

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

9 December 2018

11:00 AM

GATHER

Meditation of Preparation

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

Wendell Berry, *The Peace of Wild Things*

Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring--it was peace.

Milan Kundera

Lighting of the Candles

Grant Kirkman

Welcome and Announcements

Lin Story-Bunce

GRACE

Prelude

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

Trad. English Carol
arr: Lani Smith
Rachel Kirkman, Flute

★ Call to Worship

Mary, Nazareth girl: What did you know of ethereal beings with messages from God?

What did you know of men when you found yourself with child? What did you know of babies, you, barely out of childhood yourself?

God-chosen girl: What did you know of God that brought you to this stable blessed among women?

Could it be that you had been ready
Waiting, listening, for the footsteps of an angel?

Could it be there are messages for us if we have the faith to listen?

Ann Weems

★ Prayers of Thanksgiving

★ Baptist Hymnal #79

Blessed Be the God of Israel

FOREST GREEN

★ Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Lauren Grubbs & Tammy Shaney

Leader: What peace brings you here today?

People: We are summoned by a call to peace that passes understanding, whose origin is beyond us.

Leader: How can this be?

People: It is of God. Peace that garrisons the nation, Peace that engenders courage, Peace that overcomes the world.

All: We light this candle to symbolize the extraordinary peace of God.

E. Lee Phillips

★ Response

Gloria in excelsis Deo

GLORIA



GROW

New Testament Reading

Luke 1.26-38

The Message (MSG)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to the Galilean village of Nazareth to a virgin engaged to be married to a man descended from David. His name was Joseph, and the virgin's name, Mary. Upon entering, Gabriel greeted her: Good morning! You're beautiful with God's beauty, Beautiful inside and out! God be with you. She was thoroughly shaken, wondering what was behind a greeting like that. But the angel assured her, Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his name Jesus. He will be great, be called Son of the Highest. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David; He will rule Jacob's house forever— no end, ever, to his kingdom. Mary said to the angel, But how? I've never slept with a man. The angel answered, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, the power of the Highest hover over you; Therefore, the child you bring to birth will be called Holy, Son of God. And did you know that your cousin Elizabeth conceived a son, old as she is? Everyone called her barren, and here she is six months pregnant! **Nothing, you see, is impossible with God. And Mary said, Yes, I see it all now: I'm the Lord's maid, ready to serve. Let it be with me just as you say. Then the angel left her.**

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Frank Kinsman

Children's Sermon

Wayne Jones

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

I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. With God, I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only God and I will remain.

Sermon

Mary Freaking Knew

Michael Usey

Moment of Silence

Let the first act of every morning be to make the following resolve for the day:

- I shall not fear anyone on Earth.

- I shall fear only God.

- I shall not bear ill will toward anyone.

- I shall not submit to injustice from anyone.

- I shall conquer untruth by truth. And in resisting untruth, I shall put up with all suffering.

Mahatma Gandhi

GIVE

★ Glory to God #100

Canticle of the Turning STAR OF COUNTY DOWN



Offertory Prayer

Offertory

What Star is This

tune: Puer Nubis

arr: Franklin Ritter

Many people think excitement is happiness.... But when you are excited you are not peaceful. True happiness is based on peace.

Thich Nhat Hanh, *The Art of Power*

★ 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!

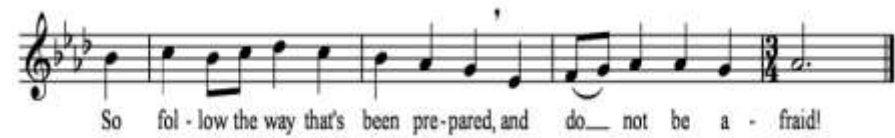
★ Recognition of New Members

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 *Arise, Your Light is Come* words: Christian Mclvor
music: William H. Walker



* Postlude *I want to Walk as a Child of the Light* tune: Houston

Depart in Peace

Why can't people just sit and read books and be nice to each other?
David Baldacci, *The Camel Club*

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 Karlan Barker.
The Deacon Greeter today is Amy Lowrance .

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* Please stand as you are able.



Priorities of Our Church

1. We serve our community. We actively work for the benefit of our community; **we are known for seeking Greensboro's welfare, both as a congregation and as individuals.**
2. We encourage everyone to be connected. We seek connection through small groups that offer opportunities for fellowship, for deeper relationships, and for developing our faith. Because of the growing number of these groups, new members will find ready opportunity for becoming involved and making friends.
3. We sustain the financial health of our congregation. We are mindful of the financial well-being of our congregation; we ensure that the buildings housing our ministries are maintained and preserved, and the programs and staff supporting our ministry are fully funded.
4. We nurture lay involvement and empower leadership. We are purposeful in encouraging members to undertake their individual calls to ministry and in helping them prepare for involvement and leadership.
5. We exist and minister in the name of God in Christ. We are distinctively Christian and seek to follow Jesus as Lord.

Sunday Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE AT 10:00am

No Tessera at 8:30, no 11:00 service.

Sunday School & Coffee hour at 9:00.

Adult Choir

Fall rehearsals for the Adult Choir are Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Please see Christian Mclvor 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

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

December 5—Bible Study w/ Jason Myers—6:30 pm, Chapel
December 12—Love Feast—5:30 pm. FH
December 19—CP Christmas Dinner—5:30 pm, FH

Wednesday Night Lovefeast

Come join us for our Love Feast service this Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Forest Chapel. Our service will still include the traditional communion of sweet coffee and Moravian rolls and will also feature The Aaron Matson Trio.

Combined Service

On December 16 we will hold a combine service at 10:00am in the sanctuary. All music ministry groups will lead in worship, and some favorite congregational Christmas hymns will be included. Please feel free to suggest some of your favorites to Christian and/or David over the next two weeks. A reception will be held in Forest Chapel after the service, so please stay and **say hello to some College Parkers you don't know!**

Angel Tree Update & Wrapping Party

Angel Tree cards have flown off the trees, thanks to your generosity. Please return your unwrapped gifts **to one of the three angel trees at church when you've finished your shopping.** Peck Elementary and Prison Fellowship gifts are due Dec. 9; Adult Group Home gifts by Dec. 16. The youth group has a shopping outing to make sure all cards have been chosen and to add extras where needed. If you need help with spending guidelines or gift ideas, feel free to text or call me at 336-455-0172. The Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program suggests that we spend \$25 on each child. Last year, thanks to you and our youth, we gave all children two or three gifts. If you prefer to contribute money, please designate your offering with Angel Tree in your check memo, your envelope or in your **online giving. We'll add that to the money the youth raise for their Angel Tree shopping trip** and also make sure caregivers get grocery money for their families. Come wrap gifts with the Missions Team today **after the 11 a.m. service. We'll gather about 12:15 in the downstairs conference room, have a short meeting and then begin wrapping presents.** All supplies provided. Please bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice. Margaret Bell

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 January 9. 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.

Tai Chi

According to the November 2018 *Consumer Reports*, "Research suggests that [tai chi] cuts the risk of falls in older adults, helps with chronic pain, and may ease the symptoms of **dementia, depression, osteoarthritis, and Parkinson's disease.**" **Learn Tai Chi Chuan**, the gentle exercise, method of moving meditation, martial art and means of cultivating a sense of well-being. Tai Chi can be done by almost anyone. If you can walk, you can do Tai Chi. In preparation for his instructor certification, Mark Fleming will conduct a free class in the Chapel, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm. Wear comfortable clothing.



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