

NRPC Treasurer: The finance team is need of a person to be the NRPC treasurer. Our current treasurer, Keith Boyd, will assist in training with knowledge of current procedures. If willing and able please contact Larry Bidwell, Joe Robbins or Keith Boyd. Job will begin January 2017.

The Nifty Sixties Luncheon will meet on Wed. Oct. 19, from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM in the Faith Ministries Building. We are honored to have Margaret Albert as our guest speaker, who will present a program on "Exploring Loss: Growing Through Your Grief." If you plan to attend, please bring a dish to share. All are welcome! Any questions, please contact Pat Bidwell (919)846-8949.

NRPC FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT October 29 - NO GIFT TOO SMALL: Join us for a day at Camp New Hope as we take time out from our busy lives to think about the gifts that we have been given by God. When we hear the word "gifts" it may bring to mind the excitement of receiving a surprise as we see in the faces of children at Christmas. Our time together will not be about receiving beautifully wrapped Christmas presents tied up with bows, but about receiving our Christ presents. The gifts we will be discovering are our special abilities and aptitudes which belong uniquely to each of us. These gifts are life-changing and help us to experience the power of God in our daily lives. These gifts bring us life—so that we may have what Jesus promised us—abundant life! These gifts are ones that we can truly be thankful for—thankful to God for all of God's gifts in our lives. Anyone who would like to carpool should meet at the church at 8:20 am. Our retreat will run from 9:00 am– 3:00 pm. More information can be found on the registration sheet located on the table in the Narthex. Cost - \$35

ASP 2017: The ASP (Appalachia Service Project) mission trip for 2017 is set for July 9-15. We will be going to the Guyan Valley of West Virginia. Anyone interested in attending, please email me at your earliest convenience. We already have 11 people who have verbally committed and we would love to add as many to the list as possible! If interested or if you want further details to help you with your decision, please contact me at kentdove@bellsouth.net or speak to me at church.—Kent Dove

Fellowship with Books meets Monday, October 17: The October Fellowship with Books will be a very special event! Author T.D. Johnston, North Carolina native and longtime friend of NRPC's Leigh Ann Carter, will be at the meeting to discuss his work. The critically acclaimed short story "Friday Afternoon" will be the focus of the conversation. It promises to be a wonderful evening. The meeting will be held at the home of Leigh Ann Carter, 10212 Bushveld Lane, at 6:30 pm. For those who like to read ahead, the November book is 'The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint: A Novel.'

This Week at NRPC

Worship, 10:30 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Youth KYGC debrief, Sunday, 11:30 am

Water Color Class, Monday, 10 am

Stewardship Committee, Monday, 6 pm

Christian Education Committee, Monday, 6:30 pm

Triangle Leadership Commonwealth, Tuesday, 9 am

Helen Wright Center Meal, Tuesday, 6 pm

Bell Rehearsal, Tuesday, 7 pm

Health Ministry, Tuesday, 7 pm

MAX, Wednesday, 5:45 pm

Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7 pm

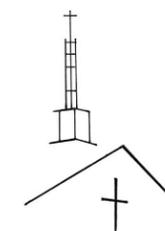
Men's Bible Study, Friday, 7:15 am

First Friday Needlework and Chat group, Friday, 10:30 am

Middle School Retreat at Camp Don Lee, Friday - Sunday

Our Guest Pastor: Rev. Esther E. Acolatse, Ph. D., is a third-generation Presbyterian born in Ghana, West Africa. She received her earliest formal education in mission schools, the most influential being the Presbyterian Scottish Mission Institution of her Secondary years. She names among her primary theological educators, her Presbyterian grandmother, and mother, both of whom helped her see theology and Godways in the everydayness of life. Their unflappable faith and gentle godly wit have been the bedrock of her Christian life. Her spiritual life and the theology that undergirds it was acquired by memorizing scriptures and her father's Methodist Hymn Book. With a Reformed head led by a Wesleyan heart, she navigates her vocational life.

