

NRPC NEWS and EVENTS

Birthdays: Brad Adams, 1/8; Claire Collins, 1/10; Linda Christensen, 1/11; John Murawski, 1/11; Katie Groff, 1/12; Rick Jenkins, 1/12; Phil Juneau, 1/12
Special birthday wishes to Fred Fetty who turns 89 on January 9!

Women's Spirituality: Please join us on Thursday, January 11 at 10:00 in the FMB. We will look in earnest at Jesus' statement in John 6:35, "I am the bread of life". We will also continue our discussion of spiritual disciplines as we talk about the discipline of "simplicity". Come early for coffee and a muffin!

Reception: Following worship on January 14, there will be a reception to acknowledge elders and deacons serving the church, especially thanking those who are ending their current terms of service and welcoming the newly ordained and installed deacons and elders.

Nifty Sixties: The Nifty Sixties Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 17 at 11:30 am in the FMB. There will be a surprise guest in attendance. Please call Pat Bidwell at (919) 848-8949 if you plan to attend.

500 Hours of Discipleship Results: To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, NRPC accrued a total of:

- 829 hours of Worship
- 471 hours of Grow
- 663 hours of Serve

The Lego crosses in the Narthex were constructed from our hours of Worship, Grow and Serve collected throughout our commemoration. These remind us that Jesus is at the center of all we do as a church.

Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group: Everyone is invited to the next NRPC Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group on tonight at 7:00 pm in the high school modular. The book we will discuss is *GodStories* by H. Stephen Shoemaker. If you need transportation or have questions, please contact Stormy Ingold at 919-615-1469 or stormydoug@mac.com.

2018 Devotional Book: To order a hardback or Kindle copy of the *You Are The Beloved* book from Amazon, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y7fjpl5b>

Fellowship with Books will meet on Monday, January 15 at 6:30 at the home of Emily Uhland, 8425 Morgans Way. The book for discussion is *The Happiness Project* by Gretchen Rubin. All women are invited to attend to enjoy lively discussion and warm fellowship. For those who like to read ahead, the February book is the classic *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

This Week at NRPC

Sunday, 1/7	Fellowship Meeting, 11:30 am Youth Choir, 4:45 pm Youth Group, 5:30 pm Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group, 7:00 pm
Monday, 1/8	Christian Education Team Meeting, 6:00 pm Session Meeting, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, 1/9	Staff Meeting, 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 am Adult Bells, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, 1/10	Adult Choir, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 1/11	Women's Spirituality, 10:00 am
Friday, 1/12	Men's Bible Study, 7:15 am Parent's Night Out, 6:00 pm
Saturday, 1/13	Habitat Work Day, 8:00 am Deacon's Retreat, 9:00 am
Sunday, 1/14	Youth Bells, 8:45 am Sunday School, 9:15 pm Worship, 10:30 am Youth Choir, 4:45 pm

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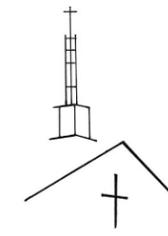
OUR LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY

Preacher: Lisa Hebacker	
Liturgists: Mac Lambeth, Brandon Melton	
Director of Music: Terri Nicotera	Organist: James Good
Acolyte: Jackson Carter	Sound Technician: Chuck Nicotera
Elder in Charge: John Minor	Prayer Deacon: Donna Fitzpatrick

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Bulletins and Bibles for the children are located at the back of the sanctuary.

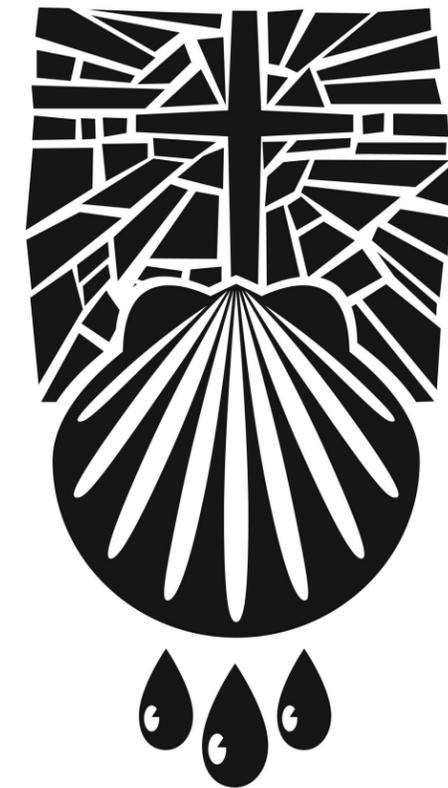
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North Raleigh Presbyterian Church

January 7, 2018
Baptism of the Lord

11905 Strickland Rd
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We extend a warm welcome to our guests!

We are glad that you are worshipping with us. Please visit our table in the Narthex that we may extend to you a personal welcome from the people of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church.

Childcare is available in the nursery located in the Faith Ministries Building.

The mission of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church is to be a welcoming community serving Jesus Christ through engaged discipleship.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Pad located near the aisle. Pass it down the pew so all may sign in. The Friendship Pad contains Prayer Cards and information.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of heaven and earth, we gather in the name of Jesus to hear your holy word and to be immersed in your Spirit. Speak to us with grace and truth and pour out your love upon us so that this temple may resound with joyful shouts of glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Michael Burkhardt

*As the acolyte processes with the light,
we welcome the presence of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, into our worship.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

All: The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;

One: then God said: let there be light,

All: and God saw that it was good.

One: At the beginning of his ministry Jesus was baptized by John.

All: The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;

One: then God said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 401** Here in this Place

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(Following the Call to Confession,
Please observe a moment of silent confession.)*

God of all glory, you look from heaven

and see us as we are -

not worthy to kneel at your feet,

not ready to welcome your way.

Forgive us, gracious God.

In Christ, stoop down to save us;

loosen the ties that bind us

and set us free to love and serve you;

in Jesus' name. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

One: Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ,

we are loved and accepted, forgiven and freed!

All: Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

One: Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE 634** To God be the Glory

To God be the glory; great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;

Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the son,

And give him the glory: great things he has done!

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:4-11

ANTHEM Down To The River To Pray

SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

There will be no Children's Church today.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cameron Alexander Collins, Carson Gray Collins, and Coleman Jax Collins are the sons of Amber and Benjamin Collins.

Elder: Let us welcome these new disciples, Cameron, Carson, and Coleman.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving
we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.**

Baptism Hymn 482 (verse 3) Baptized in Water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,

marked with the sign of Christ our King;

Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;

joyfully now God's praises we sing.

SERMON My Son, the Beloved

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

We will celebrate communion by intinction. When directed by an usher, come to receive the elements. Select a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and consume both elements at once. All of the bread is gluten-free.

RESPONDING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Adapted from *A Declaration of Faith*

We believe that in baptism

the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise

to include us and our children in God's gracious covenant,

cleansing us from sin,

and giving us newness of life,

as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.

Baptism sets us in the visible community of Christ's people

and joins us to all other believers by a powerful bond.

**In baptism we give ourselves up in faith and repentance
to be the Lord's.**

Baptism is a reminder

that God loves us long before we can love God.

God's grace and our response to it

are not tied to the moment of baptism,

but continue and deepen throughout life.

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Pastorale (O Morning Star) Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

***HYMN 484** Out of Deep, Unordered Water

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Bicinium (WIE SCHON LEUCHTET) Michael Burkhardt

*As the acolyte recesses with the light,
we affirm that Jesus Christ, the light of the world, leads us out for discipleship.*

BELLS OF THE TRINITY

*All who are able, please stand.

Please silence all electronic devices.