



North Raleigh
Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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

Sing We Hallelujah

Haydn/Hopson

Barton Pond Elementary School Children's Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is no greater love than this:

All: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with your tender voice. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with your strong arms. When we are certain we are alone in this world, shower us with your peace. When we cannot feel your peace, show us the love of Christ. Forgive us, risen Christ, and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world. 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 with the people around you.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *How Great is Our God* Chris Tomlin

How great is our God, sing with me

Name above all names,

How great is our God, and all will see

worthy of all praise,

How great, how great is our God

my heart will sing,

how great is our God.

PROCLAIMING

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

Sanders

Barton Pond Elementary School Children's Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Children will remain in the sanctuary during the sermon.

SERMONS

RESPONDING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed, *Glory to God* p. 35

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will receive communion by intinction. All bread is gluten free.

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

HYMN 507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

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

Draw us to Thee

Johann Gottfried Walther

*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 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Douglas E. Wagner

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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Today we welcome the Chorus and Percussion Club from Barton Pond Elementary School, led by Stephanie Sanders, as music leadership for this service and after worship.

Liturgy adapted from *Call to Worship, Feasting on the Word,*
and *The Book of Common Worship*

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Youth,
by the Fisher family.

In the Church Triumphant

Marjorie Ann Hagwood Schirmann – April 30, 2024

Leading and supporting worship today:

Preachers: Cohen Goodin, Erik Judy

Liturgists: Mary Addison Askew,
Bennett Fisher, Izze Fisher, Jack
Hedgepeth, Rebekah Judy, and
Cameron Sarver

Counters: Rick Bell, Fred Fuller

Director of Music: Terri Nicotera

Organist: Stewart Engart

Chancel Guild: Vickie Brown

Nursery: Fran Lawrence

EIC: Dave Albert

SRT: Stephen Wright

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We are glad that you are worshipping with us. A few things to know:

- God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If your child would be more comfortable in the nursery, childcare is available in the Faith Ministries Building, located behind the Sanctuary.
- Hymn numbers refer to our hymnal, *Glory to God*, the purple book located in the pew rack. Blue pew Bibles are also available for your use.
- **Bold type** in this bulletin indicates all are invited to speak the corresponding words.
- An asterisk * indicates that you are invited to stand if you are able.
- If you would like to have an NRPC nametag, email office@nrleighpc.org.
- New members join by transfer, reaffirmation or profession several times each year. The next new member joining date is Sunday, June 23.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS

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

Meet our Church Organist: Stewart Engart, an organist and composer, is originally from Hickory, NC. Stewart and his wife recently moved from California to Durham, where he was the organist at Christ the King Lutheran of Newberry Park, Summerland Presbyterian Church, and St. Mark's Catholic Parish in Isla Vista. During the week, Stewart is a software developer for Duke University Libraries and accordionist in *The Little German Band*.

Anniversaries: none known

Birthdays: Daniel Gray 5/6, Chris Deshong 5/8, Chloe Hook 5/9, Hayes Geise 5/10, André Loveland 5/10

The Gathering on Wednesday, **May 8**, will offer a special dinner prepared using recipes from both cookbooks published by NRPC--salads, sides, main dishes and desserts. Come join us for what will be a delicious and memory-filled dinner and participate in a special activity about the foundations of the Church and the foundations of our church as we reflect on our 40 years. The dinner begins at 5:45.

Softball League: Our next game is against Mt. Philip on Thursday **May 9**, at 6:30 pm at Bayleaf Baptist Church.

Nifty Sixties will meet for our next lunch on Thursday, **May 16**, at 11:30 am 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 at (919)219-1553, or kimberlyjostall@gmail.com, before Friday, May 10.

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.

RSVP for Faith Formation: Do you want to RSVP for 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.



THIS WEEK AT NRPC

Sunday 5/5	9:00 AM	Cornerstone Class (F, Z)
	10:30 AM	Youth Sunday Worship Service (S, Y)
	11:30 AM	Reception for Youth Sunday (F)
	3:30 PM	Pioneer Class (F)
	5:00 PM	Drum Circle (S)
Monday 5/6		
Tuesday 5/7	5:00 PM	Bethel Church (F)
	5:45 PM	Direction/Stewardship Meeting (N)
Wednesday 5/8	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (F)
	5:30 PM	The Gathering (F)
	6:30 PM	Buildings & Grounds (Z)
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir (S)
Thursday 5/9	9:15 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study (F)
	10:30 AM	Joyful Ringers (S)
Friday 5/10	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Z)
Saturday 5/11		
Sunday 5/12	9:00 AM	Cornerstone Class (F, Z)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (S, Y)
	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@nrleighpc.org
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<i>Organist:</i> Stewart Engart	Organist@nrleighpc.org
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