

Cary Presbyterian
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ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

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Come at dawn! Come at noon! Come late in the day!

*Come to the vineyard, where the last and the first
harvest God's good fruit together.*

Come!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Andante

Corelli

Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit

Come, Sing

Ford

*Call to Worship *based on Psalm 105*

One: Call on the name of God and give thanks.

All: Make known God's deeds among the people.

One: Sing and tell of God's wonderful works.

All: Let those who seek God rejoice in their hearts.

One: Let us worship God.

*Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

No. 81

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Giver of all good gifts,
we confess that our own generosity is limited.
We give, but often reluctantly.
We shrink from costly discipleship,
preferring cheap grace.
Forgive our fleeting enthusiasm
and our shallow commitment.
Guide us in your way of joyful giving,
a way embodied by Christ,
who freely gave of himself,
and in whose name we pray.**

Silent Confession

*** Kyrie**

Lord, Have Mercy

No. 576

This response will be sung twice, the first time by the choir.
Please join them the second time through.

***Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.***

*** Assurance of Grace**

*** Response of Praise** *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer (v. 6)* No. 439

***Bless your maker, all you creatures,
ever under God's control,
all throughout God's vast dominion;
bless the Lord of all, my soul!***

*** 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 Exodus 16:2-15

OT, pp. 62, 63

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

NT, p. 21,22

Sermon

Low Hanging Fruit

Lori Pistor

*Litany of Gratitude

One: Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us day by day and year by year,

All: We give you our thanks.

One: For the simple pleasures of life: for garden harvests, coffee conversation, and familiar surroundings, For health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life, For needs met and desires fulfilled,

All: We give you our thanks.

One: For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit, For homes which supply shelter, which nurture order and beauty, and offer hospitality,

All: We give you our thanks.

One: With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven, With enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life, With music which declares your everlasting goodness, With prayers for mutual understanding and peace,

All: We worship you with joy.

One: With creative pursuits which contribute our God-given talents, With words which honor you as Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, With time volunteered and dedicated to service in church and community, With years committed to extending the love of Jesus Christ,

All: We worship you with joy.

One: With gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage ourselves, With deeds done in service of neighbor and stranger, With holy days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace, With family and friends distant and nearby,

All: We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit.

Amen.

Time with Our Children

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Take My Life Lord
Chancel Choir

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*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.*

*Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.*

*O Master, let me walk with Thee, In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.*

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 609

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Ever-faithful God,
as we seek to be faithful givers,
may your Spirit of abundance,
which gives more than we ask or imagine,
grace these gifts for your kingdom
in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

***Hymn** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* No. 708

Congregational Meeting

***Charge and Benediction**

One: And let all God's people joyfully say:

All: Alleluia! Amen!

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: Tom Stuart

Today's Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Mitzi Leshler-Thomas

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Sarah Derifaj

Lay Reader: Peggy Visor

Bus Driver: Ellen Govert

Sound: Jason Troiano

Counters: Alger Faber and Jane Dunbar

Announcements and Opportunities

(Please check your E-Link newsletter in your email
or the PDF of E-Link on the CPC website for full information)

Fair Trade Products: Our table will be up and running, before and after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, outside Fellowship Hall today. We will have a full complement of our regular items: coffee (ground, whole-bean; regular, decaf), tea, chocolate bars, cocoa, and olive oil, plus mugs made by Todd Crouse

World Communion Sunday, October 1: The Reverend Dr. Rose Cornelious, Development Director at Dorcas Ministries, will be the guest preacher for World Communion Sunday next week.

Faith Today Adult Sunday School Class:

Oct 1: Mindfulness I; Jason Troiano. Mindfulness meditation helps reduce stress, anxiety, and promotes well-being. Here Jason offers the first of three sessions to be offered during the year.

Sunday School Help Wanted: Our Sunday School still needs one Shepherd guide in the grades 1-3 group. Sign up today in the Narthex or send a note to Medora Hix, medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org, for more information.

Triple F Group: October 3 the group will go to lunch at S&T Soda Shop in Pittsboro at 11:30 a.m. We will then visit the curio shop up the street. Plan to meet behind the church at 10:30 a.m. to carpool.

Cool Books Club News: The club will not meet in September. Our next meeting will be October 3 at 7 p.m. at Peg Geisbrecht's house. We will read and discuss The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian and a Jew--Three Women Search for Understanding by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner.

CPC Blood Drive, October 25: October 25 is the date for our next Blood Drive. We will start paper sign ups on October 1. SignUpGenius will be up prior to then, so sign up early to get your first choice of spots. There is always a need for blood, but more so now with recent events.

Be The Hands!: A Day of Mission Work and Fellowship; Saturday, November 4

All ages are invited to participate in a day of mission work and fellowship. This event combines our former Deacon Work Day and Summer Mission Experience into one and takes them to a whole new church-wide level. Contact Todd Crouse at crousetrc@gmail.com.

Not-So-Silent-Retreat: Friday November 10 - Saturday November 11

Our "Not-So-Silent Retreat" will be offered once again at Cedar Cross Retreat Center near Louisburg. The 24-hour retreat will be from Friday, November 10 at 4 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, November 11. The cost for lodging and meals is \$85. Car-pooling can be arranged. Contact Jeanne Bolick (jlbolick@att.net) or Diane Garber (dianegarber@icloud.com) for more information or to register.

Need a Name Tag? Write "Need a name tag" next to your name in the Welcome Book or sign up for a name tag at the table by the TV in the Narthex. As soon as yours is ready it will be on that same table. Keep it where most convenient on one of the name tag racks.

Congregational Meeting after Worship today

The Session has called a congregational meeting this Sunday following 11:00 a.m. worship for the election of Elders and Deacons.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 24	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Sunday School/All Ages All Together Worship Service Congregational Meeting HS: Youth Group: Bridge to Life (van leaves at 5:30 p.m., return at 8:00 p.m.) MS: Youth Group (No Meeting this week)
Monday, September 25	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting (FH) Page Turners Book Club (P)
Tuesday, September 26	10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Book Group (P) Boy Scout Troop 232 (FH, 101, 103, 105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (AI-Anon) (Library)
Wednesday, September 27	6:30 p.m.	Coping Creatively with Cancer (Off-Campus)
Thursday, September 28		
Friday, September 29	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, September 30		
Sunday, October 1, World Communion Sunday	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service and Communion: World Communion Sunday Sunday School/All Ages Worship Service and Communion: World Communion Sunday HS: Youth Group; Face Your Fears (HS Room)

New! Connections Classes

Connection Classes are now being created in response to those who desire to have a more relationship-based learning experience.

Connection Classes (an adaptation of a Share, Word, Care model):

- meet weekly, so classes will meet each Sunday morning
- are self-formed, numbering no less than 5 persons but not more than 10
- use a simple format of: checking in with one another, which may include sharing things from one's daily life, concerns about issues in the world, discussing readings, films, articles and so forth which help further faith in some way. Connections are most successful when similar life-stages and gender meet together, but there is not a hard and fast rule about this.

Please fill out the Connections Class interest form found in the Narthex or available at the link in this week's E-link newsletter, or contact Director of Christian Education, Medora Hix, by telephone (919-819-5360 cell) or by email, medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org