

Cary  *Presbyterian*
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ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP SERVICE

RALLY DAY: "FORMED BY FAITH"

11:00 AM AUGUST 27, 2017

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*Those who teach by their doctrine must teach
by their life, or else they pull down with one hand
what they build up with the other.*

-Matthew Henry

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*As you are able please stand.

Gathering Chime

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High

All: seek God here.

One: We who come to be inspired and changed

All: seek God's Spirit here.

One: We who know how little we know

All: seek God's Word here.

***Hymn** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* No. 81

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**O God,
we confess the blindness
that is not even aware of sinning;
the pride that dares not admit that it is wrong;
the selfishness that can see nothing but its own will;
the righteousness that knows no fault;
the callousness that has ceased to care;
the defiance that does not regret its own sins;
the evasion that always tries to make excuses;
the coldness of heart that is too hardened to repent.
God, we are sinners; be merciful to us.**

Silent Confession

***Response** *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer (v. 2)* No. 439

***God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction,
and with you so kindly deals.***

***Assurance of Mercy**

***Response** *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer (v. 3)* No. 439

***As it was without beginning, so it lasts without an end;
to their children's children ever
shall God's righteousness extend.***

***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 Matthew 16:13-20 NT, p. 18

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading Romans 12:1-8 NT, pp. 161, 162

Sermon *The Measure of Faith* Lori Pistor

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***Hymn** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* No. 716

Time with Our Children

Blessing of Backpacks (see bulletin back cover)
Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*
Justin Dickson, Trumpet; Sara Dickson, Piano

***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**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** *Earth and All Stars (vv. 1-3)* No. 26

***Charge and Benediction**

One: Go out as God's people,
All: willing to do God's work in the world.
One: Go out as Christ's disciples,
All: ready to serve wherever we have the chance.
One: Go out as the Spirit's hopes
All: eager to proclaim peace to all.
One: And let all God's people joyfully say:
All: Alleluia! Amen!

***Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!***

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: Jerry Slaymaker

Today's Service Participants

Minister: Rev. Lori Pistor
Director of Music: Ed Yasick
Special Music: Justin and Sara Dickson
Acolyte: Sarah Pierce
Lay Reader: John Page
Bus Driver: Matt Donkin
Sound: John Campbell
Counters: Alger Faber and Kim Markham



*Flowers in the Sanctuary are given
by Donna and Bill Atkins to the glory of God
and in commemoration of their
45th Anniversary.*

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 Coffee and More

Please visit the Fair Trade table outside Fellowship Hall on Rally Day today, to help support Fair Trade farmers around the world and Esperanza, CPC's ministry in Guatemala. We will be open before and after the Rally Day gathering in Fellowship Hall, and before and after the 11:00 worship service. We will have coffee (ground, whole-bean; regular, decaffeinated), tea, chocolate bars, and cocoa. We will also have mugs made by Todd Crouse. We accept cash, checks, and debit or credit cards.

Triple F Group

The first fall meeting will be on Monday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 102. Steve Shay will present a program called "Holyland: Important Sites in Christianity," based on his recent trip there. Retired folks are cordially invited to join this young at heart group.

Loaves & Fishes

Program starts on August 21 for modified calendar students and September 5 for all students. Students are in grades K-12. Volunteers are needed to help with homework, mentor students, or assist with enrichment activities. Loaves & Fishes is now located at Mount Peace Baptist Church, 1601 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd and Raleigh Boulevard. (From Raleigh Boulevard turn right onto Martin Luther King, turn left into parking lot of Mount Peace. Continue around to the side entrance.) Visit www.LAFChildren.org or call 919-231-4687 for more information.

CPC Blood Drive

October 25 is the date for our next Blood Drive. Please donate before August 31, but not after that. Save your blood for CPC.

The Dorcas Food Pantry is down to our last can of corn

Your help stocking our shelves would be greatly appreciated by the thousands of needy neighbors we serve with donated food.

We are low on the following items: pasta and pasta sauce, canned vegetables and fruit, cereal, canned meat, chili and stew, baking mixes, cleaning supplies, toilet paper.

Please drop off donations from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 187 High House Road, Cary.

Please call Jill if you have questions: 984-333-0058.

Eclipse Glasses Now that the eclipse is over, DON'T discard your solar glasses! Bring them to church and drop them in the designated basket in the Narthex. They will be sent to Astronomers Without Borders to be distributed during the 2019 solar eclipse in Africa and Asia.

Thank You!

Thanks to all of CPC's fabulous, wonderful volunteers (listed below) who helped make Food, Friends, and Fun for summer 2017 such a great success.

Donna Amentt
Mike Amentt
Nancy Blunt
Holly Boswell
Reed Boswell
Betsy Bowdish
Betty Boyd
James Brown
Jennifer Bryant
Jake Bryant
John Bryant
Sam Bryant
Meredith Bullis
Beth Campbell
Valerie Campbell
Rayne Carlile
Rhonda Carlile
Beth Cleveland
Leah Conroy
Wendy Czika
Henry Gibbs

Onita Gibbs
Ellen Govert
Becky Hambrick
Claire Hambrick
Colleen Hann
Gracyn Hann
Barbara Harvey
Dee Hatch
Julie Henry
Grayson Hinnant
Rhonda Hinnant
Medora Hix
Kristen Justice
Cindy Leslie
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Sheri Mitten
Nathan Mitten
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Carol Payne
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Sarah Pierce
Honor Rackley
Kim Riffle
Angela Rose
Jacob Rose
Joseph Rosino
Valerie Short
Kelly Sigler
Aubrey Sigler
Natalie Sigler
Kecia Simmons
Jason Troiano
Sarah Troiano
Ella Troiano
Naomi Troiano
Jennifer Trotman
Will Troutman
Barbara Turner
Mary Walker
Cathy Williams

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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| Sunday, August 27 | 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. | Faith Formation Rally Day All Together Worship Service Youth Advisor Training Prep (102) |
| Monday, August 28 | 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Preschool Lunch (Fellowship Hall) Session Meeting (102) Page Turners Book Club (P) |
| Tuesday, August 29 | 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Connections Book Club (P) Boy Scout Troop 232 (101, 103, 105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (AI-Anon) (100, 102) |
| Wednesday, August 30 | 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. | CPC Adventurers Youth Adviser Orientation (FH) Middle School Youth Adviser Orientation (FH) Senior High Youth Adviser Orientation (FH) |
| Thursday, August 31 | No events scheduled | |
| Friday, September 1 | 9:00 a.m. | Centering Prayer Group (P) |
| Saturday, September 2 | No events scheduled | |
| Sunday, September 3 | 11:00 a.m. | All Together Worship Service |



The Blessing of the Backpacks

Children's Litany

Leader: 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.

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

Children: Jesus is with me.

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

Children: Jesus is with me.

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

Children: Jesus is with me.

Leader: 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

Leader: Let us all pray together:

All: Thank you, Jesus, for always being by our side, even if we get nervous or afraid, or 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.

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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 develop their gifts.

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