



**THANKSGIVING/CHRIST THE KING  
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP SERVICE  
11:00 AM NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511  
(919) 467-8700

*"It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich!"*

*-Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Gathering Chime

Prelude

*Offertory*

Zipoli

## Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit

*Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts*

Saint-Saens

## \*Call to Worship

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

One: Let us join our hands and hearts in gratitude on this wondrous day, where we have the abundance of our lives before us.

**All: We remember on this day of bounty all of those who do not have enough, who are afraid, who are lonely, and who suffer.**

One: We wish for the abundance of this world to be shared, for fear to become love, for the lonely to feel welcomed, and for the suffering to know rest and joy.

**All: For the labors, the love, the care that gave us the delights of this and every day, we say, "Thanks!"**

One: For the nourishment of our spirit, the challenges that strengthen us, and the friends we have on the journey, we sing "Thanks!"

**All: For all that is our lives, for these good gifts, we whisper, "Thanks!"**

One: Overflowing with gratitude, let us shout

**All: "Thanks!"**

\*Hymn

*Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

No. 367

## \*Call to Confession

## \*Prayer of Confession for Thanksgiving

One: In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver.

*(A moment of silence)*

Let us pray.

**All: O God, we know that we forget about you,  
we forget to love you, we forget to help our  
neighbors, we forget to thank you. Forgive us.**

*Silent Confession*

**Grant us clear minds to know you,  
new hearts to love you,  
strong hands to serve you.  
Help us live this day, this week, and always  
so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you.  
Amen.**

**\*Assurance of God's Grace**

One: God did not send Christ into the world to condemn  
the world, but to be its Savior. We can trust God's word.  
We are a forgiven people.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Response of Praise**

*Give Thanks*

No. 647

**\*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**

**Psalm Reading**

Psalm 95:1-7

OT, p. 550

**Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 8:6-18

OT, p. 165

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Reading: The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Walter Rauschenbush, 1861-1918

**Hymn** *Touch the Earth Lightly* No. 713  
*Please remain seated. Choir will sing verse 1,  
please join them in singing verses 2 – 4.*

**Epistle Reading** Ephesians 1:11-23 NT, p. 192

**Homily** *Full Up* Lori Pistor

### **Affirmation**

One: We belong to God, eternal and infinite,  
Creator of all things and all that is to come.

**All: We follow Christ, who comes to us from God,  
and reveals God to us.**

**He heals people and transforms lives,  
and calls us to join in his ministry.**

**He was crucified, died, and was raised again  
by God, and reigns over all Creation;  
and he bids us to die and rise with him  
in the service of the healing of the world.**

One: We are moved by the Holy Spirit,  
together with the communion of saints,  
as members of the Body of Christ,  
God's holy universal church.

**All: We are confident in the forgiveness of sin,  
the power of resurrection and the reality  
of eternal life.**

**In all things it is our desire to follow Christ,  
by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory.**

**\*Hymn** *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* No. 648  
*Choir will sing once, please join them in singing a second time.*

### **Time with Our Children**

### **Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory Anthem**      *Come, Thou Almighty King*      arr. Ijames  
Chancel Choir

*Come, Thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise, Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
our prayer attend! And give thy word success.  
Spirit of Holiness, on us descend.*

*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,  
hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!*

**\*Doxology**      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*      No. 606

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

***Lord God, you have enriched us, saved us,  
loved us. Open our hearts and minds to your will  
that we may be free to share everything we have,  
to give away whatever holds us hostage in spirit,  
that we may always know that possessions are  
just that: things, lovely to have, but in the end  
only good for the good they can do in this world.  
Keep us always in that work, the work of Christ  
and Christ's kingdom, the kingdom of God. Amen.***

**Prayers of Joy and Concern and the Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal, p. 35

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

**\*Hymn**      *Let All Things Now Living*      No. 37

**\* Benediction**

**\*Response**                      *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*                      No. 654

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord, I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.  
Lift Up your voices; the Lord is near.***

**\*Postlude**                      *Variations on "Kremser"*                      arr. Hopson

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): Peg Giesbrecht

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

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

**Director of Music:** Ed Yasick

**Choir:** Chancel Choir

**Acolyte:** Sam Boswell

**Lay Reader:** Rick Boswell

**Bus Driver:** Ellen Govert

**Sound:** John Campbell

**Counters:** Ken Wease and Kim Markham

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

**Faith TODAY Adult Sunday School Class Notes**

**Next Week, December 3:**

The Altars Where We Worship: Science and Technology, with Hunter  
Piermont

**December 10:**

A unique look at racism will be shared through the resource 'Shout,'  
performance art and poetry, with Rev. Deky Hall leading.

**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.

## Announcements and Opportunities

**Triple F Group 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.

**Presbyterian Men's Caroling will be Thursday, Dec. 7.** Meet at 6:30 p.m. at church for warm up, perform at Glenaire from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and then visit members door-to-door in the community.

**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.

**Alternative Gift Market News** So many lives will be helped through the giving of gifts that make a difference. The Alternative Gift Market was a huge success. Nine non-profits from around the world and our local area will be receiving over \$5000.00! Additionally, the five tangible goods booths that support organizations which serve people in Africa, Bangladesh and Guatemala collectively brought in about \$3900. Even the lunch netted over \$125 for the Interfaith Food Shuttle. The Spirit of Giving is alive and well through Cary Presbyterian Church. One of the joys was to have Sunday School classes come through, and some of them became purchasers, too. Thank you all— booth sponsors and volunteers, gift purchasers, the Kitchen Katz of the Congregational Fellowship Team, and the team of Beth and John Campbell, Anne Margaret Bartholomew, and Medora Hix. Share the news!

### **The Angel Tree for Loaves and Fishes families is in the Narthex.**

Gift suggestions are 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. You may also provide Gift Cards or checks made out to Loaves and Fishes.

A container is available for these donations, or you may place them in Barbara Turner's office mailbox.

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



*Angel Tree*

Gather in...



## A Generosity Reminder

Please be sure to return your Planned Giving Card and Time & Talent Form. You may leave your information in the church office, place it in the offering plate, or pledge online now at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/9uv8jhj>

Thank you!

### THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<b>Sunday, November 26 Thanksgiving/ Christ the King</b>	9:45 a.m. <b>11:00 a.m.</b> 6:00 p.m. 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 No CA Youth Group this week
<b>Monday, November 27</b>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting (FH) Page Turners Book Club (P)
<b>Tuesday, November 28</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 (Al-Anon) (Library)
<b>Wednesday, November 29</b>	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	YAF Meeting (103) No Choir Rehearsal this week
<b>Thursday, November 30</b>	No Activities Scheduled	
<b>Friday, December 1</b>	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
<b>Saturday, December 2</b>	No Activities Scheduled	
<b>Sunday, December 3 Advent begins</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. <b>11:00 a.m.</b> 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Worship Service and Communion</b> Sunday School/All Ages Inquiring Minds Brunch (FH) <b>Worship Service and Communion</b> MS Youth Group (MS Room) Art Night: Be The Hands Plaster Project SH Youth Group (SH Room) Selfie Scavenger Hunt No CA Youth Group this week

# 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 information.

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