ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

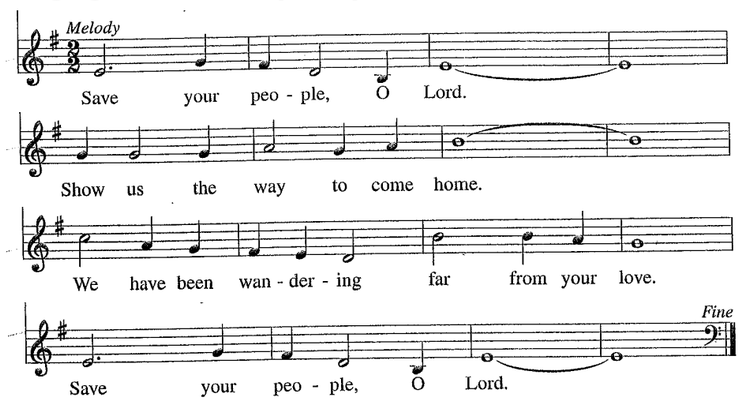
SHHHH! The *Alleluias* have been put away for Lent! During the seven weeks of Lent we will not say or sing *Alleluias* during worship. Their absence serves as a reminder of this contemplative and confessional season traveling toward Holy Week.

A Time for Prayer and Personal Meditation

Prelude *Prelude in E Minor* Chopin

Introit (8:30) *Song of Witness* Douglas
Youth Choir

Congregational Introit (11:00)



***Call to Worship** from *Psalm 32*

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
All: Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
One: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
All: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
One: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
All: and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

***Hymn** *How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions (vv. 1 & 2)* No. 446

*** Prayer of Confession**

Leader: We confess that we are easily led astray by our own desires and that we are reluctant to forgive those who offend us. We acknowledge too that we do not always delight in your joy over sinners who repent and that we often regard what we do for you as a burden.

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 our website at www.carypresbyterian.org and

Acolytes: 8:30 – Claire Hann
11:00 – Griffin Patrick
Lay Readers: 8:30 – Kathel Sugg
11:00 – Peggy Viser
Bus Driver: John Hansen
Sound: Beth Allen
Greeters: 8:30 – Donna Adkins
11:00 – Jason Simpson
Youth Choir Director – Julie Henry

LENTEN SYMBOLS

During the season of Lent, instead of flowers on the retable, we are focusing on Lenten symbols to remind us of the depth of Christ's sacrifice and the triumph over sin and death that is Easter. The rough-hewn cross, made by longtime CPC member and craftsman Fred Haskin, forms the center of our tableau.

On the first Sunday of Lent we placed a wooden cross in the center.

On the second Sunday of Lent, we added a whip of cords.

On the third Sunday of Lent, we added a towel and basin.

On the fourth Sunday of Lent we add a cup to the towel, basin, whip of cords and cross. It serves a twofold purpose — as the cup of blessings and the cup of suffering. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus says, "Lord, if it be your will, take this cup of suffering from me." **As we approach Holy Week, consider how our church reaches out to those who are suffering and how you might support or expand those ministries.**

Announcements

- **One Great Hour of Sharing** fish banks for this special Lenten offering are available in the Narthex at the special display. Children who can read may get stories about Gracie the Fish to read during the service.
- **Senior High Youth: Dr. Seuss – Oh the Fun We Will Have!** Plans have changed for the weekend, but no need to worry — new plans were made in a hurry! This idea was suggested, quite strongly requested, that Dr. Seuss be the theme of our next session. So put on your best Dr. Seuss look, choose from any fun book, be Horton, Yertle, Sam, Sneedle or perhaps even Nook! Costumed or not, show up on the spot, for an evening of fun and food top notch! *Bring $3 for dinner and feel free to dress up as your favorite Dr. Seuss character.*
- **Triple F Group —** On Monday, March 7, 10:00 a.m. in Room 100, Bob and Deky Hall will report on their trip to Croatia, Bosnia, and Slovenia. They will bring pictures of some outstandingly different sites.

