



Innocence by Elizabeth Chapman

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORSHIP SERVICE**

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Andantino

Lubrich

Welcome and Announcements

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

Honoring Acolytes (11:00 a.m. service)

Sarah Cowles Derifaj, Mariella Derwart, and Jordan Short

Introit

This is the Day

Moore

***Call to Worship** (*from Psalm 1*)

(* Please stand as you are able.)

One: Blessed are those who delight in God's law,
who take time to ponder its meaning.

**All: They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and whose
leaves do not wither.**

One: But those who reject God's way are like parched
and dried out earth in which nothing good grows.

**All: Let us worship and praise God as we seek to live
lives nourished and shaped by God's righteousness.**

***Hymn**

How Happy Are the Saints of God

No. 457

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**We confess how much we are like those first disciples of
Jesus. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like
leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom,
yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness.
We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so
reap harvests of disorder and conflict.**

**Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us.
Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace,
gentleness, the willingness to put the other first,**

the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession

***Response** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* No. 471
***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.***

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet.

**All: Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

***Response** *We Are Forgiven* No. 447
***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

***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 9:30-37* NT, p. 45

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: *James 3:13-4:10* NT, pp. 230-231

Sermon *More Grace* Lori Pistor

***Affirmation of Faith**

**We belong to God,
creator of all that is and all that is to come,
abundant provider of the gifts in this life
and the gifts in our own hearts.
It is God alone who gives life,
who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.**

**We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal,
to show us a new way of living,
with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity.
In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life.
He was crucified and buried;
yet God raised him from death,
and he lives among us, and grants the Spirit to us.**

**We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves
to the Spirit’s guidance and empowerment.
As members of the church, the Body of Christ,
we devote ourselves to lives of love,
rejoicing in the power of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
and the mystery of eternal life.**

***Hymn** *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* No. 174

Time with Our Children

**2018 Recognition of Presbyterian Women Honorary Lifetime
Membership Recipient (11:00 a.m. service)**

Offering

Offertory Anthem *Jesus, Shepherd of My Soul* Sharp
Chancel Choir

*Jesus, Shepherd of my soul, all I need is found in you.
Ever safe in your control, hope I find and strength anew.
Guide me, Tender Shepherd, on the banks of quiet streams.
Lead me in your loving care; gently hold and shepherd me.
Jesus, Shepherd of my soul, peace and rest I find in you.*

Broken spirits are made whole as your touch heals and makes us new.

*Teach me, Faithful Shepherd, in the valley of my need,
How to trust your loving arms as you hold and shepherd me.*

*Jesus, Shepherd of my soul, life and joy I find in you.
Wounded hearts you will console as your touch makes all things
new.*

*Tell me, Loving Shepherd, of the hill called Calvary.
There you found and rescued me, a lamb gone astray;
You helped me find my way. You're the Shepherd of my soul today.*

***Doxology** *Glory to God* No. 583
***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, in your great wisdom you revealed
your human face of love in Jesus and he gave further
expression to your wisdom by putting no limits or
conditions on his love. We show our gratitude by offering
these gifts and our lives to be used to love and serve
others as Jesus has loved and served us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

Pastoral Prayer 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	<i>Be Thou My Vision (vv. 1-3)</i>	No. 450
*Benediction		
*Response	<i>Be Thou My Vision (v. 4)</i> <i>Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.</i>	No. 450
* Postlude	<i>Maestoso</i>	Bellando

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 – Sherry Bradsher
11:00 – Janet Robinette

Today’s Service Participants

Minister: Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Mitzi Lesher-Thomas,

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Children in Worship:

Acolyte: 11:00 – Natalie Hancock

Lay Reader: 11:00 – David Bohm

Bus Driver: David Winkler

Sound: 8:30 – Sam Witherspoon; 11:00 – Jason Troiano

Ushers: 8:30 - Mike Amentt and Sherry Bradsher

11:00 - Jane Dunbar, Matthew Hardie, Al Hardie, and Janet Robinette

Counters: Kim Markham and Rowena Morrison

Announcements and Opportunities

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>



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 or Beth or John Campbell at thecampbells@prodigy.net.

