



*Search Me* by Cornelis Monnsma

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Gathering Chime

### Prelude

*Andante Cantabile*

Couperin

## Welcome and Announcements

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

### Introit

*The Heavens are Telling*

Haydn

## \*Call to Worship

(\* *Please stand as you are able.*)

One: Look at the heavens!

**All: They are shouting the glory of God.**

One: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

**All: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.**

One: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

**All: Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

## \*Hymn

*God of Great and God of Small (vv. 1-3)*

No. 19

## \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.**

**Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel.**

**Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others.**

**In the name of Messiah we pray.**

*Silent Confession*

**\*Response**

*Lord Have Mercy*

No. 576

Two staves of musical notation in 3/2 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are written below the notes.

**\*Assurance of God's Mercy**

**\*Response**

*God of Great and God of Small (v. 4)*

No. 19

***God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,  
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.***

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ (11:00 a.m. service)**

One: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

**All: and also with you.**

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings**

**Gospel:**

*Mark 8:27-38*

NT, pp. 43-44

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle:**

*James 3:1-12*

NT, p. 230

**Sermon**

*It Only Takes a Spark* Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

**\*Affirmation of Faith** from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

One: Who are you?

**All: I am a child of God.**

One: What does it mean to be a child of God?

**All: That I belong to God, who loves me.**

One: What makes you a child of God?

**All: Grace – God's free gift of love that I do not deserve  
and cannot earn.**

One: How do you thank God for this gift of love?

**All: I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**

One: How do you love God?

**All: By worshiping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.**

One: What does it mean that we are made in God's image?

**All: It means we are made to reflect God's goodness, wisdom and love.**

**\*Hymn**

*Though I May Speak*

No. 693

## **Time with Our Children**

### **Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

*Promise of Joy*  
Chancel Choir

Martin

*There is a flame in the shadows, there is a song in the night,  
There is a hope for tomorrow in even death there is life.  
We know that God is faithful. Our God is worthy of praise.  
We know his love is eternal. We are his children of grace.*

*Joy comes in the morning. Glory comes with the dawn.  
Sunrise will find us singing. Tomorrow will bring song.  
Our night will surrender to gladness. Our fear will surrender to life.  
Joy comes in the morning; this is the promise of Christ.*

*There is a rainbow in each teardrop, there is a peace in every storm,  
There is a stream in the desert, yes, there is hope in the Lord.  
We know that love will sustain us. We know in Christ we are found.  
We rest our faith in this promise, in every cross waits a crown.*

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

C7 F Dm Gm C7 F Dm

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures

Gm C7 Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm

here be-low; Praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and

Gm C7 Am Dm Gm C7 Am Dm

Ho-ly Ghost. A - men. A - men. A - men.

Gm C7 Am Dm Gm C7 F B♭ F

A - men. A - men. A - men. A - men.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God, we hear and we respond  
to your words of wisdom,  
your words of call and life.  
May these gifts, not only of our money,  
but of our very selves—  
our words, our thoughts, our actions—  
be acceptable to you, and help spread your words  
of life and love. Amen.**

**Prayers of Joy and Concern and the Lord's Prayer** p.35

*Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (vv. 1-4)* No. 722

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response** *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak (v. 5)* No. 722

**\* Postlude** *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* Marcello

After worship, the Officer of the Day will be available in the Narthex with the "Ask Me" sign to answer any visitor or member questions.

Today's Officers of the Day:

8:30 - Cathy Williams

11:00 - Matt Donkin

## Today's Service Participants

**Minister:** Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Mitzi Leshler-Thomas,

**Director of Music:** Ed Yasick

**Choir:** Chancel Choir

**Children in Worship:**

**Acolytes:** 8:30 -TBD; 11:00 - Lucy Rodriguez

**Lay Reader:** 8:30 -TBD; 11:00 - Jerry Slaymaker

**Bus Driver:** Shane Pierce

**Sound:** 8:30 - Sam Witherspoon; 11:00 - Jason Troiano

**Ushers:** 8:30 - Beth Cleveland and Cathy Williams

11:00 - Boyce Oglesby, Leah Burton, Ellen Govert, and Matt Donkin

**Counters:** Brian Short and Ken Wease

### **CPC STAYCATION RETREAT: REGISTER NOW!**

**September 28 & 29**

*God's Story: Trivia but not Trivial: Friday, September 28.*

*Begins here at the church building at 5:30 p.m.*

*for potluck, outdoor worship, and games!*

*Saturday, September 29 at Bond Park,*

*beginning at 9:30 a.m. through 2 p.m.,*

*with morning snack and lunch, Biblical trivia, and free time.*

**This event is free-but please register!**

**Forms are in the Narthex**

**or you can register online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9hl8eoe>**

### **Coffee Fellowship**

**If you've enjoyed a cup of coffee with us following worship, we hope you'll lend a hand in seeing fellowship time continue into the fall.** The only things you need to bring are your hands

and a willing heart - everything else is provided!

Check [signupgenius](https://signupgenius.com)

at <https://tinyurl.com/y86rl9kg> for open dates.

Questions? Contact Mitzi Leshler-Thomas at

[lesherthomas@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:lesherthomas@carypresbyterian.org)

# **Announcements and Opportunities**

## **New Church Security Information**

**Entry key codes are currently being issued to those needing access to the building during the week and on Sunday.** The code will allow the user to open a specific door and enter the building. (Some doors will not permit entry, but all will allow exit.) Codes will be issued to staff members, church members with regular or specific building access needs, and representatives of groups regularly using CPC facilities. All members may request a code.

