



North Raleigh
Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday after Epiphany
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"The Bible...needs a warning to those who would read it:
'It is so true that it will read you. Do not just read it alone.
You are outmatched.' As we read it, we discover that above
all we are outmatched by the love and grace of God
who has given us his word and given us his Son,
that we might know life eternal here and now and forevermore."

-- J. Peter Holmes

*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. Please note Nursery is available in the back of the Sanctuary. Children's Church will gather in the Narthex.

PRELUDE

Thanks Be To Thee

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

adapted from Psalm 119

One: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

All: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.

One: I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.

All: How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

One: Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 45

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options.

Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and to seek justice; for losing hope in your power to transform us. Tune our ears to the sound of your love. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's 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 HYMN 435 v.2 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

ANTHEM

Listen, God is Calling

Lovelace

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12, 43-48

SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Children will collect Pennies for Hunger today and may participate in Children's Church or remain in the sanctuary during the sermon.

SERMONS

*HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Study Catechism, qq. 56-57

One: What do you mean when you speak of “the Word of God”?

All: Jesus Christ as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death.”

One: Isn't Holy Scripture also the Word of God?

All: Yes. Holy Scripture is also God's word because of its content, its function and its origin. Its central content is Jesus Christ, the living Word. Its basic function is to deepen our love, knowledge and service of him as our Lord and Savior. And its ultimate origin is in the Holy Spirit, who spoke through the prophets and apostles, and who inspires us with eager desire for the truths that Scripture contains.

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

Stewardship is participating in Christian Education opportunities.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

I Am Thine, O Lord

W. 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 175

Seek Ye First

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro (1) from Symphony 6

C-M Widor

*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



Leading and supporting worship today:

Preachers: Julie Fotheringham, Beth Morgan, George Snead, Sally Thompson

Counters: Danny Heater, Joe Robbins

Chancel Guild: Stormy Ingold

Music Director: Terri Nicotera

Organist: Ju Hyun Kim

Elder in Charge: Dave Albert

Ushers: Karen Fink, Debbi Freer

Nursery: Sarah Bales

Children's Church: Krista Wright

Livestream: Rick Bell, Anna Rose Patterson, Michael Patterson

Liturgists: Dave Albert, Margaret Albert, Sarah Bales, Will Collins,
Debbi Freer, Mike Ganey, Meredith Goodin, Amanda Heater,
Stormy Ingold, Haley Stallworth

*Everyone is invited to help support Worship. If you are interested in volunteering,
please email the church office. Thank You!*

Liturgy is from *Call to Worship* and *Feasting on the Word
Worship Companion*

We extend a warm welcome to our guests!

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

- 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 Narthex.
- Hymn numbers refer to our hymnal, *Glory to God*, the purple book located in the pew rack. Blue pew Bibles are also available for your use.
- **Bold type** in this bulletin indicates all are invited to speak the corresponding words.
- If you would like to have an NRPC nametag, email office@nrleighpc.org.
- New members join by transfer, reaffirmation or profession several times each year. Our next opportunity is **Sunday, March, 19**. Please contact the office for details.

NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

Birthdays: Vidalia Patterson, 1/25; Lori Fisher, 1/28

Outreach Committee will be collecting donations for the NC Food Bank and North Raleigh Family Ministries. Bins are available in the Narthex to drop off your items. Please see Friday News for details.

Fellowship with Books will meet on Monday, January 23 at 6:30 PM in the Narthex.

Healthy Congregations Workshop will be held this coming Friday and Saturday. All church members are invited. The workshop purpose is to teach us new ways to communicate more effectively as a means of moving beyond past conflicts and hurts. Please see Friday News for sign up details.

Stewardship We are grateful for all the families within our church who have presented 2023 pledges. To date we have received 88 pledges, totaling \$366,520. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex or you may complete an online form.

2022 Contribution statements were emailed this week, if you would like a mailed copy, please contact the office.

	2022 Year End Financial Data		
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Difference</i>
<i>Contribution Income</i>	\$400,442	\$403,011	(\$2,569)
<i>Expenses</i>	\$463,953	\$474,620	\$10,667
<i>Year End Budget</i>	\$63,511	\$71,609	\$8,098
<i>Deficit</i>			

THIS WEEK AT NRPC

Sunday 1/22	9:00 AM	Sharing God's Story@ Home(C)
	9:15 AM	Cornerstone (Z)
	10:30 AM	Youth Music (S)
	4:00 PM	Worship Service (S, Y)
	4:30 PM	Pioneer (N)
	4:30 PM	Youth Group (Off)
Monday 1/23	6:30 PM	Fellowship with Books (N)
Tuesday 1/24	10:30 AM	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (S)
	6:30 PM	Adult Bells (S)
Wednesday 1/25	10:00 AM	Prayer Ministry (C)
	4:30 PM	Staff Meeting (A)
	7:00 PM	Children's Music (S, N)
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir (S)
Thursday 1/26	9:15 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study (S)
	10:30 AM	Joyful Ringers (S)
Friday 1/27	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Z)
	7:00 PM	Mission & Vision Workshop (S)
Saturday 1/28	9:00 AM	Mission & Vision Workshop (S)
Sunday 1/29	9:00 AM	Sharing God's Story@ Home(C)
	9:00 AM	Cornerstone (Z)
	9:15 AM	Youth Music (S)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (S, Y)
	4:00 PM	Pioneer (N)
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Legend:

A=Admin C=Constant Contact F= Faith Ministries Building
 Y= You Tube S=Sanctuary N=Narthex Z=Zoom O=Outdoors OFF=Offsite

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Pastor: Lisa Hebacker

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