



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
WORSHIP SERVICE**

11:00 AM FEBRUARY 4, 2018

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Prelude in D Major

Fischer

Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit

All the Earth Sing Praise, Alleluia

Vivaldi/Hopson

*Call to Worship

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

One: We gather to worship God,
whose creative imagination never fails:

All: For the sake of God, we will search for the outcasts.

One: We gather to praise our God,
whose steadfast love never weakens:

**All: For the sake of Jesus, we will lift up
all who have fallen.**

One: We gather to offer our best to God,
who walks with us through eternity:

**All: For the sake of the Holy Spirit,
we will walk with the weary.**

*Hymn

God Is Calling through the Whisper

No. 410

*Call to Prayer

*Prayer of Brokenness

One: We cannot hide from you, Everlasting God, even if we were to go from one edge of creation to the next. You speak to us of compassion, but the ways in which we treat others show we have not been listening. You explain your hopes to us, and we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast, and as far, from you as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus.

All: Yet, God, you search for us in all the deserted places to which we flee, so you can take us by the hand to show us the way to life with you. You heal our broken hearts so we can offer them to others. You fill us with your strength so we can bind ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, following him to serve all of your children.

Silent Confession

***Response** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer (v. 1)* No. 471
***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come, and listen to me.***

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response** *The Lord Is My Song (v. 2)* No. 471
***The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise,
all my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise,
God, the wellspring of life.***

***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 *Isaiah 40:27-31* OT, p. 668

Responsive Reading

Psalm 147

One: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

All: for the Lord is gracious and a song of praise we sing to God.

One: How sweet to sing to you, Lord, and to thank you for all your blessings.

All: You rebuild what has been ruined and recreate what was lost. You heal the brokenhearted; you are medicine for their wounds. You lift up the afflicted and give them the courage to endure.

One: You count the myriad stars and call each one by name. Infinite is your power, incalculable your wisdom.

All: But most of all, you rejoice in a pure heart and in those who let you shine through them. You give them joy in your joy, and bless their love with your love.

One: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

All: for the Lord is gracious and a song of praise we sing to God.

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

NT, p. 35

Sermon

Deserted Place Prayers

Lori Pistor

***Affirmation of Faith**

From A Declaration of Faith

One: Jesus lived a truly human life.

Jesus was what we are.

He grew up in a family and a society

troubled by the common problems of the world.

His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history.

**All: He felt deeply the joy of friendship
and the hurt of being rejected.
Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation,
knew anger, and was subject
to suffering and death.
He was like us in every way except sin.
Jesus was what we should be.**

One: He served his Father with complete trust
and unwavering obedience.
He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.
In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him
from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor
as himself.

**All: We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.
He exposes our failure to live as he lived.
He demonstrates the new humanity God promises
to give us through him.**

***Hymn**

Healer of Our Every Ill

No. 795

Time with Our Children

Blessing of the Lily Pads

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

A Grateful Heart
Chancel Choir

McDonald

*As we gather in your house to worship,
let us bring to you a heart of praise.
For your love will never fail us; to your name, our thanks we raise.
For your love and tender mercy,
for your goodness and your grace.
May we ever praise you, Father, when we seek your holy face.
Lord, we know your love is everlasting;
from your favor, we will ne'er depart.
This our prayer we offer to you, Father;
bless us with a grateful heart. Amen.*

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 607

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

***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 *Hallowed Be Thy Name* Moore
Youth Choir

***Hymn** *What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine* No. 837

***Benediction**

***Response** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (v.1)* No. 547

***"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own."***

***Postlude** *Prelude in C Major* Bach

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 Patrick

Today's Service Participants (11:00)

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

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Youth Choir Director: Julie Henry

Choir: Chancel Choir, Youth Choir

Percussion: The Mount Family

Acolyte: Ethan Holloway

Lay Reader: Janet Robinette and Len Clark

Bus Driver: David Winkler

Sound: Jason Troiano

Counters: Kim Markham and Jim Bowdish



*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
in celebration of John and Beth Campbell's
wedding anniversary.*

Happening Today!

Fair Trade Table Open Today

The Fair Trade table will be open today, February 4. We will have coffee, tea, chocolate, and olive oil, plus Valentine treats from \$2.00 chocolate minis to \$13.00 gift baskets. Please stop by and see us outside Fellowship Hall between services (9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) We will also be open during the Pancake Supper on February 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. outside Fellowship Hall. Stop by for last-minute Valentine gifts! Other items will be available as well.

Price information:

- We will have a few items at reduced prices. These are slightly past their best-by dates, but we believe are still top quality.
- On March 1, we will be increasing prices on decaf coffee bags to \$10.00 and on all chocolate bars to \$4.00. Our last regular sale date at current prices will be February 24. Stock up now!

Music and Worship Planning Session Today, 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Music & Worship Team is sponsoring a planning session for Lent after the 11:00 a.m. service (from 12:30-2:00 p.m.) today, February 4. This is a "brown bag" session in the Fellowship Hall and is open to anyone!

Wanted: Hearts and Hands for Service as Ushers

Ushers at CPC perform an important service on Sunday mornings: working as a team to help members and visitors feel at home, distributing bulletins, providing seating assistance, receiving the offering, straightening the sanctuary after worship, and generally making sure things run smoothly. Ushers serve once a month and training is provided. If ushering sounds like a good fit for your interests and energies or if you'd like more information, please contact Jane Dunbar at jvdunbar123@gmail.com.

