



North Raleigh
Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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.*

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

*Easter Rondo
Adult Bells*

Caleb J. Onstead

*CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: Jesus Christ said, "I am the Good Shepherd."

All: We have come to follow him.

One: We gather in the name of the One who leads us by still waters.

All: We have come to be restored in him.

One: We gather in the name of the One who prepares a banquet for us.

All: We have come to be fed by his love,
and to bring love out into the world.

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

O God, you made your peace known to us in the person of Jesus. You call your Church to be a people of peace, yet too often we do not live out this call in our relationships.

Forgive us, O God, when we make quick assumptions about others rather than listen with curiosity.

Forgive us, O God, when we twist your gospel to be a weapon used against those who are different from us.

Forgive us, O God, when we construct limits to your power and grace.
By your grace may we be formed into a people of peace. 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

Ruth 1:15-18, 22

ANTHEM

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Douglas Wagner

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2:13-18

SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SERMON

***HYMN 353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed* p. 35 in the hymnal

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 *Prelude on "The Lord Is My Shepherd"* 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 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ Lag In Todesbanden

JS Bach

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dr. Fred Holt by his wife, Sandra and daughter Kathryn Holt Montaperto.



Leading and supporting worship today:

Guest Preacher: Alli Buikema

Liturgists: Judy Dove, Brandon Melton

Chancel Guild: Margaret Spransy

Counters: Karen Fink, Candy Tedrick

EIC: Sidney Mabry

SRT: John McKinney

Director of Music: Terri Nicotera

Guest Organist: Bo Lloyd

Acolyte: Zachary Heater

Children's Church: Beth Morgan

Nursery: Debi Collins

Liturgy adapted from *Presbyterian Church of Canada*
and the *Revised Common Lectionary*

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 gbttoo@gmail.com if you have any questions.

NRPC SESSION		
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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
NRPC DIACONATE		
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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 Diane Michaud 4/26

Birthdays: Scott Anderson 4/22, John Patterson 4/22, Oliver Karnatz 4/24, Joe Kosturko 4/24, Janie Chamberlin 4/25, Jeff Hedgepeth 4/26, Emily Uhland 4/27

Fellowship with Books meets on Monday, April 22 at 6:30 at the home of Carol Nicholas: 1212 East Rosedale Creek Drive, Durham NC. We'll discuss *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend this evening of lively conversation and warm fellowship. For those who like to read ahead, the May selection is *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas.

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 40th 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 4/21	9:00 AM	Cornerstone Class (F, Z)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (S, Y)
	11:30 AM	Church Potluck (F)
	12:15 PM	Faith Formation (F)
	12:15 PM	Youth Ministry (S)
	5:00 PM	Drum Circle (S)
Monday 4/22	6:30 PM	Fellowship with Books (OFF)
Tuesday 4/23	5:30 PM	Direction Team Meeting (N)
	6:30 PM	Adult Bells (S)
Wednesday 4/24	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (F)
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir (S)
Thursday 4/25	9:15 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study (F)
	10:30 AM	Joyful Ringers (F)
Friday 4/26	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Z)
Saturday 4/27		
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)

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@nraleighpc.org
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