

## NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

**Anniversaries:** Jim & Peggy Todd, 9/21

**Birthdays:** Will Collins, 9/16; Amy DeShong, 9/17; Linda McKinney, 9/18; Lucie Boyd, 9/20; Lilah Stoy, 9/20

**Sanctuary Spruce Up Day, Saturday, September 22** 8:30am-noon. Please plan to join us for cleanup. Light breakfast will be served.

**Communion Classes, Sunday, September 23 and Sunday, September 30** will meet during the Sunday School hour. We invite anyone interested in learning more about communion to attend. On October 7, we will welcome 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and older to their first communion. Please, look in your email for more information from Brandon Melton.

**NRPC Night at The Museum, Friday, November 16 7:00.** Let's explore the special exhibition at the North Carolina Museum of Art: "The Beyond: Georgia O'Keefe + Contemporary Art AND Hofer in Mexico". Ticket price is \$10. The deadline to reserve tickets for this event is **Monday, October 1.** Please RSVP to Janet Livengood at [janetblivengood77@gmail.com](mailto:janetblivengood77@gmail.com).

*Thank You* to all that helped make Engagement Day a success.

*Thank You for the sneakers!* The social workers with the Wake County foster care program expressed deep gratitude for the sneakers that NRPC folks provided, and they were excited to deliver the new shoes to the 24 children. Thank you for your enthusiastic response to making the start of school a bit better for children in foster care. Wake County has one more child in foster care who would like new sneakers: Alexis, 16 year old boy, size 9.5 adult shoes. If you would like to buy him shoes, please contact Margaret Albert at [margaretc Albert@gmail.com](mailto:margaretc Albert@gmail.com).

**All Saints Vespers, Sunday, November 4, 5:30 p.m.** Join us for evening worship as we give thanks for all the saints who've gone before us. Our bulletin that night will list the names of those we remember in particular. Please send your submissions that we may include them to [office@nrleighpc.org](mailto:office@nrleighpc.org). Provide the name of the deceased, the date of death, your name and your relationship to the person. During the service we will read the names of NRPC members who have died since November 1, 2017.

## THIS WEEK AT NRPC

Sunday 9/16	8:45 AM- 9:15 AM	Youth Bells (S)
	9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Welcome to Worship (F)
	9:15 AM- 10:15 AM	Sunday School (M)
	10:30 AM	Worship (S)
	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting (S)
	4:30 PM	Youth Group (F)
Monday 9/17	6:00 PM	Youth Choir
	6:30 PM	Fellowship with Books (F)
Tuesday 9/18	4:00 PM	Staff Meeting (A)
	6:00 PM	Finance Committee (A)
	7:00 PM	Adult Bells (S)
Wednesday 9/19	11:30 AM	Nifty Sixties Luncheon (F)
	5:30 PM	MAX (F)
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir (S)
Thursday 9/20		
Friday 9/21	7:15 AM - 8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (L)
Saturday 9/22	8:30 AM- 12:00 PM	Sanctuary Spruce Up Day (S)
Sunday 9/23	8:45 AM-9:15 AM	Youth Bells (S)
	9:15 AM-10:15 AM	Communion Class (A)
	9:15 AM-10:15 AM	Sunday School (M)
	10:30 AM	Worship (S)
	11:30 AM	Orchestra Practice (S)
	4:30 PM	Youth Group (F)
	5:30 PM	Joint Officer Dinner (O)
	6:00 PM	Youth Choir (S)

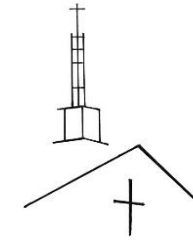
### Locations Legend:

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

<i>Pastor:</i> Lisa Hebacker	<a href="mailto:LisaHebacker@nrleighpc.org">LisaHebacker@nrleighpc.org</a>
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<i>Director of Music:</i> Terri Nicotera	<a href="mailto:TerriNicotera@msn.com">TerriNicotera@msn.com</a>
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**North Raleigh  
Presbyterian Church**  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 16, 2018



**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  
and pass it down the pew so all may sign.*

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Karl Barth

Lord God, we thank you that here with each other we can call on you and listen to you. Before you, we are all equal. We ask that you now give each of us something of your good Holy Spirit, so that in this hour we may understand you, ourselves, and each other a little better, and that thereby we may be quickened and encouraged to take a step forward along the path that you have set for all of us. Amen.

### PRELUDE

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. H. Colvin  
*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: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: I called to God: Lord, save my life!

**All: God has delivered my soul from death.**

One: Let us worship God.

### \*HYMN 826

*Lift High the Cross (v.1-3)*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.**

**We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you.**

**We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of others.**

Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 826 *Lift High the Cross (v.4)*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:

praise to the Crucified for victory.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

till all the world adore his sacred name.

## PROCLAIMING

### GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

### ANTHEM

*Lamb of God*  
Adult Choir

F. Melius Christiansen

### SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

#### \*WELCOME HYMN 487 (v.1) *These Treasured Children*

*Preschool-1st grade may remain in worship  
or attend Children's Church.*

### SERMON

*Cross*

### \*HYMN 718

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

## RESPONDING

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people, that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right. Therefore, the church must stand by people in any form of suffering and need and strive against any form of injustice. In following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

### 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

*I am Thine, O Lord*

William Doane

### \*DOXOLOGY 607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

### MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

### POSTLUDE

*March* F. Handel; arr. F.W. Asper  
*As the acolyte recesses with the light,  
we affirm that Jesus Christ,  
the light of the world, leads us out for discipleship.*

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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*Congregational Meeting today following worship.*

A meeting will be held to elect an Associate Pastor nominating committee.

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

### Leading and supporting worship today:

Preacher: Lisa Hebacker

Liturgists: Stormy Ingold, Brandon  
Melton

Children's Church: Amy DeShong, Riley Morgan

Usher Captain:

Director of Music: Terri Nicotera

Acolyte: Henry Bennett

Elder in Charge: Briony Voorhees

Organist: Ju Hyun Kim

Sound Technician: Chuck Nicotera

Chancel Guild:

Prayer Deacon: Karen Fink