Announcements and Opportunities

Cool Books Club will meet February 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Peg Giesbrecht. We will discuss *Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence* by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, who contends that if religion is perceived to be part of the problem of violence, then it should be part of the solution. If you would like to join our discussion, contact Peg Giesbrecht at 919-859-3951 or Ellen Cline at 919-469-1456.

Special Offering for Church World Service Blankets+ will be received on Sunday, February 11. This offering helps people who have been through natural disasters with blankets, emergency food and shelter, and rebuilding their lives. Others learn sustainable farming practices to help feed their families and market the surplus. Clean, safe water and nutritional food are provided. Refugees around the world are assisted. The needs are great; please share God's warm love with those in need. Envelopes will be in the pews.

Appalachia Service Project Registration starts Feb. 18

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

ASP 2018 registration kicks off 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?

Triple F Group will meet at IHOP on Kildaire Farm Road for brunch at 9:30 a.m. on February 19, 2018. 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 Feb. 25, 5:00 to 6:00 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! 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, Feb. 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!

Faith Formation News

“Know Chocolate for Lent” begins in Sunday School, February 18. Don't miss this fabulous introduction.

Begin your day in the Fellowship Hall with hot chocolate and more! Then, be sure to follow the Children's Time in worship each week. Additionally, nurture faith at home by engaging in weekly family devotions available during Lent, beginning with one for Ash Wednesday. These can be picked up in the Narthex on Sundays or accessed electronically (watch for details).

Adults, plan to attend the Bible study from Know Chocolate for Lent. This uses a simple plan for thinking about the Church, the Season, the film *Chocolat*, and ourselves. Each week we'll examine several scripture passages, view scenes from the film, and share discussion and reflection. A special single-session screening of the film will be offered on Sunday evening, Feb. 18 at 6:00 p.m. as a service to participants. The Bible study will be held on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. throughout Lent, beginning Feb 21, repeated at 6:00 p.m. with a simple soup supper between sessions for the two classes to enjoy fellowship. For more information, or to register, please email medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org.

Adult Education News:

Our new **Faith and Family** class is still under construction so don't hesitate to come this week for the first time. This is a class focused on developing faith in families; subjects for discussion include parenting topics, Bible study, faith at home and in the world, personal growth, and more. Come as you are — and come as you are able. The class is designed so that people may come in an out without judgment or fear of missing out! The class will meet in Room 100, downstairs.

Faith TODAY Adult Sunday School class (Room 102, downstairs)

This week: Feb 4: *8 Trends for Churches to Watch; 21st Century Reformation* video with Rodger Nishioka

This is a kind of TED talk by a leading Presbyterian thinker to stimulate discussion about the world we currently inhabit and how the church might navigate its waters. This is a session for everyone and anyone: namely, you!

Bible and Beyond (Library) continues its study of Paul, the most significant biblical writer through mid-February.

Adult I (Parlor) continues its Bible study on the theme of Faith in Action, with selections from the biblical books of Daniel and James.

CORRECTION: The Preparing Children for Worship Milestone will be held during the Sunday School hour Feb. 11, Feb. 25, and March 4. While this is primarily aimed at children who are in second grade, 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. Parents should attend with their children. Please register by email with the Director of Christian Education & Faith Formation, Medora Hix: medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org.



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Todd Crouse
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Betty Hart
Janet Robinette
Audrey Rose-Sausman

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!

Respond to two questions (Feb. 7 deadline):

- Is there an unresolved concern or unanswered question you have about CPC?
- What excitement or hope do you have for CPC?

Fill out a card on Sunday or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/y9pl9mwyt> to respond

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 Fellowship Hall, along with your comments and pictures. *Instructions for making your addition are at the Time Line in the Fellowship Hall.*

Participate in small group conversations.

- 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 Fellowship Hall Forums after Worship

- February 11 - Forum also includes a simple lunch. Review responses to the two questions listed above.
- 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

- 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](#)

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

February 13 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets available at the door that evening: \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children ages 2 to 12, under 2 free, \$15 maximum cost per family. Donations assist CPC mission work in Guatemala. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up. If you can help, please contact Kim Markham at markhamk@nc.rr.com or go to SignUpGenius at <https://tinyurl.com/y83eu2gu>
Join us for an enjoyable family evening!

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 4	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School Worship Service Music and Worship Lenten Season Planning Session (FH) Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) No Meeting SH Youth Group No Meeting MS Youth Group No Meeting CA Youth Group
Monday, February 5	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Staff Meeting (Office) Deacon's Meeting (102) Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (P)
Tuesday, February 6	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Book Group (P) Cool Books Club (Peg Giesbrecht's home) Boy Scouts Troop 232 (Rms. 101, 103, 105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L)
Wednesday, February 7	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	YAF Meeting (103) Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, February 8	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Health Ministry Team (209) Missions Team (L) Bob Hall Group (100)
Friday, February 9	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, February 10		No Activities Scheduled
Sunday, February 11	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service and Communion Sunday School Worship Service and Communion SH Youth Group: Stressbusters MS Youth Group: Valentine's Day Dinner for Parents/Talent Show No Meeting CA Youth Group