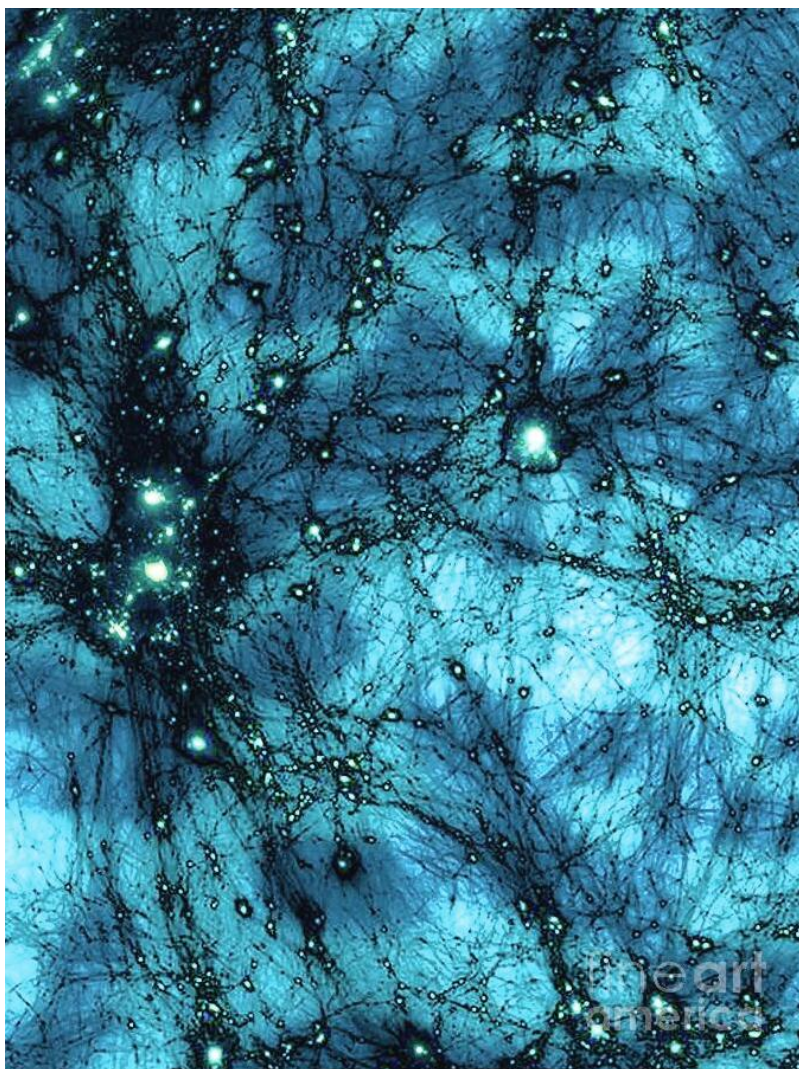




God's Kingdom by Laura Vanatka

WORSHIP SERVICE
BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 19, 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

Adagio in Bb Major

Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Hopson

Call to Worship

No matter how far from God we seem to be,
we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face in life,
in the church,

we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to continually pray and
work for justice,

we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,

when I will forgive and restore my people;

when I will equip them for every good work;

and when I will grant justice,

for I hear their cries day and night.

*Hymn

Seek Ye First

No. 175

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

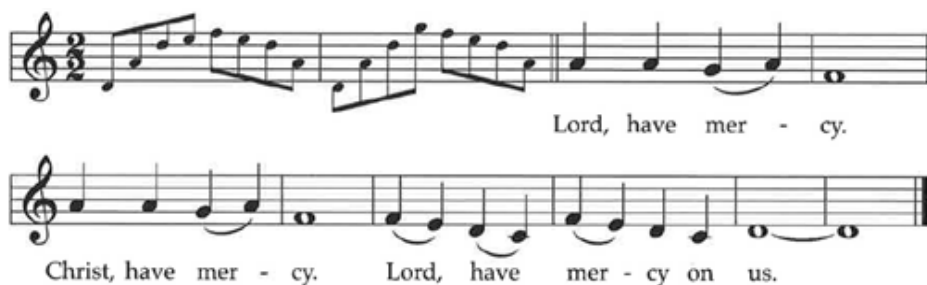
Gracious God,
we confess that we do not meditate
on your commands and teachings all day long.
We do not keep your word
before us always and in all things.
Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth
and wander toward easier options.
Forgive us, we pray,
for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.
Forgive us for growing weary in following you;
for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice;
for losing hope in your power
to transform the powers of this world.
Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.
Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace.
Do not remember our sin,
but remember your mercy forever.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

