

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

25 November 2018

11:00 AM

GATHER

Meditation of Preparation

*I am more than my scars.*

Andrew Davidson, *The Gargoyle*

*People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them.*

George Bernard Shaw, *Mrs. Warren's Profession*

*The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it.*

Molière

Lighting of the Candles

Colby Schwartz

Welcome and Announcements

Michael Usey

GRACE

Prelude

★ Call to Worship

We gather this morning to affirm the truth of the improbable:

We affirm that the Creator of all space, all time, all life, loves us individually as children and collectively as family.

We gather this morning to proclaim the implausible:

We proclaim that divisions of humanity—by race and clan, by economic status and political system, by physical characteristics or sexual preference - have no meaning within the community of **Christ's disciples.**

We gather this morning to commit ourselves to accomplishing that which seems impossible.

We commit ourselves to transforming this world into a place that **bears the characteristics of God's realm, that reveals the nature of God's reign. For this time together we offer our thanks and praise.**

★ 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: (Repeat ad lib.) (Last time)

★ Baptist Hymnal #51 *Creator God, Creating Still*

ST. ANNE

GROW

New Testament Reading

Revelation 12. 1-8, 13-16, *The Message*

A great Sign appeared in Heaven: a Woman dressed all in sunlight, standing on the moon, and crowned with Twelve Stars. She was giving birth to a Child and cried out in the pain of childbirth. And then another Sign alongside the first: a huge and fiery Dragon! It had seven heads and ten horns, a crown on each of the seven heads. With one flick of its tail it knocked a third of the Stars from the sky and dumped them on earth. The Dragon crouched before the Woman in childbirth, poised to eat up the Child when it came. The Woman gave birth to a Son who will shepherd all nations with an iron rod. Her Son was seized and placed safely before God on his Throne. The Woman herself escaped to the desert to a place of safety prepared by God, all comforts provided her for 1,260 days. War broke out in Heaven. Michael and his Angels fought the Dragon. The Dragon and his Angels fought back, but were no match for Michael. They were **cleared out of Heaven, not a sign of them left. When the Dragon saw he'd been thrown to earth, he went after the Woman who had given birth to the Man-Child.** The Woman was given wings of a great eagle to fly to a place in the desert to be kept in safety and comfort for a time and times and half a time, safe and sound from the Serpent. The Serpent vomited a river of water to swamp and drown her, but earth came to her help, swallowing the water the Dragon spewed from its mouth.

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

*We Are Marching*

South African Hymn

Children's Sermon

Tammy Shaney

*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

*Clothed With the Sun*

Michael Usey

Moment of Silence

*It was so risky and so scary, and yet at the same time, so beautiful. Maybe the truth was, it shouldn't be easy to be amazing. Then everything would be. It's the things you fight for and struggle with before earning that have the greatest worth. When something's difficult to come by, you'll do that much more to make sure it's even harder - if not impossible- to lose.*

Sarah Dessen, *Along for the Ride*

GIVE

★ Glory to God #450

*Be Thou My Vision*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

★ Offertory Prayer

Offertory

*Those who don't know how to suffer are the worst off. There are times when the only correct thing we can do is to bear our troubles until a better day.*  
Deng Ming-Dao, *Everyday Tao*

★ 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!*

- \* Benediction Michael Usey
- \* Response *We Are Called* David Haas



- \* Postlude *Depart in Peace*  
*Some fish love to swim upstream. Some people love to overcome challenges.*  
Amit Ray, *Walking the Path of Compassion*

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 Mike Kirkman.  
The Deacon Greeter today is Randy Henderson .

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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

### Wednesday Night Schedule & Calendar

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

### Special Programming Calendar

November 28—Bible Study w/ Jason Myers—6:30 pm, Chapel  
December 5—Bible Study w/ Jason Myers—6:30 pm, Chapel  
December 19—CP Christmas Dinner—5:30 pm, FH

### 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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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
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<u>Tue. Nov. 27</u> 6 pm Zumba, Chapel 5:30 pm NSSLHA Holiday Party	7 AI-Anon Noon, FH, 6:30 pm Chinese Student Ministry
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