Shop with us for some of your holiday gifts,  
and support these worthy causes!**

**GOOD  
MORNING**



**Inquiring Minds and Breakfast!  
Sunday, December 3rd at 9:45  
in the Fellowship Hall**

All who are curious,  
questioning, visiting or interested in  
learning more about Cary Presbyterian  
are invited to gather for a light breakfast,  
coffee and conversation.

**Contact Mitzi Leshler-Thomas  
for more information.**

**[lesherthomas@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:lesherthomas@carypresbyterian.org)  
or 919-467-8700**