

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Introit *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Scott

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Kyle Allen

A Time for Prayer and Personal Meditation

Prelude *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace* Temple

*Call to Worship

One: The One who cared about you before you were born,
All: the One who loved you in your mother's womb,
One: the One who persistently has never let you go,
All: is present with us now.
All: Let us worship God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer

***Hymn** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* No. 667

*Call to Confession

Silent Confessions

One: Let us offer our confession together:
All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength, through Christ our Lord.

***Song of Longing** *Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart (v.2)* No. 427

***Jesus knows the inmost heart, nothing can be hidden.
Jesus knows the inmost heart, nothing can be hidden.
Jesus knows our deepest fears, knows the pain of hidden tears.
By his words of love and peace every heart can find release.***

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Song of Longing** *Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart (v.4)* No. 427

***Jesus knows the inmost heart, nothing can be hidden.
Jesus knows the inmost heart, nothing can be hidden.
So our faith will be restored by the word of Christ our Lord;
for the warmth his love imparts melts the very hardest hearts.***

***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

Deb Luckadoo

New Testament *Matthew 6:24-34*

NT, p. 6

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Lori Pistor

Wisdom

Psalms 131

Tom Stuart

OT, p. 574

Reflection

Ties that Bind

Kathy Almond and Becky Hambrick

Old Testament *Isaiah 49:8-16*

Janet Robinette OT, pp. 679, 680

Reflection

Ken Wease

***Affirmation of Faith**

from Psalm 46

**All: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob and Rachel is our refuge.**

***Hymn**

For You, My God, I Wait

No. 791

Time with Our Children

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Lynn Voss

One: Let us bless these shawls that they may, in turn, bless those who receive them. For those who have suffered loss,

All: we bless these shawls, that they may bring comfort in times of grief and warmth in times of sorrow too great for words.

One: For those who are broken in body and in spirit,

All: we bless these shawls, that they may bring healing – reaching into bodies and souls, mending, weaving them together in new ways, creating a stronger body and a new future.

One: For those who are undertaking a journey,

All: we bless these shawls, that they may bring courage for the journey – to new homes or new places within, and that those who journey may recognize God’s presence in all who await them.

One: For those in transition,

All: we bless these shawls, that they may give wisdom and confidence to envision a better time.

One: For those who are welcoming a new child,

All: we bless these shawls, that they may be reminders of the new strand being knit into the life of a family, creating new colors and patterns.
Unison: May all who receive these shawls know that we, their sisters and brothers, wrap them in our prayers as these shawls wrap around their shoulders. Amen.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem *Gather to the River to Pray* arr. Choplin
Sister Act and Grace Notes
Nancy Neubauer, Accompanist

***Doxology** No. 607

***Prayer of Dedication**

Joys and Concerns of the Church Family

Surrounding Prayer Stephen Ministers

***Hymn** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* No. 803

Congregational Meeting

*** Benediction**



Today's worship service features this 'Ties That Bind' reflection: "I don't know if they knew I was crying but it just meant so much to me..."

On February 20, 2017, CPC member Becky Hambrick sat down with her mother, Kathy Almond, to talk about how Kathy and her family have been ministered to by the congregation at CPC especially during Kathy's time of need. Did you know that Micah 6:6-8 is Kathy's favorite Bible verse? When asked why, she said it was because it reminds her of all of her caregivers.



*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given
to the glory of God with gratitude for all the CPC
helping hands and genuine hospitality.*

Ministers: Dr. Kyle Allen, Rev. Lori Pistor
Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Acolyte: Sarah Derifaj
Lay Reader: Deb Luckadoo
Sound: Joey Bartholomew

Bus Driver: Christie Foppiano
Counters: Jane Dunbar and Ken Wease

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.

Announcements

- **The Session of Cary Presbyterian Church has called a Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation at the conclusion of today's worship service** for the following purposes:
 - To receive as information the 2016 CPC Annual Report
 - To receive as information the 2017 CPC Budget
 - To receive as information an update from Personnel and Administration re: CPC Staffing
 - To take action on the Session's recommendation concerning the Terms of Call for the installed pastor
 - To elect the 2017 Officer Nominating Team
 - To conduct any other business pertaining to the Corporation

