



11:00 AM      AUGUST 28, 2016  
15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**A Time for Prayer and Personal Meditation**

*Students don't care how much you know  
until they know how much you care.*

Anonymous

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Gathering Chime

Prelude

*Andante*

Zollner

### Welcome and Announcements

### A Time for Prayer and Personal Meditation

Introit

*He Leadeth Me*

Bradbury

### \*Call to Worship

One: God calls us to worship

**All: rather than honor.**

One: God calls us to love the unknown

**All: rather than the familiar.**

One: We come to this time of worship,

**All: trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,**

One: who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**All: Come, let us praise the living God.**

\*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King (vv. 1, 4 & 6)* No. 15

### \*Call to Confession

One: God calls us to mutual love. But to find that mutuality,

**All: we must release our need for honor, our desire for privilege.**

One: In humility, let us seek forgiveness

**All: from the God of tender mercy.**

*\*those who are able are invited to stand*

## Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us as we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. Forgive us when we choose to believe we are self-sufficient and do not trust in your strength and goodness. Open us to your Spirit, that we might serve all people. This we pray in Jesus' name...

*silent confessions*

### \*Longing for Humility

*Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord* Hudson

*Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.*

*Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord.*

*And Christ will lift you up, higher and higher,  
and Christ will lift you up.*

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us finest wheat

**All: and honey from the rock, to sustain us in new life.**

One: Rejoice! For we have been reconciled to God and one another.

**All: With joy, let us humbly serve the Lord of heaven and earth. Alleluia! Amen!**

### \*Response

*The Lord Is God (v. 1)*

No. 63

*The Lord is God, the Lord alone!*

*Give honor, thanks, and praise to God,  
the maker of all things and giver of our days.*

### \*Passing of 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

### Gospel Reading

*Luke 14:1-14*

NT, p. 77

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*Developing a Holy Imagination*

Dr. Allen

### \*Hymn

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant? (vv. 1-3)*

No. 727

### Time with the Children

*Blessing of the Backpacks*

Medora Hix, Director of Christian Education

#### Children's Litany

One: When it's the night before going to school, and I'm picking out my clothes and making sure I have all my school supplies...

**Children: Jesus is with me.**

One: When I'm waking up, eating breakfast and going to school...

**Children: Jesus is with me.**

One: When I meet my teachers and new friends in my class...

**Children: Jesus is with me.**

One: When I'm working and learning, and when I'm playing with my friends at recess...

**Children: Jesus is with me.**

One: When I'm telling my family about my day at school, when I'm praying at night and thanking God for all those who help me go to school...

**Children: Jesus is with me.**

Congregational Litany

One: Let us all pray together:

**All: Thank you, Jesus, for always being by our side, even if we get nervous or afraid, or we're just enjoying our day. When we see a cross on a backpack, we will remember that we can talk with you any time – day or night – and for that we are so thankful.**

One: O Holy God, as these your children begin their studies, we ask a blessing on their backpacks in which they carry their learning tools.

**All: Bless, O God, all who will teach and lead our children in school. Give them the wisdom, energy, creativity and love that will make their work a blessing to our children. Bless all school personnel, so that they may do their crucial work with a spirit of grace and compassion.**

One: Bless, O God, these our cherished children, those whom we have promised to love and nurture at their baptism. Keep them safe, keep them excited, and keep them ever seeking to learn more and develop their gifts. Through their learning, may they gain the tools to grow in love and faith and service, all their days.

**All: Bless, O God, these backpacks and the children who carry them. O Lord of Life and Love, hear our prayer. Amen.**

**\*Litany of Thanksgiving for Teachers and Learners:**

One: Holy God, we acknowledge that teachers are called to serve the church in a variety of roles – ordained and lay, volunteer and paid. With great gratitude and deep appreciation for those who have answered your clarion call to teach in this new Church School Year,

**All: we praise you, we commend them to your care,  
and we commission their service among us.**

One: Gentle and Loving God, through the ministries of  
Christian education and faith formation,

**All: we learn about you, your world, your love for  
humankind, and your purpose for us as faithful  
disciples.**

One: We praise you for testaments Old and New,

**All: and for our spiritual ancestors whose stories  
teach us and help us in our quest to be your  
faithful people.**

One: Most of all, we thank you for your Son, our Savior the  
Christ, the Living Word,

**All: who teaches the depth of your love and  
forgiveness and who leads us to greater depths  
of Christian service and discipleship.**

One: Thank you, Lord, for Christ's witness among us

**All: and for all engaged in ministries of Christian  
education and faith formation at CPC.**

One: Give all who teach and all who learn

**All: holy imaginations to serve and honor you, even  
as your Spirit speaks to ours. Amen.**

**Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

Rev. Pistor

**Offertory Duet**

*Shout to the Lord*

Poorman

*Julie Henry, Soprano & Jane Dunbar, Alto*

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 607

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

## \*Prayer of Dedication

### Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

#### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn    *Go My Children, with My Blessing (vv. 1 & 2)*    No. 547