Lord Have Mercy

No. 576



Assurance of Pardon

*Response

Seek Ye First (v. 1) *(Opening hymn)*

No. 175

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Jane Dunbar

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading Luke 17:20-18:8

Message *Keeping Faith When Help is Delayed*

Paul Lang

***Hymn** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

No. 688

***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.**

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

One: Let us bless these shawls that they may, in turn, bless those who receive them. For those who have suffered loss,

All: we bless these shawls, that they may bring comfort in times of grief and warmth in times of sorrow too great for words.

One: For those who are broken in body and in spirit,

All: we bless these shawls, that they may bring healing – reaching into bodies and souls, mending, weaving them together in new ways, creating a stronger body and a new future.

One: For those who are undertaking a journey,

All: we bless these shawls, that they may bring courage for the journey – to new homes or new places within, and that those who journey may recognize God's presence in all who await them.

One: For those in transition,

All: we bless these shawls, that they may give wisdom and confidence to envision a better time.

One: For those who are welcoming a new child,

All: we bless these shawls, that they may be reminders of the new strand being knit into the life of a family, creating new colors and patterns. May all who receive these shawls know that we, their sisters and brothers, wrap them in our prayers as these shawls wrap around their shoulders. Amen.

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

O Love
Chancel Choir

Hagenberg

*O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not in vain
That morn shall tearless be.*

O Love, O Love that will not let me go.

*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** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (vv. 1 - 3)* No. 833

***Blessing and Charge**

***Response** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (v. 4)* No. 833

***Postlude** *Toccata in F Major* Buxtehude

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

Today's Worship Service Participants

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

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

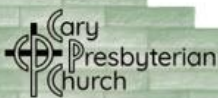
Lay Reader: Jane Dunbar

Children's Time: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Al Hardie, Beth Cleveland,
Jessica Cadwallader, Donna Adkins

Tech: Ian Dunbar, Hunter Piermont

Slides: Jane Dunbar



Legacy Fund

Lunch and Learn: Today Following Worship Providing a Legacy

Come and hear Hampton Crumpler from NC Planning discuss:

- *Estate Planning and charitable giving*
- *Working with a legal team to ensure your wishes are carried out efficiently*
- *Reducing estate taxes and crafting trusts*
- *Expressing faith and commitment through legacy giving*

Lunch will be provided

This Week at Cary Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Oct. 19	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:30 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) Legacy Fund Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall) Youth Group: State Fair Outing (meet at CPC)
Monday Oct. 20	11:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor) GSA Troop 362 (Youth Area) BSA Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall) Personnel Team (Zoom) Faith Formation Team (Zoom) Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Mtgs. (C. Ed. Bldg.)
Tuesday Oct. 21	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Triple F (100) Budget & Finance Team (Zoom) BSA Troop 232B (Youth Area) CPC Reads Together (Zoom)
Wednesday Oct. 22	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Officer Training (fellowship Hall Annex) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday Oct. 23	5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Caring Place Program (FH/Various Rooms) Health & Wholeness (Zoom)
Friday Oct. 24	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope / Alateen (Youth Area) Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (101/102)
Saturday Oct. 25	10:00 a.m.	One Wake Candidate Assembly (Sanctuary/FH)
Sunday Oct. 26	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Faith Formation / K-5 th Grade (C. Ed. Wing) Faith Formation / Middle School (HS Room) Pastor's Class (FH Annex) Feasting on the Word (Parlor) Social Determinants of Health (100) Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online) Trunk or Treat (Outside CPC Campus/FH in case of bad weather)



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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