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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
WORSHIP SERVICE**
11:00 AM FEBRUARY 18, 2018
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Largo

Vivaldi

Welcome and Announcements

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

Congregational Introit

I Will Come to You (v. 1, Refrain)

No. 177

***"I will come to you in the silence;
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.***

***Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home:
I love you and you are mine."***

*Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 25:1-3*)

(* Please stand as you are able.)

One: To you, O God, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves.

**All: We trust unashamedly in you;
seeking that you be not ashamed of us;**

One: May we begin our Lenten journey together in right relationships;

**All: Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths.
Grow us to know your ways more clearly.**

One: You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations.

All: For you we wait.

*Hymn

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

No. 166

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Creating and Renewing God.

In this Lenten season we each need the opportunity to clear our eyes of the glaze of indifference and apathy.

Help us get our minds off distractions, obsessions and self-pity so that we don't feel helpless.

Help us to start over.

Re-orient head and heart

so that we may fill our whole selves

with life-affirming activities and thoughts.

Silent Confession

*Response



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

*Assurance of God's Steadfastness

*Response

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 1) No. 543

God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

*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	<i>Mark 9:2-9</i>	NT, p. 44
Psalm Singing	<i>Psalm 25: Lead Me in Your Truth</i> Youth Choir	Barta
Epistle Reading	<i>1 Peter 3:18-22</i>	NT, p. 234

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 9 (selected verses)*

Sermon *Sanctified Hearts* Lori Pistor

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.

***Hymn** *As the Wind Song* No. 292

Time with Our Children

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Out of the Depths
Chancel Choir

Frost

*Out of the depths have I cried unto you. Lord, hear my voice.
Lord, let your ear be attentive to my cry. Lord, hear my cry for mercy.
If you, O Lord, kept a record of sin, who then could stand?
But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness. Therefore you may be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait; in his word do I hope.*

*Doxology

Old 100th

***Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

**God of all bounty and blessing, receive our lives and our gifts
to be bounty and blessings to you, our church, and the world.
Amen.**

Prayers of Joy and Concern

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

***Hymn**

O God, Who Gives Us Life

No. 53

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Prelude in D Minor

Bach

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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): Scott Peoples

Today's Service Participants (11:00)

Minister: Rev. Lori Pistor

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Youth Choir Director: Julie Henry

Choir: Chancel Choir, Youth Choir

Children in Worship: Jennifer Pierce

Acolyte: Bennett Keith

Lay Reader: Kim Markham

Bus Driver: TBD

Sound: John and Valerie Campbell

Ushers: Al Hardie, Leah Burton, Ellen Govert, and Scott Peoples

Counters: Camille Lambe and Louis Lambe

Announcements and Opportunities

Appalachia Service Project Registration starts today, February 18.

Cary Presbyterian - it's that time of year again!

ASP 2018 registration kicks off today, February 18th at 8:00 a.m. in the church office for one of 37 spots on our team.

Appalachia Service Project works to rebuild substandard housing for low-income families with the goal of making homes warmer, safer, and drier. This year we're heading to Kentucky the week of July 8-14 and we invite you to join us!

To ensure balanced teams, we register by "category" (male/female youth, young adult, and adult) and will start waiting lists once each category is filled. The cost is \$225 (paid at time of registration). Scholarships are available, if needed.

Registration forms will be available soon on the CPC website and there will be a few hard copies in the church office. Questions about the trip? Contact Chris Bula at (919)454-5495 or chrisbula@gmail.com.

Is THIS the year you finally join us?

One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Challenge: Gracie the Fish boxes will be available at the Church School program on February 18 in the Fellowship Hall and in the narthex.

These gifts enable the church to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help to empower the poor and oppressed. Color and fill your box with coins. Enter your fish in the challenge: Most colorful fish, Most unusual fish, Heaviest fish, Most quarters, Youngest contributor, Most senior contributor. Be sure to put your name on the box and return it to the church by Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. Thank you!

