

*Cary Presbyterian*  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**11:00 AM MARCH 11, 2018**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Gathering Chime

### Prelude

*Adagio in E Minor*

Corelli

## Welcome and Announcements

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

## Congregational Introit

*I Will Come to You (v. 4, Refrain)*

No. 177

***"I am the Word that leads to all freedom;  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live!***

***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: For God so loved the world;

**All: The sparrows, the mountain lions,  
the fish and the people.**

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: in success and failure,  
in sickness and health,  
in mediocrity and the extraordinary.**

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: Enough to become one of us,  
enough to suffer along with us,  
enough to offer new life for us.**

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: Let us worship God!**

## \*Hymn

*God of the Sparrow*

No. 22

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

You have come into the world to condemn us not  
yet we have forsaken your love,  
refused your abundance,  
and chosen to see your grace less clearly.

We are sorry for keeping what you desire us to share,  
and discarding what you desire us to use well.

Change our hearts, that we might work diligently  
in the world you have given us,  
seek healing for those who are hurting,  
and care for all without discrimination.

Above all, grow us as disciples of Jesus Christ  
and witnesses of the Holy Spirit;  
raise us up that we might become beacons  
of your light and grace.

*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. 4) No. 543*

***Walking behind to hem my journey,  
going ahead to light my way,  
and from beneath, above, and all ways:  
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**     *Numbers 21:4 -9*     OT, p. 139

**Gospel Reading**     *John 3:14 -21*     NT, p. 94

One: This is the word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading**     *Ephesians 2:1-10*     NT, p. 192

**Sermon**     *For By Grace*     Lori Pistor

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in one God, creator of all life,  
maker of past, present and future.  
Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,  
who came to declare good news to those in despair,  
to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor,  
to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.  
We believe in God's Holy Spirit,  
who takes our shattered dreams  
and makes us whole again,  
who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage,  
who resurrects us to new life.  
We believe that the Church is of God  
and will endure to the end of time,  
and calls us into a life of love and service.**

**\*Hymn**     *Amazing Grace*     No. 649

## **Time with Our Children**

## Offering of Tithes and Gifts

### Offertory Anthem

*God So Loved the World*  
Chancel Choir

Larson

*God so loved the world that he gave his only son  
that all who believe in him should not perish.  
God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,  
but to save the world and grant eternal life.*

### \*Doxology

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

***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

### 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

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

No. 377

### \*Benediction

Doxology WORDS: G. W. Dub Shepherd, 2006 OLD 100TH MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551 LM Published by The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, Used by permission.

**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): Katie Stuart**

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

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

**Director of Music:** Ed Yasick

**Choir:** Chancel Choir

**Children in Worship:** Jennifer Pierce

**Acolyte:** TBD

**Lay Reader:** Len Clark

**Bus Driver:** Matt Donkin

**Sound:** John and Valerie Campbell

**Ushers:** Lloyd Hinnant, Rick or Anna Boswell,  
Jim Kurz, and Katie Stuart

**Counters:** Camille Lambe and Louis Lambe

**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.

## Lenten Faith Formation News

**The Bible study from Know Chocolate for Lent continues; you are welcome to join in.** The Bible study is at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays through March, repeated at 6:00 p.m., with a simple soup supper in-between for fellowship for the two classes. **For more information please email [medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org).**

**Vacation Bible School will be June 17 – 21 in the evening.**

Save those dates now for children from age 4 through rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Middle and High School youth are encouraged to be helpers and leaders. The theme is "Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!"

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

**Adult Education Sunday School Classes:**

**Faith TODAY Adult Class** this week is *Reformed Brand Theology—What Presbyterians Believe, 1*. Designed for guests, new members, and long-term members alike, here's a chance to learn about the particularities of 'being a Presbyterian in the Bible belt' and more. Led by Emmie Brown in Rm 102.

**Bible and Beyond** is now studying *Wisdom Literature and the Prophets* from the Efirid Bible Study video series. Efirid is dynamic and informative. Join in with Lisa and Alan Ward, leaders, in the library.

**Faith and Family** will consider material entitled *Someday*, from a blogger parent. *Someday* is about parenting that is simultaneously so quick, and yet so slow. It is the "we have never been so happy and so tired and so everything all at once" kind of experience. Share with other parents about being in this milieu. Room 100

**Adult I** continues its regular Bible study and welcomes newcomers in the Parlor.

## 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 question and answer 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. The two-act play features the life of Darrow, a determined and hardworking lawyer who fought for basic human rights.

**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.

# Announcements and Opportunities

**One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Challenge: Gracie the Fish boxes are now available for pick-up in the narthex.** This offering benefits the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, responding to families affected by natural disasters. Refugees are also assisted. Hunger needs are addressed by providing grain, storage facilities, seed, and tools. Safe water and support for education are also provided. The needs are great! Envelopes will be in the pews on March 18th. Donations may be made through Easter Sunday, April 1. Fish banks may also be brought at that time. Be sure to put your name on your bank, if you wish to enter the contest.

