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FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND COMMUNION
11:00 AM MARCH 5, 2017

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Be still my soul...

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Largo

Vivaldi

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Truly God is Good

Barrett

*Invocation

One: God, you are our hiding place, our refuge in times of distress.

All: We turn to you now, seeking your Spirit throughout our Lenten journey.

One: Be present in our struggle,

All: and help us to rest in your eternal promises, that we might resist temptation and remain faithful in our worship of you. Amen.

***Hymn**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

No. 166

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

One: Creative, passionate God, you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the balance of creation.

All: We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds; we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences.

One: Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts our relationship with you and one another.

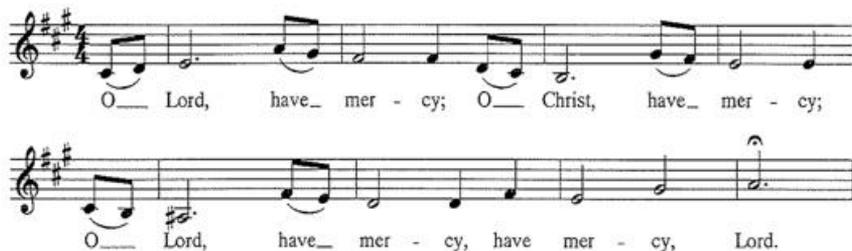
All: We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we can turn once more to God and find new ways to live and to love one another.

One: Do not let our hearts be fearful,

All: but let us in silence acknowledge our sin and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.

Silence

***Kyrie**



O Lord, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy, Lord.

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: God does not turn a deaf ear to our cries of mercy

All: but listens with compassion.

One: The gospel is this: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Let us live in the light of God's reconciling love.
Amen.**

***Response**

Let Us Return to the Lord



Come, let us re - turn to the Lord.
You who are torn, God will heal you; you who are
crushed, God will bind you up.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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 Psalm 32 OT, p. 506, 507

New Testament Reading Matthew 4:1-11 NT, p. 3

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Wilderness*

*Affirmation of Faith

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

All: 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.

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

All: 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.

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

All: 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 humble faith in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***Hymn** *When We Are Tested (vv. 1&2)* No. 783

Time with Our Children

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem *Lenten Meditation* Kirk
Chancel Choir

Commissioning of the 2017 Guatemala Mission Team:

Beth Cleveland, Medora Hix, Mandy Nester, Carol Payne, Jim Tompkins

Invitation to the Table

Hymn

When We Are Tested (vv. 3&4)

No. 783

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God, our creator and redeemer.

In your wisdom, you made all things
and sustain them by your power.

You formed us in your image to love and serve you,
but we forgot your promises and
abandoned your commandments.

In your mercy, you did not reject us
but still claimed us as your own.

When we were slaves in Egypt you freed us
and led us through the waters of the sea.

You fed us with heavenly food in the wilderness
and satisfied our thirst from desert springs.

On the holy mountain you gave us your law
to guide us in your way.

Through the waters of Jordan you led us
into the land of your promise,
and you sustained us in times of trial.

You spoke through prophets calling us
to turn from our willful ways
to new obedience and righteousness.

You sent your Son to be the way to eternal life.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever declare the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord.
He took upon himself the weight of our sin
and carried the burden of our guilt.
He shared our life in every way,
and though tempted, was sinless to the end.

Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death
and by your power was raised to new life.
In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this cup
from the gifts you have given us
and celebrate with joy the redemption
won for us in Jesus Christ.
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.
Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and cup,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ,
and with all who are baptized in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Help us, O God, to be obedient to your call
to love all your children, to do justice and show mercy,
and to live in peace with your whole creation.
Guide us through the desert of life,

quench our thirst with the living waters,
satisfy our hunger with the bread of heaven.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully
until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages
we will feast with you at your table in glory.
We offer these and all of our prayers
in the name of Jesus who has taught us to pray together:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

Hymnal p.35

Sharing of the Elements

Communion will be received in the pews.

Take and hold the bread, then as one body all will eat together.

Take and hold a cup, then all will drink together, in one Spirit.

***Prayer after Communion**

***Hymn**

Be Still, My Soul (vv. 1&2)

No. 819

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response**

Forty Days and Forty Nights (v.1)

No. 167

**Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.**

***Postlude**

Prelude in D Minor

Bach

*Please remain standing until the acolyte
and worship leaders have left the Sanctuary.*

Beginning today, enjoy COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
in the NARTHEX during the six Sundays in Lent.
Extend hospitality and connection while enjoying a cup of coffee
after 11:00 worship each Sunday in Lent. Stephen Ministers,
the Visitor/New Member Team and the Fair Trade Coffee Ministry
are graciously providing this opportunity

**After worship, the Officer of the Day will be available
at the chancel steps to answer any questions
for visitors and CPC members.**

(8:30 a.m., Scott Peoples; 11:00 a.m., Janet Robinette)

Welcome! We are truly glad that visitors, members, and friends of Cary Presbyterian Church have joined us in worship today. To learn more about our congregation:

- Stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex for information about our church, our programs, and our mission.
- Call the church office at 919-467-8700, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Visit us at www.carypresbyterian.org and our Facebook page.