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.

Triple F Group

Triple F will meet on Monday, October 1, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 100. Steve Shay will share information on his trips to Cambodia and India. We will also be celebrating our 35th anniversary (rescheduled from September 17). Please join us!

Acolyte Training & Recognitions

Attention Parents of 3rd 4th and 5th graders! It's that time of year when we welcome in new acolytes who wish to serve in this important role during our worship services.

Some upcoming dates to note:

Today, September 23: recognition of outgoing acolytes (11:00 a.m. service) and training for new acolytes (after 11:00 a.m. service)

September 30: training for new acolytes (after 11:00 a.m. service)

For more information or if you are unable to attend one of the training sessions, please contact Jen Pierce. jenpierce9770@gmail.com

Mindfulness Meditation Group at CPC

Interested in mindfulness? Thought about starting a meditation practice? If so, please come and meet us in the Narthex at 6:45 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (excluding major holidays).

(Thursday, September 13 outdoor labyrinth walk, followed by seated indoor meditation, has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 27.)

Sitting meditations will be guided by Jason Troiano M.D., who has practiced mindfulness meditation regularly for over 10 years. The group is sponsored by the Health and Wholeness Ministry and the Spiritual Practice Team at CPC.

SAVE THE DATE: CPC Fall Blood Drive Wednesday, December 5

The fall blood drive is coming up Wednesday, December 5, 2:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working with The Blood Connection, a blood services provider used by most Triangle hospitals.

In addition to fully staffing the drive, Blood Connections also offers the *Faith in Action* program, where the church receives a check reflecting \$10 per successful donation. Given our previous average of successful donations, this will be \$350 - \$500. CPC is designating these funds to our Health and Wholeness Ministry.

IMPORTANT! If you plan to participate in the blood drive, please do not donate blood elsewhere after October 10. Hurricane Florence precipitated a crisis-level need for blood donations, but donors may give in the days and weeks following the hurricane and still be eligible for the CPC drive on December 5, if they do not give after October 10.

Watch the upcoming newsletters and bulletins for more information on the December 5 CPC Blood Drive! Thanks for your continued support of this critical ministry at CPC!

CPC Blood Drive Committee: Sally Adams, Carol Dietz, Deb Luckadoo, Janet Robinette; advisor: Mandy Nester

Youth Group News and Announcements

Senior High Youth

September 23: 6:00-8:00 p.m., Stress Busters

First Stress Busters event for the year. Come have some fun and learn to bust stress at the same time. See you on Sunday night!

Upcoming

September 30: 6:00-8:00 p.m., Bridge To Life at CPC

Middle School Youth

September 23: 6:00-8:00 p.m., Mystery Fruit of the Spirit

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we aren't going to Umstead Park this Sunday.

Instead, we're going to take a bite out of one of the fruits of the Spirit in more detail. We'll be indoors *and* outdoors, weather permitting.

Upcoming

September 30: 6:00-8:00 p.m., Hurricane Bucket Assembly

October 7: TBD

Christian Adventurers

September 23: 6:00-7:30 p.m., Game Night, Fellowship Hall

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday, September 23rd for Game Night! There will be active games, board games, card games, and all manner of recreation. Come join us for an enjoyable evening!

Upcoming

September 30: No meeting

October 7: 6:00-7:30 p.m., College Freshmen Care Packages, Fellowship Hall

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 the collection bin.

Hurricane Florence Disaster Assistance

Bearing witness to the compassionate and generous spirit of Cary Presbyterian has been the refrain of "what can we do?" "how can we help?"

We are all anxious to help the victims of Hurricane Florence. Below you'll find several ways CPC can offer assistance beginning with gathering supplies to packing cleaning buckets for people to use as they begin the process of rebuilding their lives.

