

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

18 November 2018

11:00 AM

GATHER

Meditation of Preparation

Generosity could be as contagious as the zombie plague as long as enough people were willing to be carriers.

Jonathan Maberry, *Dust and Decay*

In a pocket of his knapsack he'd found a last half packet of cocoa and he fixed it for the boy and then poured his own cup with hot water and sat blowing at the rim. You promised not to do that, the boy said. What? You know what, Papa. He poured the hot water back into the pan and took the boy's cup and poured some of the cocoa into his own and then handed it back. I have to watch you all the time, the boy said.

Cormac McCarthy, *The Road*

Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity.

Simone Weil

Lighting of the Candles

Ellie Beatty

Welcome and Announcements

Lin Story-Bunce

GRACE

Prelude

We Gather Together

tune: Kremser
arr. Ben Logan

* Call to Worship

We have much for which to be thankful. There are moments in our lives that grace us with a sense of awe or insight or privilege or contact.

We come upon a stand of leafless trees communing in the lunar light with a gentle clack of branches.

We discover within ourselves a priceless spiritual gift hitherto unwrapped, unused, unknown.

We connect with someone who can talk with us faith to faith about our concerns and joys.

We recognize in the eyes of a homeless veteran or a Syrian child or a caravan mother God's call to loving action.

These gracious moments in our lives, as well as our lives themselves are gifts from God. This morning we gather in worship to extend our thanks to the Creator of all.

* Prayers of Thanksgiving

* Response

Come All You People (Uyai Mose)

Alexander Gondo

Choir sings 1st and 2nd times. Congregation joins and all sing 3rd and 4th times

Melody: Come all you peo-ple, come and praise your Mak-er; come all you peo-ple, come and praise your Mak-er;

Bass: (Repeat ad lib.) (Last time)

Mel.: come all you peo-ple, come and praise your Mak-er; come now and wor-ship the Lord, Lord.

Bass:

* Baptist Hymnal #643 For the Fruit of All Creation

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GROW

New Testament Reading

Luke 6.27-38, *The Message*

To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. **Live generously. "Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them!** If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that's charity? **The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that. "I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You'll never—I promise—regret it.** Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when **we're at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind. "Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don't condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity.**

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

This Wild Life

Christian McIvor

Children's Sermon

Lexi Eagles

Children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon. Afterwards, children aged 3 may go to the toddlers' room, children ages 4 through 1st grade may leave for children's worship (room 110), 2nd graders & older may return to their seats.

Prayer for the World & Unison Response

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

United Church of Canada, *New Creed*

Sermon

Giving in Three Voices

Michael Usey

Moment of Silence

You make all kinds of mistakes, but as long as you are generous and true and also fierce, you cannot hurt the world or even seriously distress her.

Winston S. Churchill

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Lin Story-Bunce

This is the Lord's table, all who follow Jesus as Lord are invited to partake of it. At College Park, parents decide when children are ready to take communion.

Gluten-free Bread is available at the front table.

Wine is in the ceramic chalices. Grape juice is in the glass chalices.

Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together

Spiritual

Adult Choir

arr. Jane M. Marshall

Please come forward to receive communion by intinction.

Communion servers are members of our College Park Youth Group.

GIVE

* GTG #712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Forest Green

1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,

to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.

so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

* Offertory Prayer

* Offertory

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Handt Hanson

Still, I never heard him say that he hated or wanted to hurt or kill someone for all the horrific things that had been happening to him and his family.

Savo Heleta, *Not My Turn to Die: Memoirs of a Broken Childhood in Bosnia*

* Response

Doxology 27

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Recognition of New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you and receive from you, by God's grace. Thank God you are here!

GO

* Benediction

Michael Usey

* Response

We Are Called

David Haas



* Postlude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come tune: St. George's Windsor
arr. George Elvey

Depart in Peace

Minds, nevertheless, are not conquered by arms, but by love and generosity.
Baruch Spinoza

College Park Baptist Church fully welcomes and affirms all persons without distinction regarding race, ethnicity, national origin, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other human category.

The Liturgist today is Alice Stewart.
The Deacon Greeter today is Lexi Eagles.

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* Please stand as you are able.



Sunday Announcements

During our "Clothed with the Sun: Fierce Women of the Bible" fall sermon series, our adult choir will feature music in which the text and/or music has been composed or arranged by women., including pieces from *Voices Found: Women in the Church's Song* and *Inclusive Hymns for Liberating Christians*, by Jann Aldredge-Clanton. If you're interested in looking at these works, copies can be found in the office for your perusal.

Fall Worship Schedule

8:30 am Tessera Service, 10 am Sunday School, 11 am Blended Worship

Adult Choir

Fall rehearsals for the Adult Choir are Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Please see Christian McIvor if you're interested or feel free to just come to rehearsal!

