



Communion of Saints by Elise Ritter

ALL SAINTS WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMUNION

11:00 AM NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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God of all glory, we gather here today
with the saints of every time and place
to honor and praise your holy name.
As you have revealed your mercy and might
to your faithful people in every age
so let us glimpse ~ even through our tears ~
the mystery of your life-giving grace
and the love that even death cannot destroy;
through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Aria
Mackenzie Leshler-Thomas, flute

Lovland

Welcome

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

Introit

Surely the Lord Is In This Place
Chancel Choir

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*Call to Worship

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good!

All: Happy are those who take refuge in God.

One: With hearts and hands and voices,

All: let us praise the Lord.

*Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

No. 619

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you call us your own children
and cover us with your love.**

**We would seek to be merciful as you are,
and to show compassion as you do,
but we fail to live the life to which
we have been called.**

**Where we ought to forgive, we condemn;
the evil we should shun, we embrace.**

**Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills,
and make us more like Christ,
until we are raised in the fullness of God's glory
on the last day.**

Silent Confession

* **Response** *Lord, Have Mercy* No. 576

***Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.***

* **Assurance of God's Grace**

* **Response of Praise** *Gloria, gloria* No. 583

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

* **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

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12 NT, p. 4

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading Revelation 7:9-17 NT, pp. 249, 250

Sermon *Promises and Blessings* Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

* **Hymn** *Blest Are They* No. 172

Time with Our Children

Gather in... Faith, Compassion, and Abundance

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Chancel Choir

*O living bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest.
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes:
my heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows.*

*My Lord, you here have led me within your holy place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace.
For you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life possessing, that now I will not die.*

*You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown;
Lord, all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.*

*Lord, grant me then, so strengthened with heavenly food,
while here my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve with heavenly fear.
And when you call my spirit to leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit, where joys unmingled flow.*

Invitation to the Table

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

All Saints Day Litany

One: Lord God, by your grace, as we live and move
and have our being, we are surrounded by a cloud
of witnesses — patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets
and psalmists, disciples and evangelists,
martyrs and saints.

**All: We thank you for their example.
We praise you for their lives of faith.**

One: Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us,
nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked
and traveled, lived and died that we might be who we
are, where we are — your precious children in this
community of believers.

**All: We thank you for their example.
We praise you for their lives of faith.**

One: For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward - accept our thankful cry. Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide and uplift us — children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

**All: We thank you for their example.
We praise you for their lives of faith.**

One: For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you. Hear now the names of those we have loved who forever now live with you in all eternity...

(Names of loved ones are read.)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

All: Amen.

Hymn of Preparation *Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen* No. 536
(Choir will sing v. 1, please join them in vv. 2-4)

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: All thanks and praise be to you,
most holy God, giver of all life.
You made us for companionship
and shaped us for love;
you gave us your good earth and taught us to care;
you established your law that we might learn justice
and give you honor with our lives.

We forgot how to love;
we ceased to give care
and failed to abide by your life-giving law.
You sent us prophets to call us back to you and,
when that was not enough,
you came—
Word-made-flesh, your very being—
and overwhelmed us with love.

In Jesus you blessed us as never before.
Thank you for the way he taught us
in word and deed:
he fed us in homes and on hillsides;
he healed us in body, mind, and soul
and showed us that true greatness is in humility
and true power in weakness.

How can we thank you for the gift he gave?
When the world did its worst,
he took on our death
that we might be clothed in light and life.

Raised to new life still bearing the scars,
Jesus promised us an Advocate and Guide.
Thank you for the Spirit at work in us and among us
who strengthens and sustains,
challenges and prods,
gives us life and surprises us with signs
of your unending grace.

Pour out your Holy Spirit now upon
this bread and wine,
that it may be the body and blood of Christ
and anoint us that we might be one
with him and one another.

With thanksgiving,
we offer ourselves to you now, Holy Three in One—
our bodies to do your work
and our voices to sing your praise—
grateful, even now,
that when this earthly life is ended
you will welcome us home,
where we will live in eternal joy
with you and all the saints,
bathed in light and lost in unending songs of praise.

