



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00 AM FEBRUARY 25, 2018**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly
Terry Allebaugh, harmonica

Thompson

Welcome and Announcements

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

Congregational Introit

I Will Come to You (v. 2, refrain)

No. 177

***"I am hope for all who are hopeless;
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.***

***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

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

One: Lent is not a time for being miserable, but for taking stock and resetting our aims for following Christ.

All: Loving God, in you we trust, let us never fool ourselves.

One: Lent is an opportunity for healthy repentance: repentance for our indifference in the face of permeating evil in the world, repentance for personal sins which we have glossed over as "mere foibles."

All: According to your loving kindness, remember us, God of goodness and saving grace.

One: Lent is a time for joy; the exhilaration that comes from defying temptations, from turning our face to the light that shines on the narrow path of Christ Jesus, from walking into adverse winds and enjoying small victories day by day.

All: Make me to know your ways, O God, teach me your paths, for you are the God of my salvation and my hope.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
 against you in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 Have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight
 in your will, and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your name.**

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 Mercy

*Response

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (v. 2) No. 543

***Bind to myself the Name of Holy,
 great cloud of witnesses enfold;
 prophets, apostles, angels witness:
 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

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 17:1-7,15-16* OT, p. 13

Gospel Reading *Mark 1:12-13* NT, p. 35

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering *Poor Wayfaring Stranger* Traditional
Terry Allebaugh, harmonica

Epistle Reading *Romans 4:13-25* NT, p. 155

Sermon *It Depends* Lori Pistor

***Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God, Creator of all things,
heavenly father and mother,
Soul of infinite love, wisdom, and power,
ruler of all that is and all that is to come,
who is mystery, yet revealed.**

**We follow Christ, God's chosen one,
who loved and served humbly,
who healed the broken and included the outcast,
who chose to suffer rather than harm
for the sake of the healing of all Creation,
who gave his life for our redemption,
and who was raised by God to new life.**

**In his teaching, in his death and resurrection,
and in his presence with us in all circumstances,
he reveals God to us.**

**He calls us to serve him
for the sake of proclaiming God's grace.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

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** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 65

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Chaconne in D Minor* Couperin

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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): Jeff Clark

Today's Service Participants (11:00)

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

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Special Music: Terry Allebaugh, harmonica

Children in Worship: Barbara Harvey

Acolyte: Natalie Hancock

Lay Reader: Peggy Viser

Bus Driver: Troy Burton

Sound: Craig and Kathryn Anderson

Ushers: Jerry Slaymaker, George Leggett, John Hansen, and Jeff Clark

Counters: Brian Short and Kim Markham

Please visit the Fair Trade table outside Fellowship Hall this Sunday, February 25. We will be open before and after the 11:00 worship service.

- **We will have coffee (ground, whole-bean; regular, decaffeinated), tea, chocolate bars, cocoa, and olive oil.**
- **We accept cash, checks, and debit or credit cards.**

With your support, the CPC Fair Trade Project has made another \$1000 donation to Esperanza, CPC's ministry in Guatemala. This brings Fair Trade donations to a total of \$3500! Thank you so much for your help.

Lenten Faith Formation News

Join the Bible study from Know Chocolate for Lent at any time this season.

Each weekly session stands alone. It will be useful, but not necessary, to view the film *Chocolat*, before coming to any session. Each week we'll examine scripture passages, view scenes from the film, and share discussion and reflection. The Bible study is at 4 p.m. on Wednesdays through March, repeated at 6 p.m., with a simple soup supper in-between for fellowship for the two classes. **For more information, or to register, please email medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org.**

The Preparing Children for Worship Milestone continues during the Sunday School hour today 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!

Announcements and Opportunities

Rise Against Hunger Event tonight, 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. 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 26 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.

Appalachia Service Project Registration continues.

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

ASP 2018 registration kicked off February 18 for one of 37 spots on our team.

This year we're heading to Kentucky the week of July 8-14 and we invite you to join us! The cost is \$225 (paid at time of registration). Scholarships are available, if needed. Registration forms are available on the CPC website and there are 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 are now available for pick-up in the narthex. These gifts enable the church to provide relief to those in need. Color and fill your box with coins. Enter your fish in the challenge. Be sure to put your name on the box and return it to the church by Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.

Cool Books Club, March 6

The Cool Books Club will meet on March 6, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Giesbrecht to discuss *Eternal Life: A New Vision Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell* by John Shelby Spong. If interested, please contact Peg Giesbrecht at 919-859-3951 or Ellen Cline at 919-469-1456.

Social Justice Ministry Upcoming Events

CPC members and friends are invited to two upcoming events sponsored by CPC's Social Justice Ministry. Both programs will be hosted at CPC, are free of charge, and open to the public.

There will be time following each presentation for a Q & A session

Clarence Darrow: A One Man Play

March 15, 7:00 p.m.

On March 15 at 7:00 p.m. John Robinson, a retired teacher in Winston-Salem, will perform *Clarence Darrow: A One Man Play* by David Rintels.

Be SMART

April 29, 7:00 p.m.

April 29 at 7:00 p.m. a program called Be SMART will be presented by speakers from Moms Demand Action. This group supports the 2nd Amendment, but believes common-sense solutions can help decrease the escalating epidemic of gun violence.

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!

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 (continuing through March 10).

- 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 Lenten Bible Study: Know Chocolate led by Medora Hix (see details under Lenten Faith Formation News in this bulletin) through March 28.

- Wednesday evenings 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

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.

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 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.

Shepherd’s Crook – “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.” Psalm 23
The shepherd’s crook reminds us that Jesus came, not as a warrior, but as one who would seek and save the lost, gather us in from the far corners to which we roam, shelter us through the storm, and guide us in this world and the next.

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 continues
today after 11:00 a.m. Worship.**

Continuing 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 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)
Monday, February 26	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Lenten Small Group (P) Staff Meeting (Office) Session Meeting (102) Page Turners Book Club (P)
Tuesday, February 27	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Preschool Conscious Discipline Parent Book Study (102) Connections Book Group (P) Boy Scout Troop 232 (101/103/105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L)
Wednesday, February 28	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Know Chocolate for Lent Bible Study (FH) Simple Soup Supper for Study (FH) Coping Creatively with Cancer (L) Know Chocolate for Lent Bible Study (FH) Lenten Small Group (P) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, March 1	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Small Group (Office)
Friday, March 2	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, March 3	10:00 p.m.	Annual Kitchen Cleaning (K)
Sunday, March 4	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School Worship Service Lenten Small Group (L) After Worship Coffee Fellowship MS Youth Group: Youth Sunday Planning (MS Room) SH Youth Group: Youth Sunday Planning (SH Room)