

Baptized and Beloved by Jan L. Richardson

WORSHIP SERVICE
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

Rosenstengal

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (v.1)
***Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace.***

No. 403

Call to Worship

Happy are the people

**who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that they follow,
or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and they meditate on God's law day and night.

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.





1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus-tice, truth, and
 fierce de-vour the small; as beasts and cat-tle calm-ly



love, de-liv-ered from our self-ish schemes. May swords of hate
 graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all. Then en-e-mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en-vy find re-lease, till by God's
 shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord; the hope of



grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of. peace.
 peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of wisdom,
 forgive our foolishness.**

**We desire what we do not need
 and corrupt our relationships with envy.**

**You urge us to gentleness,
 but we stir up conflict.**

**Give us your grace,
 that we may harvest righteousness and peace,
 for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 139

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering

Promise of Joy
Choir Ensemble

Martin

Second Reading

Matthew 3:1-17

The Message

A Letter to Parker

Paul Lang

Hymn

Christ Be Beside Me

No. 702



1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parker Elizabeth, daughter of Michael and Lauren Zachary

Reception of New Members

Michael and Lauren Zachary, Sarah Lang, Nancy C. Smith,

Presentation

Questions to the Family

***Questions to the Congregation**

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Prayer and Anointing

Welcome

Through baptism, Parker has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. Sarah, Nancy, Michael and Lauren have reaffirmed the covenant into which they were baptized.

As members of the household of God, God has called them to serve Christ in the world.

Let us welcome them to this ministry.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
to share with us in the ministry of Christ,
for we are all one in him.**

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 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.**

Responding

Offering



Answered Prayer by Anthony Falbo

Sending

Hymn

God of the Fertile Fields (vv. 1-3)

No. 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Blessing and Charge

Response

God of the Fertile Fields (v.4)
(See hymn on previous page)

No. 714

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Postlude

Allegretto in D Major Couperin/arr. Biggs

Today's Worship Service Participants

Minister: Rev. Dr. Paul Lang, Kim Rubish

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir Ensemble: Susan Birchfield, Diane Garber, Ann Johnson,
Rowena Morrison, Peggy Viser, Alice Williams, Scott Gibbs,
Duane Hix, Bob Johnson, John Scott

Greeter: Donna Adkins

Ushers: Russell Diggs, Beth Cleveland, Cathy Williams

Tech: Troy Burton and Alan Bancroft

Slides: Kirsten Nielsen

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Be The Hands: Saturday, Nov. 6 Save the Date!

Put this amazing day
of service on your calendar!

If you'd like to help plan this event,
or if you have ideas for projects,
please contact Alan Bancroft.



**CPC DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT CLINIC
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

Members and Friends of CPC,
You're invited to register for the second annual Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic offered by Adhere Health. Last year's clinic was very successful. A Drive-Thru is a safe, convenient way to get your flu shot. The pharmacist and pharmacy tech will take all precautions to protect you against Covid during the administering of the injection.

How to register: Online at <https://flushotatcarypresbyterian.azova.com> or call 984-261-1506 to register by phone, and for help or questions. Messages will be returned.

- Follow the prompts for the usual personal information. Register for the Standard Flu or the 'enhanced' flu vaccine for folks 65 years and older. Our clinic will be offered for ages 10 years and older. Persons under 18 must have parent authorization. Call the above number for details.
- Have your insurance information or credit card information if not using your insurance.
- For your preferred time slot: follow prompts to date and time and be sure the time is EST (Eastern Standard Time) as Adhere is offering clinics across the country in various time zones. The CDC is tracking the number of flu vaccines administered at pharmacies and doctor's offices.

Where can I get detailed information about this year's flu vaccine?
www.cdc.gov

Type in: Influenza (Flu) 2021-2022 Flu Season FAQ

Scroll to: What's New for 2021-2022



The Pastor's Class - Isaiah
Begins this Sunday, September 19 at 9:15
Not Your Grand-momma's Bible Study!

