

God's Story. Many Voices.



The Spirit of Generosity

Generosity Sunday Worship Service

8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM NOVEMBER 18, 2018

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Andante

Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit (8:30) *Come Before His Presence with Thanksgiving* Hopson
(11:00) *Where Your Treasure Is* Mayo
Youth Choir

*Call to Worship

(Please stand as you are able.)*

One: Throughout the human story the Spirit of God continues to speak,

All: in visions and voices, in images and ideas,

One: in all languages and all time, to all people in all places,

All: inviting the people of God to discover God's living Word.

One: To Abram it came as a sign in the stars... and still the Spirit comes to us today.

All: The Church Reformed is willing to be Reformed by the wildly creative Spirit of God.

One: It may burn in our hearts like fire or whisper in the silence as a still, small voice.

All: It may sing to us from the stars or sneak up on us from within.

One: But we are here today because the Spirit speaks to us and we respond!

*Hymn

Gather Us In

No. 401

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**We come before you, Holy One, just as we are:
sometimes filled with great hope and faithful dreams;
often stumbling with uncertainties and doubt;**

Sermon

Remember, Respond, Rejoice!

Lori Pistor

*Hymn

A Grateful Heart

No. 652

Time with Our Children

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.**

Bringing of Offerings

*Litany of Generosity

One: Creator of all, the earth is yours,
the world and all who live in it.

**All: You have entrusted us with gifts—
time, talent, energy, money, and prayers,
and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.
With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**

One: We bring these gifts you have given,
returning your generosity, paying it forward.

**All: We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears,
our dollars and our hours.
We commit ourselves to work for your world,
to love and serve wherever you call.**

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church,
as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**All: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future,
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.**

*Commitments, prayers and offerings are brought forward
to the basket sat the chancel steps.*

If you prefer, have someone bring your offering forward

Offertory Anthem*Come, Ye Thankful People*

Pote

(Congregation will join in)

*Come, ye thankful people, come. Come, ye thankful people, and sing.
 Let all the people delight in the Lord; let the people rejoice!
 Come and worship with a thankful heart; together we lift up one voice.
 Let the people sing for joy with songs of praise,
 For God has richly blessed us. A song of thanksgiving we raise.
 Give thanks for life and faith and health,
 thanks for our share of work and wealth,
 Thanks for the love of Christ and friend,
 thanks for a hope that has no end.*

(When invited, please stand as you are able and join in singing this final verse with the choir.)

Come, ye thankful people, come.

Raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come.

Raise the song of harvest home.

***Benediction**

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

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.

*** Postlude**

Allegro in G Major

Handel

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 – Wendy Czika

Thanksgiving Weekend: Fill the Dorcas Food Pantry!

It has been a tradition at CPC to bring food items for Dorcas Ministry on Communion Sundays. On Sunday, November 25 you are especially invited to help Fill the Dorcas Food Pantry. Needed items include: fresh produce, hearty soups and stews, canned ham, canned fruit, baking supplies, baking mixes, mac and cheese, canned tomatoes and pasta sauce, dinner mixes, paper towels, bathroom tissue. Thank you!

Today's Service Participants

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

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir; Youth Choir (11:00)

Youth Choir Director: Julie Henry

Children in Worship: Honor Rackley

Acolyte: 11:00 – Lily Czika

Lay Reader: 8:30 – John Page; 11:00 – Jennifer Pierce

Bus Driver: Wayne Honeycutt

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

Ushers: 8:30 – Tom Bolick and Cathy Williams

11:00 – Al Hardie, Leah Burton, Ellen Govert, and Wendy Czika

Greeter: 8:30 – Jerry Stalls

Counters: Jim Bowdish and Brian Short



The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Jim and Barbara Turner to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Jim's mother Dorothy Turner McGuire and his brother, Bill Turner.

Announcements and Opportunities

About this year's Alternative Gift Market:

The Market opens at 9:45 a.m. during Sunday School and will conclude at 1:30 p.m. A light lunch will be available for a nominal cost. Give a gift this season of a better life for those who truly need it.

An alternative gift is a non-traditional way of giving. It's a meaningful gift that will help someone in need. Rather than buying a traditional gift for a loved one, shoppers at Alternative Gift Markets can honor their friends and family by donating to various local, national and international humanitarian projects and send a card noting this gift to the recipient. We also include tangible gifts that directly support people in need. You can buy handcrafts and coffee and chocolate, to name only a few.

Booths benefiting: *Food Stability for Bolivian Farmers, Nothing Sweeter than Honeybees (Haiti), Caring Place, Read and Feed, Wheels for Hope, Esperanza de Guatemala, Hymnbook crafts, Fair Trade products, Guatemala Village Partners, Rehema House/Mercy House Global, The Widow's Friend (Bangladesh), and more, plus Fall Blood Drive sign-ups.*

Christmas Pageant: Last Sign-up Chance! ***The Beginning is December 16!***

All children and youth are invited to be in the pageant!