Youth Schedule

Sunday Nights: 5 pm Youth Choir; 6 pm Youth Dinner; 6:30-7:45 pm Holy Chaos

Children's Advent Workshop & Christmas Party

College Park is hosting an Advent Workshop for families on Wed., Nov. 28, 6-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will help children and their families learn more about this important season, through crafts, story, and interactive prayer stations. All are welcome to come and enjoy!

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Outrageous Acts: Scenes from the Acts of the Apostles, taught by Dr. Jason Myers, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Greensboro College, Nov. 28 & Dec. 5

Wednesday Night Schedule & Calendar

5:30 pm Dinner
6:00-7:00 pm Kid's Choirs (Pre-K and Grades 1-5)
6:30-7:30 pm Special Programming
7:30-9:00 pm Adult Choir

Special Programming Calendar 6:30-7:30 pm:

November 28-Bible Study w/ Jason Myers
December 5-Bible Study w/ Jason Myers

Angel Trees

It's starting to feel a lot like Christmas! Angel Trees are up early this year so you can take advantage of black Friday sales. The trees are located in the parking lot foyer, the Chapel and the Sanctuary. We are supporting three groups: Peck Elementary, Angel Tree Prison Fellowship & Guilford County Adult Group Homes. Call or email Margaret Bell to get involved. margaret@inhousemedia.us or 336-455-0172.

Building Your Resilience

Pressure happens - stress doesn't have to. How resilient are you when dealing with the everyday pressures of life? Ginny Olson, from the Center for Creative Leadership, will conduct a complimentary workshop at College Park in January. To participate, you need to complete a brief resiliency assessment during the month of November. Pick up a copy of the assessment on the book table in the parking lot foyer.

Movie Night Returns - Food, Film, & Fellowship, Nov. 30

Lexi and John Eagles, Alice Stewart, and Charlie Wilson invite you to a potluck dinner and "movie night" on Friday, November 30, at Alice and Charlie's house. We will be watching *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* (brief summary below). Alice and Charlie live at 21 Piccadilly Circle (British Woods off Battleground Ave). Come around 6:30 pm and bring a dish to share. On movie nights we enjoy a meal together, watch a film, and then talk about ways it moved and challenged us. RSVP desired but not required. Call Lexi at 336-854-8823 or email her at lexieagles96@gmail.com. All are welcome!

The story: The oddly named "Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" began as a hasty cover for the residents of the island of Guernsey to elude their Nazi invaders. After the war, writer Juliet Ashton (played by Lily James), intrigued by the islanders and their experiences during the occupation, pays them a visit. Brigadoon-like, she falls in love with Guernsey and its people. This is an enchanting tale of love, friendship and the sadness of friends lost.



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This Week	Looking Ahead
<u>Sun. Nov. 18</u> 8:30 am Tessera Service, Chapel 9-10:30 am Girl Scout Breakfast, FH 10 am Sunday School 11am Blended Worship, Sanctuary Refreshments in Chapel after 11 am service 5 pm Youth Activities	Nov 26 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH 27 NA Noon, Chapel; 5:30—9 pm NSS LHA 28 Holiday Party, FH; 6 pm Zumba, Chapel NA Noon, Chapel; 5:30 pm Dinner, FH; 6 pm Children's Advent Workshop & Christmas Party; 6:30 pm Bible Study, Chapel; 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
<u>Mon. Nov. 19</u> Noon NA. Chapel 6 pm Zumba, FH	29 NA Noon, Chapel; 6:30 pm Tai Chi, Chapel 30 Al-Anon Noon, FH, 6:30 pm Chinese Student Ministry
<u>Tue. Nov. 20</u> 6 pm Zumba, Chapel 7:30 pm PFLAG, Chapel	Dec 1 Qigong, 9:30—11:30 am, Chapel 2 8:30 am Tessera, Chapel; 10 am Sunday School; 11 am Blended Service, Sanctuary; 5 pm Youth Activities
<u>Wed. Nov. 21</u> No Wed. Night Activities	3 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, FH 4 NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel; 6:30 pm Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club, Fat Dog's
<u>Thur. Nov. 22</u> Thanksgiving Day, Offices Closed Noon NA, Chapel	5 NA Noon, Chapel; Dinner 5:30 pm, FH; Bible Study 6:30 pm, Chapel; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm 6 NA Noon, Chapel; Tai Chi 6:30 pm, Chapel
<u>Fri. Nov. 23</u> Noon Al-Anon Noon, FH 6:30 pm Chinese Student Ministry, FH	7 Al-Anon Noon, FH; 6:30 pm Chinese Student Ministry 8 Qigong 9:30—11:30 am, Chapel
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