**Keypad installation is planned for the week of September 17. Please be sure to get your code by Sept. 17!** Keypads and codes will not be active immediately. The congregation will be notified when the system is operable.

The Buildings and Grounds Team and the Security Task Force is implementing this to enhance the safety and security of everyone who uses the church facilities.



## **Alternative Gift Market Coming Soon. Want to help?**

**The Alternative Gift Market will be Sunday, November 18.** Would you like to serve on the team to make this happen? Contact Medora Hix at [medora.hix@carypresbyterian.com](mailto:medora.hix@carypresbyterian.com) or Beth or John Campbell at [thecampbells@prodigy.net](mailto:thecampbells@prodigy.net).

## **Triple F Group**

**Our first fall meeting will be on Monday, September 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 100.** We are privileged to have Veronica Bucki present a program on Eleanor Roosevelt. We will also be celebrating our 35th Anniversary. Come join us!

## **Cool Books Club**

**The Cool Books Club will meet Tuesday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Peg Giesbrecht.** Our book of the month is *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. Anyone seeking more information is welcome to call Peg Giesbrecht at 919-859-3951 or Ellen Cline at 919-469-1456.



# Youth Group News and Announcements

## Supplies Needed for College Freshmen

On Sunday, October 7, the Christian Adventurers will assemble care packages for our college freshmen. Between now and then, we invite you to help us collect supplies:

- Individual packaged snacks like granola bars, trail mix, popcorn, dried fruit, coffee/tea, etc.
- School supplies like notepads, pencils, highlights, post-its
- Travel size toiletries like toothpaste, shower gel, band-aids
- Fun items like stress balls, fidget spinners
- Notes of encouragement, support, and prayer

Look for a collection bin at church starting today.

## Middle School Youth

Our theme for Middle School Youth Group this year will be The Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. We'll explore this topic throughout the year in a variety of ways. Join us this Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as we take a bird's eye view of our theme.

## Senior High Youth

Come join us this Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as we make our mark on the senior high room. All youths will have the opportunity to express themselves artistically by painting individual ceiling tiles. Whether you're a modern-day Michelangelo or a stick figure master, we hope you'll join us!



## Youth Choir

Youth Choir for 2nd through 5th graders starts again today: Sunday, September 16. We rehearse most Sundays from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please contact Julie Henry at [julieghenry@gmail.com](mailto:julieghenry@gmail.com) with any questions.



## **Session Members (Elders) and Ministry Areas**

### **Clerk of Session**

Rhonda Carlile

### **Music & Worship**

Peggy Viser

Scott Patrick

### **Christian Faith Formation**

Cathy Williams

Jessica Cadwallader

### **Health and Wholeness**

Henry Gibbs

Katie Stuart

### **Fellowship**

Jerry Slaymaker

Julie Henry

### **Missions**

Wendy Czika

Jim Tompkins

Jeff Clark

### **Operations**

Scott Peoples

Tim Farless

Christie Foppiano

Matt Donkin

## **Deacons**

### **Spiritual Care Team:**

Hal Drumheller

Russell Diggs

Sherry Bradsher

### **Practical Care Team:**

Kevin Steidinger

Todd Crouse

Betty Hart

### **Older Adult Care Team:**

Peg Giesbrecht

Audrey Sausman

Janet Robinette

## THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<b>Sunday, September 16</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>9:45 a.m.</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> <b>12:00 p.m.</b> 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Sunday School (all ages)</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>After Worship Coffee Fellowship</b> SH Youth Group (SH Room, FH) MS Youth Group (MS Room) CA Youth Group (No Meeting)
<b>Monday, September 17</b>	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Triple F CANCELLED (due to weather) Staff Meeting (Office) Girl Scout Troop 1951 (Youth Area) Be The Hands Planning Meeting (P) Cub Scout Pack 232 (Preschool Wing)
<b>Tuesday, September 18</b>	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Group (P) Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105) Budget and Finance (106) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L)
<b>Wednesday, September 19</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Beginning Spanish: Part 1 (100) Yoga Based Stretching (Youth Common Area) Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (P) Intermediate Spanish Conversation (100) Intermediate Spanish (100) Pop Up Bible Study (P) Buildings and Grounds (102) Presbys at the Pub (Jordan Lake Brewing Co.) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>Thursday, September 20</b>	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Generosity Team (102) CPC Staff/Deacon Lunch at Glenaire Stephen Ministry (100/102/106) Stephen Ministry Training Session (103)
<b>Friday, September 21</b>	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P) Preschool Ice Cream Social (FH)
<b>Saturday, September 22</b>	No Activity Scheduled	
<b>Sunday, September 23</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>9:45 a.m.</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> <b>12:00 p.m.</b> 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Sunday School (all ages)</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>After Worship Coffee Fellowship</b> HS Youth Group (HS Room) MS Youth Group (MS Room) CA Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

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# God's Story. Many Voices.



*The Spirit of Generosity*

**Coming in October!**

All CPC members and friends are invited this October to small group gatherings. Watch for opportunities to sign up for these fun and important dialogues hosted by CPC elders and facilitated by members of the Generosity and Transition Teams.