



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00 AM MARCH 4, 2018**
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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. 3, refrain)

No. 177

***"I am the strength for all the despairing,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
All the blind will see; the lame will run free,
and all will know my name.***

***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: God of the Sabbath
We pause with You on this seventh day,
the end of a busy week for some
and a week that has dragged along for others,
approaching You with our trials and joys.

All: We come to rest in your presence.

One: We bring to You
our complicated encounters,
the difficult news and reasons to rejoice,
the aches and pains that have hindered us,
the strains from labors and long work hours.

All: We come to rest in your presence.

One: Thank You that You meet us here,
Creator who rested on the Sabbath,
Son who wrestled in the wilderness,
and Spirit, who comes among us now,
inspire, refresh and guide us.

All: We come to rest in Your presence. Amen.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**God, we think we know what you want,
 and we try our best to follow the rules.
 So often, though, we are seduced by our own desire
 for answers, for black-and-white lists of do's and don'ts.
 We like to believe we can earn, or even buy, our way into
 your kingdom. We confess our need to control, and pray
 for your forgiveness when we impose our rules on you
 and on others. We confess that we like things the way
 we are, and pray for your forgiveness when the status quo
 keeps some away from you, even as it benefits us.
 Turn over the tables in our hearts, minds, and churches,
 and make room for your grace to dwell.**

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. 3) No. 543

***Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
 flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
 depth of the sea to soil of planet:
 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

Psalter Reading *Psalms 19* OT, pp. 498-499

Epistle Reading *1 Corinthians 1:18-25* NT, p. 166

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 20:1-17* OT, p. 66

Sermon *Living in Freedom* Alan Bancroft

***Hymn** *Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples* No. 757

Time with Our Children

The Sacrament of Baptism

Scripture Sentences

Presentation of Bailey Eloise Rodriguez

Rhonda Carlile, Clerk of Session

*Today we rejoice in the baptism of Bailey Rodriguez,
daughter of Jon and Sarah Rodriguez,
sister of Lucy and Zachary,
born February 4, 2017.*

Questions to the Parents

Questions to the Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

One: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day
he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness
of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism and Prayer

Celebration

Hymn *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vv. 1&4)* No. 486

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem *Come, Follow Me* Martin
Chancel Choir

Take up thy cross and follow.

Come, faithful seeker of the light, my voice is calling in the night.

Walk with me; I'll be your guide. Follow me.

Come, weary pilgrim, take my hand. I'll lift you up and help you stand.

All who seek the promised land, follow me.

All who hunger, all who suffer, all who sorrow,

all who would be free, follow me.

*The path is steep, the road is long,
but with my love I'll keep you strong;
then my grace will lead you home. Come, follow me.
Come, follow me, O faithful one, until the final race is won,
until the great Amen is sung! Follow me. Come, follow me.
I am the way, the truth, the life. Follow me.*

***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**

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** *God of Grace and God of Glory* No. 307

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Voluntary in E Minor* Stanley

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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): Tim Farless

Today's Service Participants (11:00)

Minister: Rev. Alan Bancroft, Rev. Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Children in Worship: Honor Rackley

Acolyte: Celina Mount

Lay Reader: Laurie Callis

Bus Driver: Allan Cain

Sound: Craig and Kathryn Anderson

Ushers: Boyce Oglesby, Craig Hofmeister, Jane Dunbar, and Tim Farless

Counters: Sandy Ogle and Jim Bowdish

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 may join at any time this season. 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.**

The Preparing Children for Worship Milestone continues during the Sunday School hour this week, March 4, for second graders and their parents. Children who participated in this Milestone will be recognized at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Thanks to Betty Boyd, Angela Rose and staff for teaching this important class.

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

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. 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!

Faith Journey Sunday School for elementary children begins a new unit this week entitled "The Church—Then and Now." We now offer a simple snack as a way to promote fellowship during the gathering time. Parents: please alert us to any food allergies, though we have taken steps to mitigate those – thank you.

Adult Education Sunday School Classes:

Faith TODAY 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 from the SALT project, a group that creates film and media for churches. "Kid Advice, Goldfinches, Guns - and Why Jesus is Angry" tackle some of the themes of the lectionary Bible texts for this week in conjunction with a discussion on what occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School recently, in Rm 100.

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

Announcements and Opportunities

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.

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

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.

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.

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](#)

CPC Members: You are still 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.

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.

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, 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)
Monday, March 5	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Staff Meeting (Office) Deacons Meeting (102) Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (P) Lenten Small Group (L)
Tuesday, March 6	10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Book Group (P) Communications Team (P) Cool Books Club (Peg Giesbrecht's home) Boy Scout Troop 232 (101/103/105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L)
Wednesday, March 7	4:00 p.m. 5:00 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) Know Chocolate for Lent Bible Study (FH) YAF Meeting (103) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, March 8	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Small Group (P) Health Ministry Team (209) Bob Hall Group (101/103/105)
Friday, March 9	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, March 10	10:00 p.m.	Lenten Small Group (P)
Sunday, March 11	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: Art Night (MS Room) SH Youth Group: Stress Buster (Start with Hello) and Parent Meeting (SH Room)