NRPC NEWS and EVENTS

**Birthdays:** Ann Antoun, 9/24; Jordan Cramer, 9/24;
Zachary Heater, 9/24; Stella Stallworth, 9/26; Ashley Wright, 9/26; Oraly Spatz, 9/29; James Cramer, 9/30

**Communion Classes**, **Today 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 3rd graders and older to their first communion. Please, look in your email for more information from Brandon Melton.

**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@nraleighpc.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.

**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 $15. The deadline to reserve tickets for this event is **Monday, October 1.** Please RSVP to Janet Livengood at janetblivengood77@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT NRPC

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| Sunday 9/23 | 8:45 AM-9:15 AM9:15 AM-10:15 AM9:15 AM-10:15 AM10:30 AM11:30 AM4:30 PM6:00 PM6:00 PM | Youth Bells (S)Communion Class (A)Sunday School (M)Worship (S)Orchestra Practice (S)Youth Group (F)Joint Officer Dinner (O)Youth Choir (S) |
| Monday 9/24 |  |  |
| Tuesday 9/25 | 10:30AM1:15 PM | Tuesday Morning Bible Study (L)Staff Meeting (A) |
| Wednesday 9/26 | 5:45 PM7:00 PM | MAX (F)Adult Choir (S) |
| Thursday 9/27 |  |  |
| Friday 9/28 | 7:15 AM – 8:00 AM | Men’s Bible Study (L) |
| Saturday 9/29 |  |  |
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|  Locations Legend:F=Faith Ministries Building S=Sanctuary; N=NarthexL=Library T1, T2=East TrailerA=Admin Office T3, T4=Southwest TrailerP=Pastor Office T5, T6=Northwest TrailerE=Educator Office M=Multiple locations |

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**Presbyterian Church**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018

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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.

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.*

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GATHERING

 **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

 **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** Eugene Peterson

Return me, gracious Christ, to the basic realities of life that are conspicuous in children, but obscure and unattended in adulthood: an eagerness to believe, a readiness to receive, a willingness to love and be loved. Amen.

**PRELUDE** *My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker* J.S. Bach
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: The last are first in the realm of God;

**All: the least are welcomed in Jesus’ name.**

One: Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN 667** *When Morning Guilds the Skies*

\*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 sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace. We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and least.

Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day with the wisdom of your Word, and teach us how to serve you; 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 839 (v.1) *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

 PROCLAIMING

 GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:30-37

 ANTHEM *Whoever Would Be Great Among You* R. Nelson

Adult Choir

**SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**
 The younger church will collect Pennies for Hunger.
 *Preschool-1st grade may remain in worship or attend Children’s Church.*

 **SERMON** *Last and Least*

**\* HYMN 351** *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

RESPONDING

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Declaration of Faith*

In God’s concern for justice in the social order God has never forgotten the needs of individuals. In the end the Lord will judge

all persons by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness they did or failed to do for the least of their sisters and brothers. We acknowledge God is at work here and now when people show personal concern for each other and work to make helping agencies, including the church itself, more compassionate.

 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 Need Thee Every Hour* Robert Lowry

\*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 738 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

 **POSTLUDE** *Prelude in C Major* J.S. Bach
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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***The Chancel Flowers*** are given to the Glory of God by Margaret Townsend in honor of her beloved husband, Jan Nyuten, who died September 28, 2002.

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

**Leading and supporting worship today:**

Preacher: Lisa Hebacker Liturgists: Brandon Melton, John Minor

Usher Captain: Roger Askew Director of Music: Terri Nicotera

Acolyte: Clara Hook Organist: Ju Hyun Kim

Sound Technician: Chuck Nicotera Elder in Charge: Carolyn Drum

Chancel Guild: Janet Livengood Prayer Deacon: Janet Livengood

Children’s Church: Janet Livengood, CJ Morgan