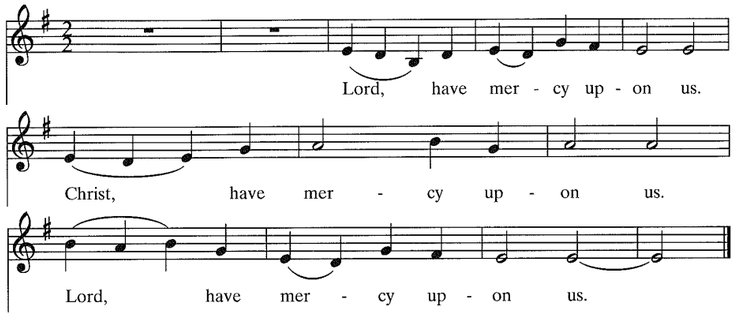
THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
Sunday, March 6		USC Alternative Spring Break (101/103/105)
	8:30 a.m.	**Worship Service/Communion**
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	**Worship Service/Communion**
	6:00 p.m.	SH Youth (FH)
Monday, March 7		USC Alternative Spring Break (101/103/105)
	10:00 a.m.	Triple F (100)
	6:30 p.m.	Board of Deacons (102)
	7:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (P)
Tuesday, March 8		USC Alternative Spring Break (101/103/105)
	10:00 a.m.	Connections Group (P)
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts 232 (FH/K)
	6:30 p.m.	Mary/Martha Circle (Off Site)
	7:00 p.m.	Covenant Bible Study (102)
	7:00 p.m.	Miriam Circle (P)
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training Make-up (L)
Wednesday, March 9		USC Alternative Spring Break (101/103/105)
	10:00 a.m.	Ruth Circle (102)
	12:00 p.m.	How Our Bible Came to Be (102)
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training Make-up (L)
Thursday, March 10	6:00 p.m.	Personnel Team (P)
	7:00 p.m.	Missions Team (L)
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training (102)
Friday, March 11	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer/Merton's *Bridges to Contemplative Living* (P)
Saturday, March 12	8:45 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Training Retreat (102)
Sunday, March 13	**8:30 a.m.**	**Worship Service**
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School/Driver's License Milestone
	11:00 a.m.	**Worship Service/ Driver's License Recognition**
	5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	CA/MS/SH Youth (101/103/105/FH)
	6:00 p.m.	Mom's Group (208)

Church Staff
The Rev. Dr. D. Kyle Allen, Pastor
The Rev. Lori Pistor, Transitional Pastor
The Rev. Dr. David V. Voss, Parish Associate
Medora B. Hix, Director of Christian Education
Angie H. Keith, Director of Preschool
Edward T. Yasick, Director of Music
Deb A. Bundesen, Office Manager
Barbara S. Carew, Finance Manager
Mandy L. Nester, Parish Nurse
Ron A. Norris, Building & Grounds Manager

All: **Forgive us those times when our faith has become a set of rules and regulations and our hope has become dependent on what we do or not do. Help us to draw closer to you, to rejoice when you rejoice, and to weep when you weep. Through Christ our Lord, restore us.**

Silent confession

***Kyrie** *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*



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***Assurance**

***Response** *How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions (v. 3)* No. 446

So let the godly seek you,
when troubling times are near;
no storm or flood shall reach them,
nor cause their hearts to fear.
In you, O Lord, I hide me;
you save me from all ill.
And songs of your salvation
my heart with rapture fill.

Time with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Gospel Reading *Matthew 5:1–6* NT, p. 4

Second Gospel Reading *Luke 15:1–2, 11–32* NT, p. 78

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Offering Grace* Rev. Pistor

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

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Offertory Anthem (8:30) *Be Still* Berry
Youth Choir
(11:00) *O Lord, Have Mercy* Hopson
Chancel Choir

(Please pause for a moment of silence to reflect on the anthem the choir has just offered in praise to God.)

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Hymn of Preparation *Before I Take the Body* No. 428

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
and the Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise…

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Leader: … Great is the mystery of faith:
People: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

***Prayer**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
People: and also with you.
Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

***Hymn** *Amazing Grace (vv. 1–4)* No. 649

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response** *Amazing Grace (v. 5)* No. 649

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

***Postlude** *Postlude in C Minor* Norsa

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

Cary Presbyterian CHURCH PC(USA)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 AND 11:00 AM MARCH 6, 2016

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A Time for Prayer and Personal Meditation

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,
O righteous, and shout for joy,
all you upright in heart.

from Psalm 32