Esther Acolatse has served the global church in several capacities for many years both in her native Ghana and West and Central Africa through missions to unchurched people groups, and in the United States, through Presbyterian Church (USA). She is a scholar, teacher, preacher, worship, and prayer retreat leader/speaker. A graduate of the University of Ghana (B.A. Hons.), Harvard University Divinity School (MTS), and Princeton Theological Seminary (Ph. D), she currently teaches Pastoral Theology and World Christianity at Duke University Divinity School. As a Duke Professor, her research has focused on integrating psychology and spirituality for human and institutional renewal and flourishing, issues of gender and familial and other social systems in faith and secular contexts, as well as health and end of life care. Her deep knowledge and networks in West Africa understand "unchangeable realities," and what can be done in a cross-cultural context to resolve some of life's toughest issues especially for women and children.



North Raleigh Presbyterian Church

October 2, 2016

World Communion Sunday
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11905 Strickland Rd
Raleigh, NC 27613
919-848-9529
northraleighpc.org



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.

Bulletins and Bibles for the children are located at the back of the sanctuary.

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 KYGC Kids

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live in the land and enjoy its food.

People: Find your delight in the LORD. Then he will give you everything your heart really wants.

Leader: Commit your life to the LORD.

People: Be still and wait patiently for the LORD to act.

Leader: Turn away from anger and don't give in to wrath.

People: But those who put their hope in the LORD will receive the land.

*HYMN 276 Great is Thy Faithfulness

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, father of mercy and grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us at this table and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.

(Please observe a moment of silent confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: 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 299 Amen, Amen (vs 7)

FIRST READING 2 Timothy 1:1—14

ANTHEM Tumefurahi
Dave Albert, percussion

SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Preschool—1st grade may remain in worship today or attend Children's Church.

SECOND READING Luke 17:1—10

SERMON More Work Not Faith

*HYMN 400 When We are Living

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Masai Creed

We believe in the one High God of love who created the beautiful world and everything in it. He created man and wanted man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe in the world. We have known this God in darkness, and we now know God in the light. God promised in this book the Bible that he would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good on his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man by the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari, doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies, He is Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry about their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live by the rules of love and share the bread together, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

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 I Need Thee Every Hour - Seth Bingham

*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

*SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Communion of the People.

Please hold the elements until all have been served. Signal the pastor by raising your hand if you wish to be served gluten-free bread.

*HYMN 537 Shalom Chaverim!

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Voluntary on NEED - Seth Bingham

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

OUR LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Esther E. Acolatse

Liturgist: Mac Lambeth

Acolyte: Ruby Stowe

Director of Music: Terri Nicotera

Organist: Jim Good

Prayer Deacon: Candy Tedrick

Elder in Charge: Meredith Goodin

Children's Church: Kristen Stowe

Youth Helper: Riley Morgan

NRPC NEWS and EVENTS

KYGC thank you: Thank you to all of the youth and adults that volunteered and provided for KYGC! We couldn't have done it without you!

Birthdays: Mark Daughtrey, 10/2; Diana Craft, 10/3; Suzy Lippard, 10/4; CJ Morgan, 10/6; Fred Fuller, 10/8

Special Birthday Greetings to Paul Hitchcock who celebrates his 94th birthday on October 3rd!

Anniversaries: Tiffany & John Hook, 10/4; Michelle & George Snead, 10/8

Helen Wright Dinner: NRPC provides the evening meal to homeless women living at the Helen Wright Center 4 times a year. We'll serve dinner on Tuesday, October 4th. The menu is sloppy joes, mac & cheese, cole slaw, applesauce, dessert, and beverage. In addition to the food, we also need servers and drivers. For more information or to participate please contact Candy Tedrick (ctedrick@att.net).

MAX Continues on Wednesday evening October 5 with dinner at 5:45! Come join the food, fellowship and fun! Dinner on October 5 includes grilled chicken, potatoes, green beans, pineapple casserole and salad. RSVP to office@nrleighpc.org

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