Triple F Group will meet at IHOP on Kildaire Farm Road for brunch at 9:30 a.m. on February 19.

We hope to visit the Duke Lemur Center in the spring. This nondenominational group is open to all retired folks. Come join us!

Rise Against Hunger Event February 25, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Stop Hunger Now is back with a new name! With Rise Against Hunger, Cary Presbyterian is planning to package 10,000 MEALS on February 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We need lots of hands to make this happen! **Packaging slots are full, but we still need help with set-up at 5:00 pm., and clean-up after 8:00 p.m.**

If you can help, sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/ybr4g7vn>. Please contact Sarah Troiano at sarahtroiano@yahoo.com or 919-616-0541 with questions.

Page Turners Book Club, February 26

We will read 'News of the World' by Paulette Jiles for our February 26th meeting.

Please feel free to join us, new members are always welcome! Questions, contact Colleen Hann colleenhann@nc.rr.com or Lisa Ward lpward58@gmail.com.

Next CPC Blood Drive, Wednesday, May 2

Our next Blood Drive is Wednesday, May 2, from 2:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. You can only donate blood every eight weeks. Therefore, please do not donate after March 3 to be eligible for our Drive. Mark your calendars: we hope to see you there!

Lenten Faith Formation News

Know Chocolate for Lent kicks-off in Sunday School today, February 18.

We have worked hard to be sure that everyone is included: this will be sophisticated enough for adults, and interesting to children and teens as well. Don't miss this fabulous introduction; begin your day in the Fellowship Hall with A Celebration of Chocolate and God's Good Gifts!

Be sure to follow the Children's Time in worship each week. Also nurture faith at home by engaging in weekly family devotions available during Lent. These may be picked up in the Narthex on Sundays, or accessed electronically.

Attend the Bible study from Know Chocolate for Lent, which uses a simple plan for thinking about the Church, the Season, the film *Chocolat*, and ourselves.

The Bible study will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout Lent, beginning February 21. It repeats at 6:00 p.m. A simple soup supper will be held in between, for fellowship for the two classes.

Each week we'll examine several scripture passages, view scenes from the film, and share in discussion and reflection. For more information, or to register, please email medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org.

A special single-session screening of the film *Chocolat* will be offered this evening, February 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as a service to participants in the Know Chocolate for Lent Bible study.

Other Christian Education Information

The Preparing Children for Worship Milestone

will continue during the Sunday School hour Feb. 25 and March 4 for second graders and their parents, but ALL children from second grade through fifth grade are welcome to attend if they have not yet experienced this Milestone. The course covers working through the order of worship, navigating the bulletin, the vocabulary of worship, the sanctuary, and the sacraments.

Please feel free to attend if the first class was missed. For more information, contact: medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org

Vacation Bible School will be June 17 - 21.

Save those dates now for children from age 4 through rising 5th graders. Middle and High School youth are encouraged to be helpers and leaders.

VBS Directors Meredith Bullis and Valerie Short will shortly begin recruiting. Please say 'yes' when asked!

CPC Lenten Dialogue and Fellowship Project with the Transition Team

During the Season of Lent the Transition Team invites church members and friends into dialogue and fellowship to *help discern*:

- *who God is calling CPC to be, and*
- *who God is calling to guide us in spiritual growth and maturity.*

Engage and Reflect!

Participate in the CPC History Time Line

- When did you get involved at CPC, and how are you involved?
- Add your name to the Time Line in the hallway, along with your comments and pictures. *Instructions for making your addition are at the Time Line.*

Participate in small group conversations, beginning February 20.

- Each small group of 6 to 12 people will be facilitated by a Transition Team member and a member of Presbytery.
- *Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/y9wfp49p>*

Attend the Fellowship Hall Forum in March after Worship

- March 18 - Forum includes a Pot Luck lunch. Review what we learned from the small group conversations.

Attend Lenten Bible Study: Know Chocolate led by Medora Hix (see details under Lenten Faith Formation News in this bulletin).