**Triple F Group, March 19:** We enjoyed a wide-ranging conversation with Mitzi Leshner-Thomas on March 5th. The March 19 meeting will include a presentation by Barbara Turner on the "Hidden Figures" ladies, four African-American women with superior math skills which allowed NASA to send men into space safely. All are welcome; we meet at 10:00 a.m. in Room 100.

## **Page Turners Book Club, March 26 (Postponed from February):**

The Page Turners will meet Monday, March 26, at 7 pm in the church parlor. We will be discussing *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. Set in post-Civil War Texas, this novel of historical fiction explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust, as an aging itinerant news reader transports a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people. New members are always welcome, so please feel free to join us! Questions, contact Jane Dunbar [jvdunbar123@gmail.com](mailto:jvdunbar123@gmail.com) or Lisa Ward [lpward58@gmail.com](mailto:lpward58@gmail.com).

## **Cool Books Club, April 3:**

The Cool Books Club will meet on April 3, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of one of our members, Zeynep Guvenc. We will be reading *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler, an associate professor at Duke University Divinity School. This book has been described as "a meditation on sense-making when there's no sense to be made, on letting go when we can't hold on, and on being unafraid even when we're terrified." It is largely about how she copes with life as a young mother and professor who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer.

If you are interested and would like to join our next meeting, please call Ellen Cline at 919-469-1456 or Peg Giesbrecht at 919-859-3951.

## **Mission in the Community and Beyond- Spanish Classes offered at CPC:**

Cary Presbyterian will host three different levels of Spanish classes for members and associates in support of volunteer service in faith community outreach programs offered to Latino neighbors, and our Guatemalan mission. Classes will be on Wednesdays during the daytime, and begin April 11, concluding June 13 (10 weeks). The teacher is Paulina Rodriguez-Ortega, originally from Colombia but now a US citizen, who has taught Spanish for many years.

Interested? Contact Medora Hix at [medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org).

## **Missing Some Dishes?**

If you have dishes that have been left at the church recently (or not so recently), please pick them up in the kitchen. Thanks!

## 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.*

### ONE LAST SMALL GROUP CONVERSATION, NEXT WEDNESDAY March 14, 7:00 p.m.)

- This small group of 6 to 12 people is facilitated by a Transition Team member and a member of Presbytery.
- *If you haven't yet participated, you're encouraged to sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/y9wfp49p> or by emailing Lori Pistor at [lori.pistor@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:lori.pistor@carypresbyterian.org).*

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

- 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 next Sunday, March 18 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](#)*



**Please join us for an  
All Congregation Town Hall Forum  
and Pot Luck Lunch  
next Sunday, March 18 in the  
Fellowship Hall,  
following 11:00 a.m. worship.**

**Purpose:  
Reflecting, Reporting & Planning  
What's Next.**

*Child Care will be provided.*

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

## 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.

**Basin and Towel** – “Jesus...knowing he had come from God and was going to God ...tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet.” (John 13) The basin and towel remind us that Jesus came, not to be served, but to serve; and to remind us of the lives of compassionate service to which we are called as faithful disciples.

**Chalice and Paten** – “Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” (Luke 22) The chalice and paten remind us of the love and mercy of Christ, poured out in a simple meal of bread broken, and wine poured.

## 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

<b>Sunday, March 11</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>9:45 a.m.</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Worship Service</b> Lenten Small Group (L) After Worship Coffee Fellowship MS Youth Group: Art Night (MS Room) SH Youth Group: Stress Buster (Start with Hello) and Parent Meeting (SH Room)
<b>Monday, March 12</b>	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Abigail Circle Staff Meeting (Office) Childcare Administrative Board (102) Congregational Fellowship Team (P) Christian Faith Formation Team (106) Music and Worship Team (L)
<b>Tuesday, March 13</b>	10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Book Group (P) Mary and Martha Circle (Off-campus) Miriam Circle (P) Boy Scout Troop 232 (101/103/105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L)
<b>Wednesday, March 14</b>	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Ruth Circle (102) Know Chocolate for Lent Bible Study (FH) Simple Soup Supper for Study (FH) Coping Creatively with Cancer (Off-campus) Know Chocolate for Lent Bible Study (FH) No Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, March 15</b>	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.  7:00 p.m.	CPC Staff/Deacon Lunch at Glenaire 'Clarence Darrow: A One Man Play: Social Justice Team Event (Sanctuary) Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
<b>Friday, March 16</b>	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P) SH Youth Group: Camp Willow Run Retreat (meet at Kirk of Kildaire PC)
<b>Saturday, March 17</b>	No activities scheduled	SH Youth Group: Camp Willow Run Retreat
<b>Sunday, March 18</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>9:45 a.m.</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> 12:00 p.m.  2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Worship Service</b> Potluck Dinner and Town Hall Forum (Fellowship Hall) SH Youth Group: Camp Willow Run Retreat (return by 2:00 p.m.) MS Youth Group: Meet New Youth Director: Alan Bancroft (MS Room)