A few years ago I was at a church pot-luck, and as I made my way down the dessert table I saw a casserole dish with a post-card attached. It read: "Not your grand-momma's banana pudding!" The recipe was also available on a little stack of cards. How could I not try that banana pudding? I put some in a bowl and took a card from the recipe stack. As I began to peruse the recipe and marvel at the unexpected ingredients, I put the first spoonful in my mouth. Wow! It was definitely not my grand-momma's banana pudding! After that I looked for the banana pudding at every church pot-luck - it was my new favorite desert.

On Sunday, September 19 Pastor Paul starts a study of the Book of Isaiah. He hopes that folks who maybe haven't enjoyed Bible study in the past will give this a try. Sometimes our Bible study can seem a bit ordinary - like vanilla ice cream. We are not challenged by new material and we are not able to make connections to our own circumstance.

The Isaiah study which will take place each Sunday morning at 9:15 is meant to be a new Bible study experience for you. Yes, we will read the book of Isaiah, and we will look carefully at some portions of that important text. We will also learn some things about Isaiah that you have not likely been taught before. You will be challenged to rethink what a prophet is and how prophecy works in the life of a community of God's people. You will be asked to engage in serious thought about the message of Isaiah, and to see how it is not just a message for Jerusalem in the years around exile, but how it is a word for us today too.

There will be some unexpected ingredients in this Bible study and I hope you will give it a try! Oh, and bring a friend with you! – Pastor Paul

Zoom Meeting Information is available on the CPC website and app.



Pig Pickin' RSVPs (and Desserts) Wanted!

You're invited to a Pig Pickin' Picnic on Saturday, October 2 for the long-postponed welcome for Paul and Sarah Lang! The picnic is also a welcome to new Pastoral Resident Kim Rubish and the final bidding opportunity for the Youth Fundraising Auction.

Join us at CPC on Saturday, October 2 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. outside on the Sanctuary lawn. (*Menu includes pulled pork, roasted chicken, new potatoes, green beans, corn, coleslaw, desserts, tea, lemonade and water.*)

RSVPs are needed by September 27. *Signup slots for RSVPs and to bring a dessert are linked in the SignUpGenius link emailed separately and in Elink last week.*

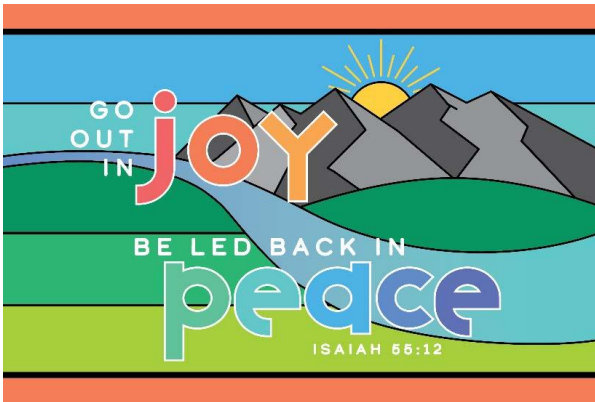
Please participate in our Silent Auction benefitting the youth program. This is the only youth fundraiser this year: proceeds are used to support summer retreats, scholarships, and advisor registration.

Items will be on display in the Narthex on Sunday, September 19 and 26, with final bids due at the Pig Pickin' on October 2. *Auction items include beach house weekend, pet sitting, homemade meals, restaurant gift cards, pottery immersion experience, Be True to School items for NC State, Duke, UNC, gift baskets and more!*

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Website and Online Member Directory: www.carypresbyterian.org

Sunday, September 19	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes: All Ages Worship Service Worship Service streamed live on Cary Presbyterian Church website and Facebook page.
Monday, September 20		Check Events on the CPC app, E-Link, and the CPC website for meeting updates, links for SignUpGenius, and Zoom information as provided to the office.
Tuesday, September 21		
Wednesday, September 22	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday Bible Study (Narthex) Bible & Beyond Class (Zoom)
Thursday, September 23		
Friday, September 24		
Saturday, September 25		
Sunday, September 26	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes: All Ages Worship Service Worship Service streamed live on Cary Presbyterian Church website and Facebook page.



2021 Faith Formation Brochure Now Available

In case you could not attend the Faith Formation kick-off this past Sunday, printed copies are available outside the church office on the Faith Formation Information table to the left of the door. *(It is also available in a pdf version online: look for the link in the most recent Elink.)*