

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Pad located near the aisle. Pass it down the pew so all may sign in. The Friendship Pad contains Prayer Cards and information.

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" (Hymn 339) A. L. Travis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Yours, O Lord, is the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours.

People: We give You thanks and praise Your glorious name!

Leader: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as Head over all! You are the ruler of all things.

People: We give You thanks and praise Your glorious name!

Leader: In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

People: Now, our God, we give You thanks and praise Your glorious name!

***HYMN 138** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Please observe a moment of silent confession.)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and a new mind. I will take away your stubborn heart of stone and give you an obedient heart. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: I invite you to pass the peace with your neighbor.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE 464** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (v1)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:18-25

ANTHEM When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

SECOND READING Mark 2:1-12

SERMON The Four Friends

***HYMN 276** Great is Thy Faithfulness

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We celebrate the baptism of Eloise Ann, daughter of Keith and Amy Proseus. The grandparents are Afif and Ann Antoun and Leonard Proseus. The elder is Candy Tedrick.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Elder: Gracious God, we praise You for Your covenant and for calling us to be members of the body of Christ. In the sacrament of baptism, we are reminded of our relationship with You and with one another.

ALL: We thank you for the water of baptism, a symbol of cleansing and forgiveness. We pray for the parents and for the Christian nurture of their child. Grant them wisdom as they instruct their child in the way of our Lord.

Elder: We pray for this child dedicated to the Lord in His holy church. We pray she grows up protected and cherished so that she responds to Christ's love and shares His love with others.

ALL: Jesus said "Let the little children come to me for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

THE WELCOME

Elder: Eloise Ann is received into Christ's Church. Through baptism, God has made her a member of the family of God. The people of this congregation are encouraged to nurture her and to love her that she may become a faithful disciple.

ALL: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church. We promise to love, encourage, and support you. We promise to help you know and follow Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Jesus Loves Me

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERTORY Jesus Wept Orchestra

*DOXOLOGY 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 540** God Be With You Till We Meet Again

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** The Lord Bless You and Keep You

***POSTLUDE** Hymn to Joy (Hymn 464) A. L. Travis

All are invited to a retirement reception for Kent Hollingsworth in the Faith Ministries Building.

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*All who are able, please stand.

Please silence all electronic devices.

The flowers on the table are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Eloise Ann Proseus by her loving family.

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the ministry of Kent and Judy Hollingsworth at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church.

Orchestra

Violin: Gina Antoun, Charmane Dail, Anna Rose Patterson, Vidalia Patterson

Cello: Milde Weiss, Maddie Worth

Flute: Marlene Lambeth, Rachel McIrvine

Clarinet: Mac Lambeth, Julie Miles

Bass Clarinet: Loffie Jordaan

Saxophone: Michael Patterson

French Horn: Jonathan Nicotera

Trombone: Josh King

OUR LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY

Pastor: Kent Hollingsworth

Liturgist: Will Collins

Acolyte: Izzy Fisher

Director of Music: Terri Nicotera

Organist: James Good

Sound Engineer: Chuck Nicotera

Prayer Deacon: Pam Homolya

Elder in Charge: John Murphy

Children's Church: Amy DeShong

Youth Helper: Alena Freer

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

NRPC NEWS and EVENTS

Birthdays: Gina Antoun, 3/19; Harrison Carter, 3/19; Adrian Chamberlin, 3/20; Mike Antoun, 3/22; Fran Lawrence, 3/23; Leigh Anne Carter, 3/25; Helen McBryde celebrates her 87th birthday on March 25th!

Anniversaries: Roger and Stacy Askew, 3/22; Roger and Leigh Anne Carter, 3/23; Tom and Susan Wilkat, 3/24

MAX Love Bag Donations: This is the last Sunday for donations to the MAX OUTREACH PROJECT. Love Bags are for teens and toddlers in foster care in Wake County. There are special envelopes in the pews you may use in which to place a donation. If you cannot find an envelope, you may place a check in the collection plate. PLEASE write MAX LOVE BAGS in the memo line. Thanks to all who have made contributions. The Love Bags will be assembled on Wednesday, April 5 during MAX.

