



North Raleigh  
Presbyterian Church  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2024

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*a congregation of the PC(USA)*



## Our Calling

What is our charge?

*Our charge is to create the church Jesus expects.*

How do we live?

*We live to become more like Jesus,  
bringing faith and life together.*

Who are we?

*We are a community where all people  
can take root in love and grow in service.*

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*Rooted in Love. Growing in Service.*

# 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 Faith Ministries Building.*

## PRELUDE

*Prelude on "Morning Has Broken"*

Charles Callahan

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

One: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever.

**All: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever.**

One: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.

**All: One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

One: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**All: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,  
and I will declare your greatness.**

One: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**All: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Let us worship God.

## \*HYMN 614

*Great Are You, Lord*

GREAT IS THE LORD

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show. Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy. 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 588 *Alleluia*

JOYFUL ALLELUIA

Alleluia! alleluia! **Alleluia!** alleluia!

Alleluia! alleluia! **Alleluia!** alleluia!

Alleluia! alleluia! **Alleluia!** alleluia!

Alleluia! alleluia! **Alleluia!** alleluia!

## PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3:10-4:11

ANTHEM

*I Will Rise*

*arr. Rouse*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

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.*

SERMON

\*HYMN 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

## RESPONDING

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed, Glory to God p. 35*

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

*Improvisation in C Major*

Paul Fey

**\*DOXOLOGY 609** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 240**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude on "Christ Is Alive"*

Paul Fey

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**



Liturgy from *Call to Worship*

**Leading and supporting worship today:**

**Preacher:** Brandon Melton

**Liturgists:** Lisa Hebacker, Elizabeth Grovenstein

**Chancel Guild:** Lori Fisher

**Counters:** Keith Livengood, Cary Martin

**Nursery:** Haley Stallworth, Gaines Stallworth

**EIC:**

**Director of Music:** Terri Nicotera

**Guest Organist:** Bo Lloyd

**Acolyte:** Bennett Fisher

**Children's Church:** Beth Morgan

**SRT:** Afif Antoun

## Nominating of Church Officers

Church officers – Elders and Deacons – are elected by the congregation for staggered 3-year terms. every committee/team/ministry at NRPC reports through the Session (Elders). The Diaconate (Deacons) at NRPC is focused on pastoral care of our congregation.

Is there an NRPC member who you think would serve our church well in the role of deacon or elder? The Nominating Committee encourages you to submit nominations for Deacons and Elders for the Class of 2027. Forms are available in this bulletin, in the Narthex or click on the link in the Friday News. Contact Jerry Thompson at [gibttoo@gmail.com](mailto:gbttoo@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

<b>NRPC SESSION</b>		
<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>
Mary Addison Askew Dave Albert Debbi Freer Keith Livengood Jerry Thompson	Todd Barlow Julie Fotheringham Stormy Ingold Krista Wright	Don Brown Amanda Heater Sidney Mabry Margaret Spransy
<b>NRPC DIACONATE</b>		
<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>
Judy Dove Sandra Milholland Becky Pynch Kim Stall	Margaret Albert Roger Askew Tiffany Hook Pam Horton Fran Lawrence	Rick Bell Debi Collins Donna Fitzpatrick Elizabeth Grovenstein Renee Sarver

# NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

**Anniversaries:** Bill and Charmane Dail 5/3

**Birthdays:** Bennett Fisher 4/30, Darlene Lovette 4/30, Samira Ishaq 5/1, William Russell 5/2, Riley Morgan 5/3, Jonathan Nicotera 5/3

**RSVP for Faith Formation:** Do you want to RSVP for Faith Formation, The Gathering, or Parent's Night Out? Use this QR code to RSVP for these and more. You can also find the link in the Friday News or on the CE page on our website.



**Five Wishes:** On Sunday, April 28, following the worship service, NRPC's deacons will host a Lunch & Learn to introduce you to Five Wishes, an advance directive that includes your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical needs. Please see the Friday News for more information. To register, contact Margaretcalbert@gmail.com.

**Youth Sunday:** Join us on May 5 and support our youth as they lead us in worship at 10:30 am. Lunch follows in the FMB.

**Nifty Sixties** will meet for our next lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, at Winston's Grille - 6401 Falls of Neuse Rd in the Sutton Square shopping center. Separate checks will be provided. Please RSVP to Kim Stall on or before Friday, May 10 at (919)219-1553 or kimberlyjostall@gmail.com.

**NRPC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebration is on Pentecost, May 19. Come hear how the Spirit has shaped this congregation and be a part of what the Spirit does next with NRPC. Potluck on the Grounds follows the 10:30 worship service.

## THIS WEEK AT NRPC

Sunday 4/28	9:00 AM	Cornerstone Class (F, Z)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (S, Y)
	11:30 AM	Lunch & Learn (F)
	3:30 PM	Pioneer Class (F)
Monday 4/29	8:00 AM	Clergy Clinic (F)
Tuesday 4/30	8:00 AM	Clergy Clinic (F)
	6:30 PM	Adult Bells (S)
	6:30 PM	Outreach Committee (Z)
Wednesday 5/1	8:00 AM	Clergy Clinic (F)
	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (F)
	5:00 PM	Support Team (F3)
	5:30 PM	Ministry Team (F)
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir (S)
<b>The church campus will be closed Thursday – Saturday for parking lot repaving</b>		
Thursday 5/2		
Friday 5/3	7:00 AM	Men’s Bible Study (Z)
Saturday 5/4		
Sunday 5/5	9:00 AM	Cornerstone Class (F, Z)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (S, Y)
	11:30 AM	Lunch & Reception (F)
	3:30 PM	Pioneer Class (F)
	5:00 PM	Drum Circle (S)

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

*Ministers:* All the Congregation

<i>Pastor:</i> Lisa Hebacker	LisaHebacker@nrleighpc.org
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