

Tune In by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

WORSHIP SERVICE

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 26, 2023 614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511 (919) 467-8700 www.carypresbyterian.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude Largo Vivaldi

Welcome and Announcements

Introit We Seek You with Our Questions, O God (v.1)

KINGSFOLD 8.6.8.6 D (Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples)

We seek you with our questions, God, with open heart and mind; we long to live a fresher life and leave our past behind, for all that we have known before has faded and grown worn.
We seek you with our questions, God, that we might be reborn.

*Call to Worship

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

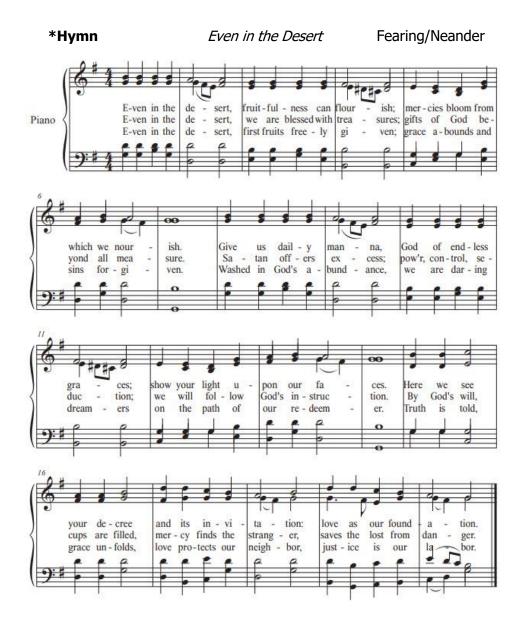
The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.



*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin.

We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness.

Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession



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^{*}Assurance of Pardon



Word

Prayer for Illumination

Medora Hix

Scripture Reading

Psalm 32

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11

The Message Seeking: Who Will You Listen To? Kim Rubish

*Hymn Who Will You Listen To? Strickland/Lyon





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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

A Lenten Prayer
Chancel Choir

Hopson

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself; Nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves; Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves. You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself; Oh, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide, Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

*Lenten Doxology



Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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

Prayer 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.

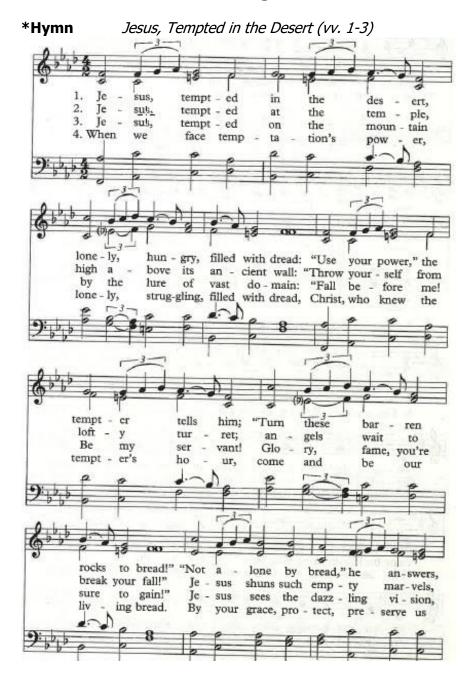
Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Sending





*Blessing and Charge

*Response Jesus, Tempted in the Desert (v. 4) (See previous hymn)

*Postlude Prelude in D Minor Bach

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Today's Worship Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Kim Rubish; Rev. Alan Bancroft

Music Director: Ed Yasick Choir: Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Charlie Huff

Lay Reader: Medora Hix

Time with Our Children: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Su Johnson, Nancy Neubauer,

Mary Walker, Scott Walker
Tech: Ken Worsham

Slides: Richard Wood

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Lenten Opportunities at Cary Presbyterian

During the season of Lent, our community of faith offers a variety of ways to pursue a deeper connection with God, others, and self. Worship and faith formation offerings are inspired by resources from the folks at *A Sanctified Art*, entitled *Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith*. Along with various gatherings at CPC during Lent, we hope these athome resources will be helpful as well.

Lenten Devotional (Online version at https://tinyurl.com/266ddhay)

This amazing resource contains scripture, commentary, poetry, visual art, and written reflections. Our Faith Formation Offerings offer weekly opportunities to join conversations at CPC about the content of this devotional.

Daily Devotional Cards

These simple and easy to use daily devotional cards include a reminder/affirmation for building a daily rhythm of prayer.

Seeking Spotify Playlist (Listen at https://tinyurl.com/38c95k3k)

This playlist, cultivated by A Sanctified Art, covers a wide range of genres, themes, and musical styles. May this serve as the soundtrack for your Lenten season.

Printed copies of the Lenten Devotional and Prayer Cards are available in the Narthex. Stay connected with the CPC App for devotionals, prayers, commentary, poetry, and art connected to the Seeking resources.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday,	9:15 a.m.	The Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall)
February 26	9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes (All Ages)
1st Sunday of	10:30 a.m.	Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online
Lent	11:30 a.m.	Duane Hix Book Signing (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Reflections with Pastor Kim (Parlor)
Monday,	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (FH Annex)
February 27	1:00 p.m.	Abigail Circle with Staff (Parlor)
_	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 232 (FHF)
	6:30 p.m.	Scout Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth & Fellowship (Zoom)
Tuesday,	6:00 p.m.	Duke Health & Well-Being Mindfulness Based
February 28	-	Stress Reduction Group (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Scout Troop 232 (Youth Area)
Wednesday,	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
March 1	7:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Virtual Class (Zoom)
Thursday,	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Team (100/102/106)
March 2	7:00 p.m.	Cary Mindfulness Group (Parlor)
Friday,	9:30 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (Parlor)
March 3	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope (Library)
Saturday,		
March 4		
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Sunday,	9:15 a.m.	The Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall)
March 5	9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes (All Ages)
2 nd Sunday of	10:30 a.m.	Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online
Lent	4:30 p.m.	Game Night with St. Giles (Fellowship Hall)



seeking: Lenten Reflections Group

Pastor Kim's Lenten Reflections group will meet on Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor, beginning on Sunday, February 26. Using materials from A Sanctified Art, this group will explore the texts of the week, devotions, and other outside resources. A Sanctified Art offers us "honest questions for deeper faith" and the group will have a chance to use this time to dive into honest questions together, both from the materials and from questions that pop up for each person throughout Lent. There's no obligation to come every week—anyone is welcome any time!