



# North Raleigh Presbyterian Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 8, 2019

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*a congregation of the PC(USA)*



The meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space; on the Sabbath we try to become attuned to *holiness in time*. It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation; from the world of creation to the creation of the world.

From *The Sabbath*  
by Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907-1972)

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

# GATHERING

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome guests! Please find helpful information on the back of this bulletin.  
Please find the Friendship Register and pass it down the pew so all may sign.*

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

adapted from Norman Wirzba

O God, we believe you are resting in this place. In this time of worship help us to put away the restlessness that prevents deep engagement with life. In Christ's name we pray; Amen.

## PRELUDE

*Minuet (from Concerto No. 9)*

GF Handel

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

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Exodus 20:8-11

One: Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

All: **Six days you shall labor and do all your work.**

One: But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God;  
you shall not do any work.

All: **For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
but rested the seventh day;**

One: therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day  
and consecrated it.

All: **Let us worship God.**

## \*HYMN 391

*This is the Day*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

O God, you want us to rest, yet we choose instead to be restless. We claim to trust in you, but we worry about our next meal and what we will wear. We say your grace is sufficient for us, but we overwork so that we can over-consume. We believe you love us, but we try to prove our worth through work. Heal us from our restlessness and free us to experience the sabbath rest you desire for us. 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 305 v.4 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Come sing, O church in joy!

Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

## PROCLAIMING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 2:23-28

ANTHEM

*Remember the Sabbath*

David Hunstinger

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Nehemiah 13:15-22

## SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*There is Children's Church today. Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> grade  
may attend Children's Church or remain in worship.*

## SERMON

*Sabbath*

## \*HYMN 36

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

## RESPONDING

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Study Catechism*

One: What is the fourth commandment?

All: Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy.

One: What do you learn from this commandment?

All: God requires a special day to be set apart so that worship can be at the center of my life. It is right to honor God with thanks and praise, and to hear and receive God's word.

## 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

*Give Thanks (Hymn 647)*

Henry Smith

**\*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 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Finale from Fireworks Music* GF Handel  
*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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**Leading and supporting worship today:**

Preacher: Brandon Melton

Liturgist: Lisa Hebacker, John Minor

Director of Music: Terri Nicotera

Acolyte:

Chancel Guild: Diana Minor

Greeters: Debbi Freer, Ann Neely

Usher Captain: Pam Homolya

Elder in Charge: Carolyn Drum

Sound Technician: Chuck Nicotera

Prayer Deacon: Bob Lippard

Nursery: Amanda Heater, Krista Allen,  
Alena Freer

Children's Church: Amy DeShong,  
Janie Chamberlin

# NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

**Anniversaries:** Joe & Erin Robbins, 9/8

**Birthdays:** Lee Mabry, 9/9; Nelson Williams, 9/15; Scott Allen, 9/10; Tayler Melton, 9/11; Julia Murawski, 9/11; Kim Stall, 9/11; Vernie Dove, 9/14; Nelson Williams, 9/15;

**MAX Fall Registration** is open. MAX will begin Wednesday, September 11 and continue through Wednesday, October 30. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or in a link via enews.

**Appalachia Service Project** Registration for ASP 2020 is September 16. Tentative plans are to return to Chavies, Ky. during the week of July 12-18. Anyone interested in attending, please email Kent Dove or contact him at church.

**L'Arche is Coming:** All are invited to attend an Evening of Prayer sponsored by the L'Arche community of North Carolina at St. Francis of Assisi Church on September 10, 2019 at 7pm. Additional handouts with details are available in the Narthex and weekly enews. Questions please contact Kim Stall at [kimjomiles@aol.com](mailto:kimjomiles@aol.com).

**How will you worship, grow, and serve at NRPC?** Where do you feel called to engage in the life of this church? You're invited to stay after worship on September 15th, 22nd, and 29th to learn about opportunities to worship, grow, and serve at NRPC. Representatives from programs, committees, and ministries will be in the narthex to share information and answer questions.

**School Volunteers needed** Just across the street from NRPC Stough Elementary School has begun a new school year in a beautiful new building. If you would like to volunteer as a tutor, library helper, etc. please contact Ann Antoun [atannantoun@aol.com](mailto:atannantoun@aol.com) to learn more. Men, women, youth - all are invited!

## THIS WEEK AT NRPC

Sunday 9/8	8:45 AM	Youth Bells (S)
	9:15 AM-10:15 AM	Sunday School (M)
	10:30 AM	Worship (S)
	11:30 AM	Confirmation Class (F)
	11:30 AM	Outreach Committee (L)
	4:30 PM	Youth Group (F)
	6:00 PM	Youth Choir (F)
Monday 9/9	10:30 AM	Needlework Group (F)
	6:30 PM	Officer Training (T1)
Tuesday 9/10	4:00 PM	Staff Meeting (A)
	7:00 PM	Adult Bells (S)
Wednesday 9/11	5:45 PM	MAX (F)
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir (S)
Thursday 9/12	10:30 AM	Women's Spirituality (F)
Friday 9/13	7:15 AM	Men's Bible Study (L)
Saturday 9/14		
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	11:30 AM	Confirmation Class (F)
	4:30 PM	Youth Group (F)
	5:30 PM	Session Meeting (F)
	6:00 PM	Youth Choir (S)

### Locations Legend:

F=Faith Ministries Building  
 L=Library  
 A=Admin Office  
 P=Pastor Office  
 E=Educator Office

S=Sanctuary; N=Narthex  
 T1, T2=East Trailer  
 T3, T4=Southwest Trailer  
 T5, T6=Northwest Trailer  
 M=Multiple locations

## **We extend a warm welcome to our guests!**

We are glad that you are worshipping with us. A few things to know:

- Please visit our table in the Narthex so we may extend to you a personal welcome.
- God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If your child would be more comfortable in the nursery, childcare is available in the Faith Ministries Building, located behind the Sanctuary.
- Children's bulletins and Bibles are located at the back of the sanctuary, as are hearing assistance devices and large print hymns.

### *Ministers: All the Congregation*

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