Ministers: Dr. Kyle Allen, Rev. Lori Pistor

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Youth Choir Director: Julie Henry

Acolytes: 8:30 – Sarah Pierce

11:00 – Bennett Keith

Lay Readers: 8:30 – Rhonda Carlile

11:00 – David Justice

Bus Driver: 11:00 – John Hansen

Sound: 8:30 – Sam Witherspoon

11:00 – Joey Bartholomew

Counters: Brian Short and Jim Bowdish

Announcements

- **Pick up your *Lent in a Bag* in the Narthex, beginning March 5.** Choose one night each week in Lent and invite others to gather around to discuss the weekly symbol (provided) as a starting point for conversation. Join as friends, couples, families...but join this journey.
- **Illustrated Stations of the Cross:** Coloring posters from Illustrated Children's Ministry will take you on a **journey following the footsteps of Christ** and will immerse you in the biblical account of the last hours and days of Jesus' life. These posters were created with children in mind — **however**, it is our experience that communities that use our coloring posters inevitably have the most **meaningful experiences** when **children, youth, parents, families and friends gather intergenerationally to create art together.** Two posters will be in the CPC library at all times. As they are finished, they will be hung and two more posters to color will be provided. Ideally, all posters will be colored and hung by Holy Week. Come any time to color and journey!
See pictures and read more at illustratedchildrensministry.com.
- **Walk and Talk: Walking Together with Scripture**
Every Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Walk; 10:15 a.m. Devotional
February 23-March 16 at Cary Presbyterian Church
Join us each Thursday morning at CPC to walk the trail as a group in scripture and fellowship. We will end each walk at the picnic tables on the church lawn for a devotional. (Rain alternative in the fellowship hall.) Questions? Please contact Parish Nurse Mandy Nester at mandy.nester@carypresbyterian.org
- **Triple F Group will meet Monday, March 6, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 100.** Barbara Turner will present a program on the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). All young-at-heart retired folks are welcome to join us. We enjoy Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

- **Moving Toward Compassion – Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:00 p.m.**
 – **CPC Parlor:** Beginning March 7, this five-week Lenten Study is based on the Karen Armstrong book “Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life.” Reading the book is helpful but not necessary. The study will be led by Rev. David Voss and Elder Jerry Slaymaker and will include general discussion and small group conversation and a weekly challenge for participants.
- **Walking the Labyrinth:** “Walking the Labyrinth,” a daytime Lenten study tracing the path toward Jerusalem with the Gospel of Mark’s twists and turns of Jesus’ life, will be led by Medora Hix. The study will be offered on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in Room 102, March 8 through the rest of Lent. One session will include the use of our own labyrinth.
- **A Quiet Day in Lent:** The Spiritual Practices Ministry Team will offer “A Quiet Day in Lent” on Saturday, March 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Creative activities with a Lenten focus, Lenten prayers and readings, and the indoor labyrinth will be available for expression, reflection and contemplation. In the CPC Library/Parlor/Fellowship Hall. Please contact Jeanne Bolick, Diane Garber or Becky Hambrick with questions.
- **Do you want to learn more about being a member at Cary Presbyterian? Let’s do it! Sunday, March 19** — First, come and partake of the Crock Pot Cook Off. Then, curiosity seekers and CPC members will gather in the Fellowship Hall Annex for an informal conversation, including Q&A. The Visitor/New Member Team will also host a series of Sunday sessions in the Annex on March 26, April 2 and 9 from 9:45-10:40 a.m. **Need more information? Contact Lori at lori.pistor@carypresbyterian.org.**
- **CPC Men's Breakfast: Saturday, April 1, 8-10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall**
 Please join your CPC brothers for a hearty meal (traditional breakfast fare and heart-healthy choices), a time for fellowship and a talk by Rod Brooks, President and CEO of Rise Against Hunger (previously known as Stop Hunger Now.) Bring a friend. All are welcome.

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Hal Drumheller
Peg Giesbrecht
Kevin Steidinger

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<p>Sunday, March 5</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:45 p.m.</p> <p>5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Worship Service Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Service Coffee Fellowship (Narthex) CA Youth Group (Jumpstart) Drop off/Pick up at Jumpstart – note time change No Youth Choir Rehearsal MS Youth Group (MS Room) Sky Zone SH Youth Group (SH Area) Stress Busters</p>
<p>Monday, March 6</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>USC Alternative Spring Break (101/103/105) Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (P) Cub Scout Pack 232 Parent Mtg (103)</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 7</p>	<p>10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>USC Alternative Spring Break (101/103/105) Connections Book Group (P) Preschool Conscious Discipline Workshop (102) Boy Scouts 232 (FH) Girl Scouts Teen Troop 418 Strength, Hope, Healing (100/102) Cool Books Club (Peg Giesbrecht's home) Moving toward Compassion — Lenten Study (P/L)</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 8</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>USC Alternative Spring Break (101/103/105) Ruth Circle (102) Walking the Labyrinth – Lenten Study (102) Communications Team (P) Coping Creatively with Cancer (L) Youth and Family Ministry Team (102) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)</p>
<p>Thursday, March 9</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>USC Alternative Spring Break (101/103/105) Walking Together with Scripture Health Ministry Team (209) Missions Team (L) Nominating Team (209)</p>
<p>Friday, March 10</p>	<p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>USC Alternative Spring Break (101/103/105) Centering Prayer/Kathleen Norris's <i>Amazing Grace</i> (P)</p>
<p>Saturday, March 11</p>	<p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>"A Quiet Day in Lent," presented by Spiritual Practices Team (L/P/FH)</p>
<p>Sunday, March 12</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p> <p>Worship Service Sunday School</p> <p>Worship Service Coffee Fellowship (Narthex) Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) No CA Youth Group Meeting MS Youth Group (MS Room) Brown Bag Lunches for Raleigh Rescue Mission SH Youth Group (SH Area) Comedy Night</p>

See all our events for the Lenten season at www.carypresbyterian.org.