

NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

Anniversary: Afif & Ann Antoun 03/13

Birthdays: Pat Bidwell 03/13, Cameron Sarver 03/13, Loffie Jordaan 03/15, Janet Livengood 03/16, Amanda Heater 03/17

Bulletin Art for the Lenten season is courtesy of our MAX participants. If you appreciate this artwork, please thank one of our younger worshipers.

The Wednesday evening MAX program continues this week with baked potatoes for dinner!! All are welcome to participate in wonderful programs for all ages! You may register on Wednesday evening when you arrive. MAX dinner begins at 5:45 PM and programs start at 6:15 PM.

NRPC Ladies Spring Retreat begins this Friday, March 16. Contact Janet Livengood (janetlivengood77@gmail.com) if you'd like to attend.

Fellowship with Books will meet Monday, March 19 at the home of Janet Livengood, 6205 Therfield Drive. The book for discussion is Neil deGrasse Tyson's *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*. Also at this meeting, book selections will be made for the next few months. All ladies are welcome to attend for warm fellowship and lively discussion.

The Nifty Sixties Senior Luncheon will be at Winston's Restaurant, Wednesday, March 21 at 11:30 AM. All 60 & over are invited. Please RSVP to Pat Bidwell (919-846-8949) the morning of Monday, March 19th. Hope to see you all there!

Spring means SOFTBALL! It's time to organize the NRPC Men's Softball Team. This is a (mostly) non-competitive fellowship activity open to men age 16 and up. If you haven't been on the team previously and would like to join us for some good times this spring, please contact Keith Livengood (kelivengood2@gmail.com or 919-931-1967).

March Madness Food Drive: Sunday, March 11 through Sunday, April 1, please bring donations to support the North Raleigh Ministries Food Pantry's Backpack Buddies program. Items they request include: 7oz boxes of Mac and Cheese, 15oz cans of raviolis or spaghetti with meat sauce, ramen noodles, 5oz tuna or 4.5oz chicken breasts with pull tops, canned corn or green beans, fruit cups, chicken noodle soup, individual packets of grits or oatmeal, and granola bars.

Easter Sunday (April 1) at NRPC will include our beloved traditions celebrated in some slightly new ways:

- Sunrise Worship Service • 6:45 AM, Outdoor Worship Space
- Easter Breakfast • 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM, Faith Ministries Building
- Intergenerational Sunday School with activities for all ages (including an *ALLE**** Egg Hunt*) • 9:15 AM, Faith Ministires Building
- Easter Worship and Communion (please *remember to bring flowers for the cross*) • 10:30 AM, Sanctuary

Support these events by volunteering to help. Contact Janet Livengood (janetlivengood77@gmail.com) to volunteer.

THIS WEEK AT NRPC

Sunday, 3/11	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM Youth Bells (S) 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School (M) 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM New Member Meeting (F) 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship (S) 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Orchestra Rehearsal (S) 2:00 PM Service of Witness to the Resurrection (S) 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Youth Choir (S) 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Group (F)
Tuesday, 3/13	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Staff Meeting (A) 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study (T3) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Bells (S)
Wednesday, 3/14	5:45 PM - 7:00 PM MAX (F) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Choir (S)
Thursday, 3/15	
Friday, 3/16	High School Camp Willow Run (Offsite; thru Sunday) Women's Beach Retreat (Offsite; thru Sunday) 7:15 AM - 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study (L)
Sunday, 3/18	8:45 AM - 9:15 AM Youth Bells (S) 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School (M) 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM New member orientation (F) 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Worship (S) 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Youth Choir (S) 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Youth Group (F)
Locations Legend:	
F=Faith Ministries Building	S=Sanctuary; N=Narthex
L=Library	T1, T2=East Trailer
A=Admin Office	T3, T4=Southwest Trailer
P=Pastor Office	T5, T6=Northwest Trailer
E=Educator Office	M=Multiple locations

Ministers: All the Congregation

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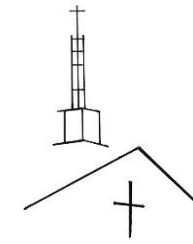
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North Raleigh Presbyterian Church

March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent



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.

Children's bulletins and Bibles are located at the back of the sanctuary, as are hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins.

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

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please find the Friendship Pad near the aisle
and pass it down the pew so all may sign.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and in rest we will be saved,
and in quietness and confidence will be our strength: by the might of your Spirit lift
us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love is This Youth Bells
*As the acolyte processes with the light,
we welcome the presence of Jesus Christ, light of the world, into our worship.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

All: slow to anger and abounding in love.

One: God's promise is for all generations;

All: God's covenant is with every living thing.

One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Following the Call to Confession
please observe a moment of silent confession.*

**Good Shepherd, slow us down. We confess that our hearts are
pounding and our minds racing. We know we live too fast, and we do
not take the time we need to live and rest in you. Forgive us for having
a spirit of fear that drives our never-ending pursuits. Give us instead a
spirit of power, love, and a sound mind, knowing that in you we need
not rush but simply live in your loving stillness, which leads us in the
way of peace and refreshment. 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 630 (v.4) *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

now and forevermore be thine!

PROCLAIMING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 3:14-21

ANTHEM

Lord, Have Mercy Youth Choir

SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

HYMN 653

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries Psalm 107
*We will sing verses 1, 4 and 6.
Following the Psalm, preschool-1st grade
may remain in worship or attend Children's Church.*

SERMON

Practicing Quiet

HYMN 629

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Study Catechism,
Questions 25, 8 & 9*

One: What do you believe when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as
God's only Son?

**All: No one else will ever be God incarnate. No one else will ever die
for the sins of the world. Only Jesus Christ is such a person, only
he could do such a work, and he in fact has done it.**

One: How do you understand the love and power of God?

**All: Through Jesus Christ. In his life of compassion, his death on the
cross, and his resurrection from the dead, I see how vast is God's
love for the world — a love that is ready to suffer for our sakes,
yet so strong that nothing will prevail against it.**

One: What comfort do you receive from this truth?

**All: This powerful and loving God is the one whose promises I may
trust in all the circumstances of my life, and to whom I belong in
life and in death.**

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 *How Great the Love* Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY 606

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 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Air from Suite III J. S. Bach

BELLS OF THE TRINITY

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

**All who are able, please stand.
Please silence all electronic devices.*

Leading and supporting worship today:

Preacher: Lisa Hebacker

Liturgists: Stormy Ingold, Brandon Melton

Director of Music: Terri Nicotera

Organist: James Good

Elder in Charge: Megan Livengood

Prayer Deacon: Front right pew

Usher Captain: David Sharer

Sound Technician: Chuck Nicotera

Acolyte: Skylar Sarver

Children's Church: Will Collins & Joe Mabry