- 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

To honor American Heart Month, the Health Ministry Advisory Team will host Walk and Talk. Join us each Thursday morning to walk the trail as a group. 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
- Cary Presbyterian – it's that time of year again! Appalachia Service Project 2017 registration kicked off Sunday, February 19 at 8:00 a.m. in the church office for the 38 spots on our team.** ASP works to rebuild substandard housing for low-income families with the goal of making homes warmer, safer, and drier. This year we'll be heading to Tennessee the week of June 25 – July 1, and we invite you to come along! We register by "category" (male/female youth, young adult, and adult) on a "first-come-first-served" basis and will start waiting lists as each category fills. The cost is \$225 paid at time of registration and scholarships are available, if needed. Registration forms are available on the CPC website or there will be a few hard copy forms in the church office. **Questions about the trip? Contact Chris Bula at (919)454-5495 or cbula@bellsouth.net.** Is THIS the year you finally join us?
- Lily Pads for the Pediatric Oncology Unit at WakeMed, Saturday March 25, 10:00 a.m.** Nick Konkler was a high school aged cancer patient, who had battled cancer since age 4. He noticed children having a difficult time with IV poles and had a lightbulb moment. Nick's idea was to build in his shop class IV pole "lily pads" (skateboard-like devices that allow patients to get around the hospital easier). However, he never got the chance. In February 2015, Nick died at just 17 after a long battle with leukemia and a childhood brain tumor. His high school gathered to honor their classmate and finish his project. Now churches, classrooms and others around the country continue to honor Nick by constructing and donating Lily Pads to local hospitals. Join us as we do the same! **To register to help cut or paint, please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4EAAAA28AA8-lily> or contact Parish Nurse Mandy Nester at mandy.nester@carypresbyterian.org**

- **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. This seems an important topic for current times. We look forward to seeing you and helping us all move toward a more compassionate life.
- **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. Come join the Spiritual Practices Ministry team as we explore and experience God’s all abiding love and presence in our lives during this sacred Lenten season. In the CPC Library/Parlor/Fellowship Hall. Please contact Jeanne Bolick, Diane Garber or Becky Hambrick with questions.
- **Fair Trade products will be available this Sunday, February 26. We are planning two special offers:**
 - 1) 12 oz. bags of whole bean Bird of Paradise coffee for \$10!
 - 2) A few boxes of K-cups that are past best-by dates for \$3 per box.

We will have the usual coffee (ground, whole-bean; regular, decaffeinated), tea, olive oil, chocolate bars, and cocoa. Look for our table outside Fellowship Hall before and after the one worship service at 11:00 a.m.. We accept cash, checks, and debit or credit cards. Thank you for helping us support Esperanza, the CPC Guatemala mission project!

The Season of Lent is upon us.

We keep track of time and seasons of the year by using calendars that provide us opportunities to observe, commemorate, and celebrate certain events or occasions. The changing seasons of the year also provide us with recurring opportunities to celebrate the Christian Faith in worship. The Christian church, following earlier Jewish tradition, has long used the seasons of the year as an opportunity for festivals and holidays, sacred time set aside to worship God as the Lord of life.

Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are referred to as the Sundays **in** Lent. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self-examination, and repentance. This season of the year is equal only to the Season of Advent in importance in the Christian year, and is part of the second major grouping of Christian festivals and sacred time that includes Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost.

-excerpts from Dennis Bratcher



The CPC Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will be held on February 28 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are available at the door that evening: \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children ages 2 to 12, under 2 free, \$15 max per family. Donations will go towards the church's mission work in Guatemala.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up. If you can help, please contact Kim Markham at markhamk@nc.rr.com.

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THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<p>Sunday, February 26</p>	<p>9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday School All Together Worship Service Congregational Meeting Youth Choir Rehearsal with Dads (Choir Room) MS Youth Group (MS Room) Stump the Staff SH Youth Group (SH Area) Stress Busters - Kickboxing CA Youth Group – No Meeting</p>
<p>Monday, February 27</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Session/Deacon Meeting (FH) Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Mtg (Upper Level Ed Bldg) Page Turners Book Club (P)</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 28</p>	<p>9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Set-Up (FH) Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (FH) Boy Scouts 232 Mtg</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 1</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday Service Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p>
<p>Thursday, March 2</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Walk and Talk: Walking Together with Scripture Devotional Time Caring Place (FH/Various) Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)</p>
<p>Friday, March 3</p>	<p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Centering Prayer/Kathleen Norris's <i>Amazing Grace</i> (P)</p>
<p>Saturday, March 4</p>		
<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. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Worship Service Sunday School 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>