So how can I help?

Build a Hurricane Recovery Bucket

1. Sign up [here](#) to purchase items for the buckets.
2. See Kim Riffle in the Narthex this Sunday, Sept. 23, following 8:30 a.m. worship and before 11:00 a.m. worship to sign up for items. **Items must be returned to the CPC Narthex by 11 a.m. worship on September 30.**
2. To pack a bucket at home, obtain a complete list of items needed for a cleaning bucket from Kim Riffle. Return completed bucket to CPC Narthex by 11 a.m. worship on September 30.
3. Donate money to assist with obtaining supplies by indicating 'Buckets' on your envelope or check to CPC.

The CPC Middle Schoolers will be assembling the cleaning buckets on September 30 for their evening youth group event. All are welcome to join in the fun at 7 p.m. in the Middle School youth room.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please email Kim Riffle at ksriffle@gmail.com

Make a donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

<http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-florence/>

or

Indicate 'hurricane relief' on your envelope or check and CPC will send this on to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Hurricane Florence Relief Fund

Contribute to Cary Presbyterian Preschool's Diaper Drive

CPP, a ministry of Cary Presbyterian Church, is hosting a diaper drive to restock supplies at the Diaper Bank of North Carolina (ncdiaperbank.org) as they ship hygiene kits to affected areas and continue to serve our local community. For the next 3 weeks there will be a box in the preschool hallway to receive diapers and wipes. Open packages are welcome. Of particular need are size 4 and 5.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance also offers the following advice from their long record of service: **Unneeded or inappropriate donations become a disaster in themselves, because they have to be managed and stored or moved, and in some cases thrown out. DO NOT SEND OR GIVE CLOTHES.**

We cannot take items into the disaster area for which there is no request and there is not a specific place to take it. Unneeded items become a burden to the survivors and their community.

With gratitude for blessings freely and humbly shared.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 23	8:30 a.m. 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.	Worship Service Sunday School (all ages) Worship Service After Worship Coffee Fellowship Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) SH Youth Group (SH Room, FH) Stress Busters MS Youth Group (MS Room) Mystery Fruit of the Spirit CA Youth Group (FH) Game Night
Monday, September 24	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Staff Meeting (Office) Girl Scout Troop 1366 (Youth Area) Page Turners Book Club (P)
Tuesday, September 25	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Group (P) Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L)
Wednesday, September 26	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Beginning Spanish: Part 1 (100) Yoga Based Stretching (Youth Common Area) Intermediate Spanish Conversation (100) Intermediate Spanish (100) Communications Team (P) Pop Up Bible Study (P) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, September 27	6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mindfulness Meditation Group (rescheduled Labyrinth Walk) meet in Narthex Stephen Ministry (100/102/106) Stephen Ministry Training Session (103)
Friday, September 28	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
Saturday, September 29	No Activity Scheduled	
Sunday, September 30	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Sunday School (all ages) All Together Worship Service After Worship Coffee Fellowship Memorial Service for Dave Batchelor SH Youth Group (SH Room & FH) Bridge to Life MS Youth Group (MS Room) Hurricane Bucket Assembly CA Youth Group (No Meeting)

Youth Group Dinner Promo

Is your church group looking for a way to serve the youth of CPC?
If so, we invite you to help provide a meal for Sunday night youth group.

You can find available dates, along with suggested menus at this link (<https://tinyurl.com/y8h8y0a7>) and the great news is, it won't cost you a thing. Dinner providers are reimbursed for all expenses.

God's Story. Many Voices.



The Spirit of Generosity

All CPC members and friends are invited this October to small group gatherings. Everyone is invited and needed at these fun and important dialogues hosted by CPC elders and facilitated by members of the Generosity and Transition Teams. Sign up in the Narthex, or at this link (<https://tinyurl.com/ybgu2m5l>).