

NRPC NEWS and EVENTS

Birthdays: Joe Mabry, Aug. 28; Cameron Alexander, Aug. 29;
Margaret Albert, Aug. 30

Special Birthday Greeting to John Ellis who celebrates his 81st birthday on August 30th!

Anniversaries: Bruce & Carol Nicholas, Aug. 28; Jeff & Kristen Stowe, Sept. 1; Stephen & Krista Wright, Sept.1

Sunday School classes for children and youth will not meet on Sunday, September 4.

Rally Day: "Shaping the Faith of Our Family," Sunday, September 11.

A special program takes the place of our traditional classes. Beginning at 9:15 a.m., members of all the Sunday School classes will attend the Faith Centers located in the FMB classrooms. Families are encouraged to participate together. Following worship, the congregation may visit the Faith Centers along with the Ministry Team tables. Lunch consists of hot dogs with all the trimmings and the Kona Ice Truck (prices range \$3—\$5). Let's kick off the new Church School year in style!

Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group focuses on books that inform our understanding of the roles religion, theology, and faith play in our lives. We invite all our NRPC brothers and sisters to join us when we resume meeting at 7:00 on September 25, 2016. The book that will be discussed is **Nathan Coulter** by Wendell Berry. Look for future announcements that will include the location.

Boy Scout Eagle Project - Knox Gordon

As a part of his Boy Scout Eagle Project, Knox is holding a shoe drive at the church August 14 through September 4. Thank you for your support!

Women's Spirituality All women of the church are invited to attend our first meeting of the new year on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 10:00 in the FMB. Throughout the year, we will be viewing the DVD series **Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories For Women** by Lysa TerKeurst. (The accompanying study guide can be purchased at Christianbooks.com and elsewhere.) We will discuss the stories as we relate them to our own lives. Please join this wonderful group as we incorporate music, prayer, art and discussion in order to grow closer to God and to each other. Contact Ann Antoun at annantoun@aol.com or 919-787-5511 for more information.

This Week at NRPC

Worship, 10:30 am

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Outreach Meeting, Monday, 7:00 pm

Staff Meeting, Tuesday, 11:00 am

Nominating Committee, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Bell Rehearsal, Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Pastor Nominating Committee, Wednesday, 7:00 pm

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

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

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

Dearest NRPC family,

Saying "goodbye" is never easy. If we stay true to the God who unites us all, then we know we are never one without the other. We are connected by the Spirit of Christ that lives in and among us in everything we do and everywhere we go. Embarking on this new journey, I will carry you all in my heart and value each and every moment we've had together; roasting marshmallows on an open fire, sharing gutter sundaes, walking the woods of Cedar Cross Retreat Center, eating homemade casseroles, looking at beloved movies with new eyes, seeing God through the eyes our youngest children, working with a gifted and beloved staff, and so many more moments, too numerous to mention.

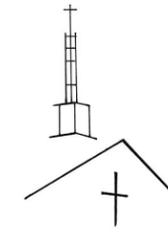
I have made so many wonderful friends at North Raleigh. Even through the challenges we've faced as a congregation in the last couple of years, I have felt loved and supported, and truly valued. I don't know what I would have done if I had not been a part of this faith community when my mother passed away last year. I felt God's love and peace through prayers, cards, hugs and many phone calls.

My hope is that the enthusiasm, and investments in Christian Education by many, will only continue to grow and flourish. I am especially proud of the CE Ministry Team. They have a lot on their plate, and each member serves faithfully with a genuine love of God, and love of this church.

My thoughts and prayers will always be with you.

Much love,

Kathy



North Raleigh Presbyterian Church

August 28, 2016

15th Sunday After Pentecost

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HEAR, O ISRAEL:

The LORD Our God, the LORD is ONE.

Deuteronomy 6:4

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 token 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 Variations on CRUSADER'S HYMN (Hymn 306) - Max Drischner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear, O Israel; listen, O church

People: The Lord is God; the Lord alone.

Leader: You shall love the Lord your God,

People: and your neighbor as yourself.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 489 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You call for faithfulness and love; we respond with half-hearted praise. You call for righteousness and peace; we respond with empty promises. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us how to worship you with the sacrifice you desire: loving you and loving one another; through Jesus Christ 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 2038 Father, I Adore You

Father, I adore You. Lay my life before You. How I love You.

Jesus, I adore You..

Spirit, I adore You...

FIRST READING Psalm 119:1 – 9

SOLO "How Firm a Foundation"
Loffie Jordaan, bass clarinet

SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN & BLESSING THE BACKPACKS

Leader: These backpacks symbolize that another school year is about to begin. Loving God, bless all who are learning

People: Bless them through new challenges, new opportunities, new schedules, and new encounters.

Leader: Bless these backpacks as symbols of the calling of all students and their learning.

People: We pray that all who carry a backpack will live and learn and share your love.

Leader: Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education.

People: Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students.

Leader: Grant that teachers, students, administrators, volunteers, coaches and support staff may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life.

All: Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your students to raise, their lives to share, their minds to help mold, their bodies to nurture, their spirits to enrich. Empower us, dear God, to help your students become all you mean them to be. Let your grace and love fall on us all like gentle breezes, and give us strength, peace and patience for the journey ahead. Amen.

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

The children take up the offering for Pennies for Hunger. The offering supports the food ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program

SECOND READING Deuteronomy 6:1 – 9

SERMON A Thousand Trees

*HYMN 326 Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH taken from the Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. When the fullness of time came God sent his Son. We confess that our Lord Jesus offered himself as a sacrifice for us, that he suffered for our sins, that he was wounded for our transgressions; that he suffered not only the cruel death of the cross, but also that he suffered for a season the wrath of his Father which sinners had deserved. Our Lord Jesus, who was crucified, dead and buried, who descended into hell, did rise again for our justification and sits at the right hand of the Father, having received his kingdom, the only advocate and mediator for us. Our faith and its assurance do not proceed from natural powers within us, but are the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; whom we confess to be God, equal with the Father and with his Son, who sanctifies us.

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 Chorale, "O Spirit of Life" - Max Drischner

*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 392 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Voluntary on UNSER HERRSCHER (Hymn 489) - Max Drischner

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

OUR LEADERSHIP FOR TODAY

Pastor: Kent Hollingsworth

Liturgist: Karen Fink

Acolyte: Mary Addison Askew

Director of Music: Terri Nicotera

Organist: Jim Good

Prayer Deacon: Pam Horton

Elder in Charge: Margaret Albert

Children's Church: Maggie Barlow

The Flowers today are given in honor and appreciation of Kathy Barham from Debbi and Alena Freer. Kathy's dedication to NRPC and her friendship are valued by us and everyone she has touched at NRPC. We love you and wish you the very best! Our loss is another's blessing.