**All: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to you, O God, forever and ever! Amen!**

One: And now with the confidence of the children of God
we 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

Sharing the Bread and Cup *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 *For All the Saints (vv. 1-4)* No. 326

*Benediction

***From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Postlude**

For All the Saints

Justin and Sara Dickson, instrumental



*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
by the Burton family to the glory of God
and in celebration of Ella's 16th birthday, Oct. 25.*

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: **Matt Donkin**

Today's Service Participants (11:00)

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

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Acolyte: TBD

Lay Reader: Hal Drumheller

Bus Driver: Russell Diggs

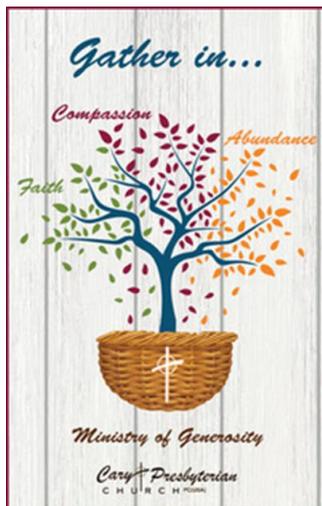
Sound: John Campbell

Counters: Camille Lambe and Louis Lambe

All Saints Worship and Communion is today, November 5.

*Today we remember loved ones who have died
since last All Saints Day as well as those
whose earthly presence is still missed.*

*If you wish to have someone's name read aloud
please write it, neatly, on a yellow card, found in the pew
pocket. Then, place the card in the offering plate.*



Generosity Team: Gather In... Faith, Compassion and Abundance

**2018 Generosity packets
are available for pickup
in the Narthex this Sunday.**

**Please help us save a stamp, and
pick up your packet today if you
haven't already. Dedication Sunday
is November 19.**

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 Cool Books Club will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 7:00 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 4:00 p.m. to 4:00 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.

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.

Your Esperanza Guatemala travelers have returned!

After a tremendous week of work, relationship forming, ideas about how to help in new ways, and lots of excitement, we've decided that we can't wait to let you know about it! Watch for an upcoming time of sharing and next steps coming soon.



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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 12: Part II of What We Believe: Reformed and Presbyterian theology, with Emmie Brown. Don't worry if you missed the first session a few weeks ago. Do drop in!

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 for more information or to be a part of this.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 5 All Saints Day	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Worship Service and Communion Sunday School/All Ages
	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service and Communion No Meeting SH Youth Group No Meeting MS Youth Group
Monday, November 6	10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Social Justice Ministry Team (P) Deacons Meeting (102) Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (P)
Tuesday, November 7	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Book Group (P) Girl Scout Teen Troop 418 (Upper Level Ed Bldg) Officer Orientation (102) Cool Books Club (Peg Giesbrecht's home) Boy Scout Troop 232 (101, 103, 105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (Al-Anon) (Library)
Wednesday, November 8	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Ruth Circle (102) Coping Creatively with Cancer (Off-campus) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, November 9	7:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Dorcas Breakfast (Prestonwood Country Club) Health Ministry Team (209) Caring Place (FH/Various) Missions Team (L) Bob Hall Group (100)
Friday, November 10	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P) Spiritual Practices "Not So Silent Silent Retreat" (Louisburg, NC) to 6:00 p.m., November 11
Saturday, November 11	9:00 a.m.	Girl Scout Leader Craft Day (100, 101, 102, 103, 105) Spiritual Practices "Not So Silent Silent Retreat" (Louisburg, NC) to 6:00 p.m., November 11
Sunday, November 12	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	Worship Service and Communion Sunday School/All Ages
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Alternative giFT market

The 2017 Alternative Gift Market will be Sunday, November 19 from noon to 3:00 p.m. (and during Sunday School hour) in the Fellowship Hall. A soup and sandwich lunch will be available 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, as well as 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 will be available. The projects are fully vetted, and gift prices range from as low as \$5 up to \$200.

This will be a community-wide event so please help spread the word!



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.