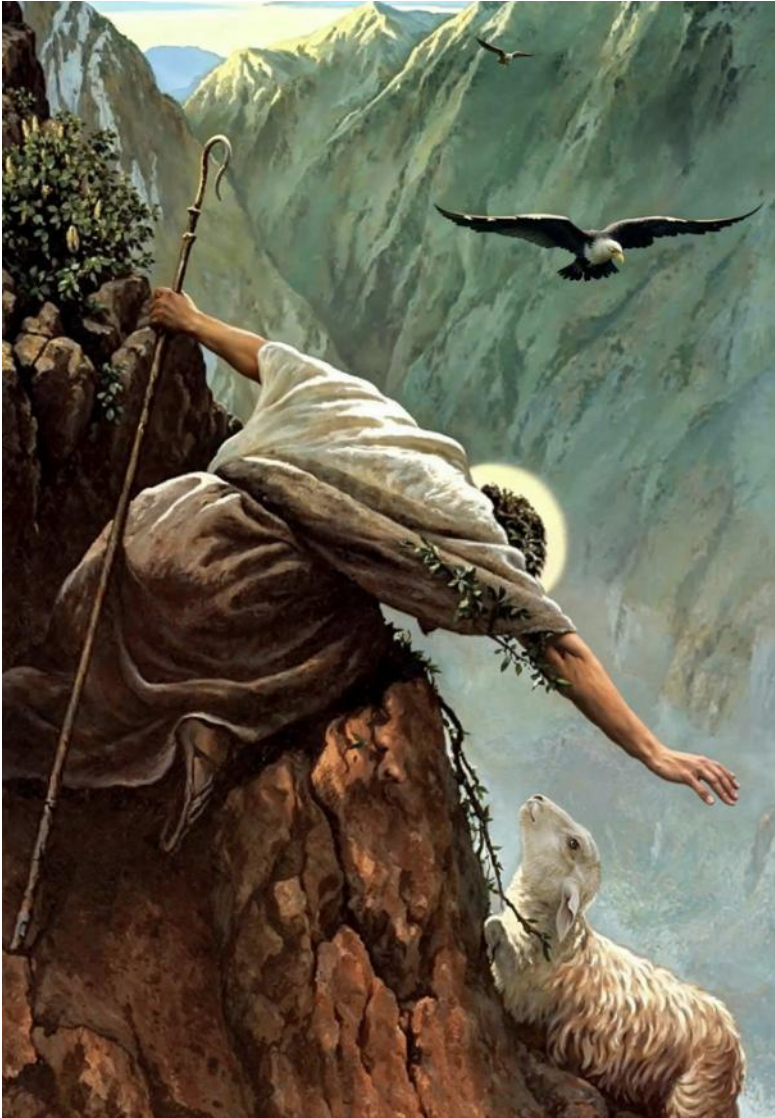




The Lost Sheep by Alfred Usher Soord, 1898

WORSHIP SERVICE
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511
www.carypresbyterian.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Andante in C Major

Rinck

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Come, Let Us Sing

Beall

Call to Worship

Let us bow before our Creator,
whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,
whose Word has the power to create,
to judge, and to save.

Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn

To God Be the Glory (vv. 1-2)

No. 634

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Creator of the universe,
we imagine that we are in familiar territory,
that we know what to expect of this hour,
that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness.
In judgment, illumine our darkness.
In mercy, bear us home—
until we recognize your presence wherever
evil is confronted,
truth is spoken,
and life is restored.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie

For the Troubles and the Sufferings

No. 764

Assurance of Pardon

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Teach us to trust your promise

and to believe the good news of salvation:

Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

***Response**

To God Be the Glory (refrain)

No. 634

(Opening hymn)

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Alice Williams

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-14

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Message

Lost and Found

Alan Bancroft

***Hymn**

A Woman and a Coin

No. 173

***Affirmation of Faith** *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments.
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit. Amen.**

Time With Our Children

Jen Pierce

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Chancel Choir

arr. Leavitt

*The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within thy house forever.
Amen.*

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 606

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

***Hymn** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (vv. 1-2)* No. 803

***Blessing and Charge**

***Response** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (v. 3)* No. 803

***Postlude** *Allegro in C Major* Rinck

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.

Today's Worship Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Alan Bancroft, Rev. Dr. Paul Lang,

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Lay Reader: Alice Williams

Children's Time: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Jane Dunbar, Ellen Govert,
Sonia Kennedy, Audrey Sausman

Tech: Ian Dunbar, Rachel Campbell

Slides: Beth Cleveland



Weekly Floral Dedication

Sign-ups for providing Worship Service flowers are linked in the weekly E-Link. Dedications will be shared in the weekly bulletin email and Sunday print bulletin.



A Morning with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove:
Looking to the Gospels to Make Sense of
Our Current Political Climate
Saturday, September 27
Lunch and Learn in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

[Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove](#) is an esteemed spiritual writer, preacher, and community-cultivator. He serves as Assistant Director for Partnerships and Fellowships at Yale University's Center for Public Theology and Public Policy.

A Baptist who draws on the broad Christian tradition and its monastic witnesses, Jonathan is a leader in the Red Letter Christian movement and the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. He speaks often about spirituality and faith in public life to churches and conferences across the denominational spectrum and has given lectures at dozens of universities and seminaries.

During his morning with us, he will explore such questions as:

- How do we respond to the deconstruction of our civil liberties?
- How can the Gospels be effective in adjusting our understanding of conflicting values?
- If we are feeling impotent in the face of current changes, what can we do to help make change?

*Please note that this event is on a **Saturday** morning.*

Lunch will be provided free of charge.

An [RSVP](#) is not required but will help provide an approximate headcount.



This Week at Cary Presbyterian Church

Website and Online Member Directory: www.carypresbyterian.org

Sunday Sept. 14	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation / K-5 th Grade (C. Ed. Wing) Faith Formation / Middle School (HS Room) CPC Reads Together (Fellowship Hall) Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online) Youth Group: Dinner at CPC Home
Monday Sept. 15	11:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor) GSA Troop 362 (Youth Area) Personnel Team (Zoom) (Parlor) BSA Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall) Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Mtgs. (C. Ed. Bldg.)
Tuesday Sept. 16	10:0 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Triple F (100) BSA Troop 232B (Youth Area) CPC Reads Together (Zoom)
Wednesday Sept. 17	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (Parlor) Esperanza Board Meeting (100 & Zoom) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room9
Thursday Sept. 18	9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	Generosity Team (100) Stephen Ministry Program ' Difficult Conversations' (Fellowship Hall)
Friday Sept. 19	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Esperanza Ticketed Ice Cream Meet & Greet Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall) Courage, Strength, & Hope / Alateens (Youth) Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (101/102)
Saturday Sept. 20		
Sunday Sept. 21	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Faith Formation / K-5 th Grade (C. Ed. Wing) Faith Formation / Middle School (HS Room) CPC Reads Together (Fellowship Hall) Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online) Esperanza Visitors Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall) Youth Group: Dinner at CPC Home



Ministry teams are a great way to participate in the life and work of the church and 'Find Your Place' at CPC! See the opportunities at: <https://carypresbyterian.org/teams>



Volunteering for a specific activity? All of our current and most used SignUpGenius links are now in one place for your convenience at: <https://carypresbyterian.org/signup>

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