#### \*Charge and Benediction

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

**All:    Alleluia! Amen!**

\*Response    *Go My Children, with My Blessing (v.3)*    No. 547

*"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.*

*Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.*

*Here my Spirit's power filled you;*

*here my tender comfort stilled you.*

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."*

\*Postlude                      *La Rejouissance*                      Handel

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

**Acolyte:** Noah Tomczak

**Lay Reader:** John Page

**Bus Driver:** Ellen Govert

**Sound:** Beth Allen, Craig and Kathryn Anderson

**Greeter:** Sue Harley

**Counters:** Louis and Camille Lambe



*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by  
Jim and Alice Williams to the glory of God and in  
honor and celebration of Alice's retirement from  
IBM after 37 years of service.*

**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](http://www.carypresbyterian.org) and



## Announcements

**TODAY is the Blessing of the Backpacks!** This annual ritual is part of the Kindergarten Starting School Milestone but is for ALL of our children who are going to school. Bring your backpacks to the Time with Children (reminder: happening after the sermon) for the blessing, while Kindergarten students receive reminders of God going with us wherever we are, school and elsewhere.

**The SPECIAL EDITION LINK on Faith Formation/Christian Education is ready!** If you missed it in your inbox or mailbox, pick up a copy in the Narthex. It gives you all the info you need about our learning ministry, including the new online adult education, Church Next.

**One person is needed to help our adorable preschoolers learn about God, faith, and the church.** We have a super team of four but another person will allow everyone to be able to serve a few times a month and be free for other classes or places the other weeks. Contact Medora Hix today.

**Fair Trade products are available today** — coffee (ground, whole-bean, K cups; regular, decaffeinated), tea, olive oil, chocolate bars, and cocoa. Look for our table outside Fellowship Hall after the worship service. We accept cash, checks, and debit or credit cards. Thank you for helping us support Esperanza, the CPC Guatemala mission project!

**Are you called to serve?** CPC is in need of volunteers to help with communion preparation for worship. Our congregation celebrates communion at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month and at special Christmas Eve and Lenten services. Your commitment would be to serve as part of a two-person team, ideally four times a year. Thanks to the terrific work of our Music and Worship Ministry Team, the preparation process is clearly defined — we just need willing hands and a servant spirit. Please contact Cathy Williams at 919-469-4774, 919-812-6703 or [cathywilliams0303@gmail.com](mailto:cathywilliams0303@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more.

**Come Get Wet! Saturday, September 10, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.** Several people are preparing to be trained as Worship Leaders and Greeters for the new Children and Worship ministry that begins at CPC this Fall. Come Saturday, September 10, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Bring lunch. Children and Worship is for children ages 3½–7, is offered at 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings, and is followed by joining the whole congregation in the Sanctuary. For more information contact Medora Hix, Jen Pierce, Angie Keith or Lori Pistor. If you cannot make this training but want to be a part of Children and Worship, please contact Medora Hix at [medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org).

Parents of children ages 3½–7, you are requested to attend, with your child, one of the orientation sessions – either next week September 4 or the first full schedule day of September 11 – for the new *Children and Worship* program offered during worship right at 11:00 a.m. Please indicate which of these you will attend

by emailing [medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org) or by signing up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AABA82CAB9-children>.

NOTE that regular, traditional child-care will be offered for children in this age category on these days, reflecting the need to attend only one orientation session.

**Thank you** to all who worked to support our Guatemala mission by being part the Fiesta de Esperanza. Many answered the call to help, many bought tickets, and some made donations. We had a wonderful time and expect that God will bless our efforts to help the people of Nimasac.

<b>THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b>		
<b>Sunday, August 28</b>	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Rally Day (FH) Children and Worship Parent/Child Orientation (225) <b>All Together Worship Service</b>
<b>Monday, August 29</b>	7:00 p.m.	Page Turners Book Club (P)
<b>Tuesday, August 30</b>	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105)
<b>Wednesday, August 31</b>	4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Communications Team (209) Worship Task Force (P) Youth and Families Ministry Team (103)
<b>Thursday, September 1</b>	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Generosity Team (102) Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
<b>Friday, September 2</b>	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer/Kathleen Norris's <i>Amazing Grace</i> (P)
<b>Saturday, September 3</b>		
<b>Sunday, September 4</b>	10:40 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	"Open" Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm) Children and Worship Parent/Child Orientation (225) <b>All Together Worship Service/ Communion by Intinction</b>

Friendly reminder:

*There is a place of quiet rest...*

The Sanctuary at CPC is open each weekday 9-5 for prayer and meditation.

**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

**CPC Elders**

***Class of 2016***

- Leah Burton
- Melinda Crouse
- Caroline Derifaj
- Bob Hall
- Dee Hatch
- Justin Hancock
- Ben Kadlec
- Jennifer Simpson

***Class of 2017***

- Al Hardie
- Su Johnson
- Brandon Keith
- Boyce Oglesby
- Conniesue Oldham
- Melanie Phillips
- Kecia Simmons
- Tom Van Scoyoc

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- Rhonda Carlile
- Jeff Clark
- Wendy Czika
- Scott Patrick
- Jerry Slaymaker
- Cathy Williams

**CPC Deacons**

***Class of 2016***

- Peg Giesbrecht
- Paul Sausman
- Jodie Spencer
- Michael Spencer

***Class of 2017***

- Todd Crouse
- Teresa Amentt Jennings
- Kim Riffle
- Janet Robinette
- Tom Stuart