- Wednesday evenings, beginning February 21 in the Fellowship Hall
- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Simple soup supper
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Together in the Spirit, let's build up the church!

For more information, contact one of the Transition Team Members:

[Donna Adkins](#), [Jeanne Bolick](#), [Beth Campbell](#), [Jerry Luckie](#), [Boyce Oglesby](#), [John Page](#), [Lori Pistor](#)

Did You Hear?



**CPC Members: Did You Hear?
You are invited and needed
for important conversations during Lent.**

Guided conversations among groups of 6-12 people will invite each other to reflect and listen with one another for the purpose of building up life together at CPC.

Rooted in respect and confidentiality, a process of **mutual invitation** shapes the dialogue so each person has the chance to be heard with all group members listening.

These 90-minute conversations will involve congregational responses to the two recent questions (on cards and online) posed by the Transition Team.

**Please go online to <https://tinyurl.com/y9wfp49p>
to sign up for a small group conversation.**

**See the first report from the February 11 Town Hall forum online
at <https://tinyurl.com/yaxw74yy>.**

We are the body of Christ, and each one a part of it.

Images of Lent

Symbols of the Lenten Season

During the season of Lent a variety of symbols offer the opportunity to focus our attention on who Christ was during his earthly life – shepherd, servant, healer, king; and how Christ calls us to live as faithful disciples, called to love others, as we have been and are loved. A new symbol will be added to the two below each Sunday during Lent.

Ashes – From dust we were created and to dust we shall return. The ashes are a visible reminder of our mortality and sin, even as we hold fast to the promise of God’s forgiveness and grace.

Purple Iris – “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God’s hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” (Psalm 19:1-4) The purple iris is a reminder that all creation displays the wonder and beauty of God in a thousand miraculous ways.

The Season’s Sanctuary Cross

Lent is a season of letting go, of laying down all the burdens, fears, and anxieties that weigh us down and to which we cling so tightly – that we might turn away from all that holds us back and turn toward the hopes, dreams, and promise of abundant life as God intends.

Throughout this season, a rough-hewn cross wrapped in netting will stand at the front of the sanctuary, left of the pulpit, with a basket of paper and pencils nearby.

You are invited, during the six weeks of Lent, to write down burdens you carry or hopes that lift your spirit and weave them into the cross.

Let the quiet and sacred space in the sanctuary beckon you into reflection and prayer.

On Easter Sunday it will bloom again with flowers brought by worshippers; a reminder of God’s abundance, woven through all our days.

After-Worship Coffee and Fellowship begins today after 11:00 a.m. Worship!

Beginning this Sunday, we will have intentional time for coffee and fellowship, following the 11:00 a.m. service. It is our hope and our goal to make this a regular Sunday feature. We hope you'll stay awhile and be with us!

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 18	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School MS Youth Group NCSU Women's Basketball (after Sunday School) Worship Service After Worship Coffee Fellowship SH Youth Group: Bridge to Life No Meeting CA Youth Group
Monday, February 19	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Staff Meeting (Office) Personnel and Administration (209)
Tuesday, February 20	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Book Group (P) Boy Scouts Troop 232 (101/103/105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L) Budget and Finance Committee (106) Lenten Small Group (P)
Wednesday, February 21	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitting (P) Know Chocolate for Lent Bible Study (FH) Simple Soup Supper for Study (FH) Know Chocolate for Lent Bible Study (FH) YAF Meeting (103) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, February 22	5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Caring Place (Various) Lenten Small Group (Office)
Friday, February 23	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, February 24	12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	ABC: Caregiver Training (101/103/105) Senior Nutrition Class (Kitchen, FH) Confirmation Class (Trip to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church)
Sunday, February 25	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Sunday School All Together Worship Service Lenten Small Group (L) After Worship Coffee Fellowship CA Youth Group: Rise Against Hunger (FH) MS Youth Group: Rise Against Hunger (FH) SH Youth Group: Rise Against Hunger (FH) Rise Against Hunger (FH)