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

There are silent and speaking roles.

Speaking parts (11) will be assigned Monday.

There will be a rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 1 and an important (required) rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 15.

The Beginning was presented in 2013 to great acclaim.

Save the date and join us!

Christian Faith Formation

Adult Sunday School This Week

Faith Today: As class members are involved with the Alternative Gift Market, no class this Sunday.

Kerygma: Newcomers are welcome to *Listening to Scripture; strategies for interpreting the Bible*, continuing with Duane Hix, Room 102. This class will consider these strategies: (1) exploring the historical setting, (2) discovering the literary context and the audience, (3) identifying and recognizing the type of literature, (4) the process of outlining the content, (5) investigating words and phrases, and (6) putting it all together.

Faith and Families: for people raising families in faith in a complicated world, currently using *Animate* video curriculum with a different topic each week.

Fellowship Hall

Bible and Beyond: Nov. 11 through Dec. 9 - *Christmas Accounts in the Gospels*, an Advent study by Cynthia M. Campbell, President of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, featuring a different Gospel each week. Library.

Adult I: Bible study, currently studying *God's World and God's People*, from the Book of Genesis. The lessons survey God's creation. Parlor

All classes encourage newcomers at ANY time and we don't fuss at folks who need to leave early!

There is no Sunday School next week, November 25, the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. Take time to thank God for the blessings of teaching and learning the Bible and Christian life, and for those who take time in busy lives to teach and lead classes regularly. We resume December 2.

A Special Advent Study: *Come to the Manger*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Class sign-ups begin this week for this 4-week Advent study led by Dr. Duane Hix (whose Ph.D. thesis was on Bonhoeffer). Come at 6:00 p.m. from Nov. 28 through Dec. 19 on Wednesdays for a soup supper. The class will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please sign up in the Narthex or here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8wr5sym>. Ten books are now available in the Narthex for \$10, or you may order your own (Google 'Come to the Manger, Bonhoeffer'). Please do NOT take a book if you don't expect to attend regularly. If you are willing to provide soup for one of the weeks, please email Medora at medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org.

Guatemala Mission News

Scholarships: Only two students now need scholarships for 2019. The students in Nimasac are deeply appreciative of their new opportunities to continue their education. These need to study in Quetzaltenango. There is one mature student age 30, and another age 23. The scholarships needed are \$900 per year, so we need to have more sponsors share these, or sponsors who can provide the full scholarship alone. PLEASE help us see that these students can go to school.

To sponsor a student, please contact Ellen Govert, Colleen Hann, Carol Payne, Kevin Steidinger, or Medora Hix. Sponsorship is a three-year commitment. Other requests include writing to your student at mid-year (July) and especially at the conclusion of the year (October), and sending a small gift in October.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 18	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Generosity Sunday) Sunday School (Alternative Gift Market) Worship Service (Generosity Sunday) Alternative Gift Market MS Youth Group (MS Room and FH) Fruit of the Spirit SH Youth Group (SH Room)
Monday, November 19	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Triple F (100) Staff Meeting (Office) Girl Scout Troop 1366 (Youth Area) Personnel and Administration (209) Nominating Committee (100) Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Meetings (Preschool)
Tuesday, November 20	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ministry Reservation / Clark (105) Connections Group (P) Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L)
Wednesday, November 21	No Church Activities	
Thursday, November 22 Thanksgiving Day	No Church Activities	
Friday, November 23	No Church Activities	
Saturday, November 24	No Church Activities	
Sunday, November 25	11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	All Together Worship Service After Worship Coffee Fellowship No Meeting MS Youth Group No Meeting SH Youth Group

CPC Blood Drive: December 5

REGISTRATION FOR THE DECEMBER 5 CPC BLOOD DRIVE IS OPEN!

Please note these simple steps to making an appointment.

Appointments for the whole blood collection with our new partner, The Blood Connection, are now available. If you would like to donate, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/y6v4uex6>

If you have any problem, you may sign up at the blood drive table at CPC on the following Sundays: November 18 (today at the Alternative Gift Market), November 25, and December 2. The table will be available 10:30-11:00 a.m. and 12:00-12:30 p.m. We will also be signing up volunteers to help at the blood drive at those tables.

If you have questions about eligibility to give blood, or what to expect at the blood drive, please go to thebloodconnection.org and click on the Questions button. If you have any questions about making an appointment, please contact Deb Luckadoo at deblucknc@aol.com or 919-616-7882.

Thank you for supporting the CPC blood drive and Health Care Ministries!