Fellowship With Books: Fellowship with Books will meet on Monday, March 20 at 6:30 at the home of Carol Nicholas, 9716 Rock Creek Road. The book for discussion will be "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. At this meeting, the Spring and early Summer reading calendar will be planned. All ladies of the church are invited to attend this evening of fellowship and lively discussion.

MAX: Join us for MAX this Wednesday! The NRPC grill is out now that Spring is here. Dinner will be grilled chicken, homemade mac and cheese, green beans, salad and fruit. There is music, art, movement, fun and fellowship!

Balance Workshop: Enhance your strength and stability at a balance workshop at The Resistance Studio, 5430 Wade Park Blvd #104, on March 25 from 10 am—12 pm. The event is open to adults and carpooling is available. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex or you may RSVP to Kristen Stowe at loudlibrarian@reagan.com, 919-621-5612. Learn more about The Resistance Studio at www.theresistancestudio.com. This event is sponsored by the Health Ministry team.

Youth Sunday: Youth Sunday is Sunday, March 26. This is a VERY special worship experience led entirely by the youth of NRPC. Music will be provided by the MAX choir, MAX hand chimers, Youth Chimes and Youth Choir. Plan to attend this meaningful service of worship and the reception which follows. This is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work of our youth.

Sunday Evening Book Discussion: Please join us at the next NRPC Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group held on March 26 at 7:00 pm in the church library. The book we will discuss is "Silence" by Shusaku Endo. If you need transportation or have questions, please contact Story Ingold at 919-615-1469 or stormydoug@mac.com

God's Reflectors: Our March adventure is hiking at Umstead Park. On March 26, we will meet at Umstead Park at the main entrance, off Hwy 70 at 1:45pm. We plan to depart from Umstead Park around 3:30pm. Families are invited to attend. Please bring sunscreen, bug repellent and water. Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes and bring a hat and sunglasses if you think you'll need them.

This Week at NRPC

Worship, 10:30 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Retirement Reception for Kent Hollingsworth, Sunday, 11:30 am

Youth Group, Sunday, 5:30 pm

Fellowship With Books, Monday, 6:30 pm

Adult Bells, Tuesday, 7:00 pm

MAX, Wednesday, 5:45 pm

Adult Choir, Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Outreach Meeting, Thursday, 7:00 pm

Men's Bible Study, Friday, 7:15 am

Balance Workshop, Saturday, 10:00 am

Youth Bells, 3/26, 8:45 am

Youth Sunday, 3/26, 10:30 am

Spring Ladies Retreat: "Becoming Resilient in a Changing World" is Friday, March 31—Sunday, April 2 at North Topsail Beach. Information about the retreat and registration is available in the narthex and in the Friday News. Please come and be a part of this enlightening weekend of reflection, relaxation, and fellowship.

NRPC Spring Cleaning: On Saturday, April 8, from 9 am – 12 pm, the Building & Grounds Team and members of the Worship Team will meet to devote 3 hours to beautifying and improving the NRPC campus. Our goal is to help ensure the first impression of our facility is a positive one. Included will be work to prepare the outdoor worship area for the Easter Sunrise service. Many hands make light work so all NRPC members are urged to participate. Contact John Minor, 919-426-3157 with questions.

Holy Week Services

4/9, Palm Sunday, 10:30 am, includes procession of palms by children

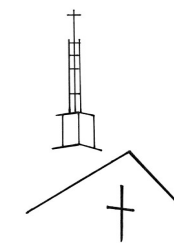
4/13, Maundy Thursday, 6:00 pm dinner, 7:00 pm service

4/14, Good Friday, 7:00 pm service

4/15, Great Vigil Service, 7:00 pm

4/16, Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am

Easter Worship Service, 10:30 am



North Raleigh Presbyterian Church

March 19, 2017

3rd Sunday in Lent

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We extend a warm welcome to our guests!

We are blessed that you are worshipping with us. Please visit our guest table for a small gift of welcome from the people of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church.

Childcare is available in the nursery located in the Faith Ministries Building.