THE WORSHIP OF GOD

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

10 February 2019 11:00 AM GATHER

Meditation of Preparation

Do not pray for an easy life; pray for the strength to endure a difficult one.

Bruce Lee

Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

Mahatma Gandhi

Go where your best prayers take you.

Frederick Buechner

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Lin Story-Bunce

GRACE

Prelude Morning Prayer

Gregory Hami Hon

* Call to Worship

Life is a journey with others; we travel as a people, on a winding road. We share our lives, our experiences, our hopes, our fears.

With joy and hope we welcome other travelers to share our lives. We learn from each other. We laugh and cry with each other. We are at home with each other.

Life is a series of hellos and good-byes. There are those who arrive to be with us. There are those who move ahead of us beyond death.

Both in laying hold and letting go we celebrate God's goodness. We affirm the Spirit's presence in the journey, in being Home.

- ⋆ Prayer of Thanksgiving
- * Response

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Text: James Weldon Johnson Arr: J. Rosamond Johnsom



★ Glory to God #421 Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life

IRISH

GROW

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51.1-15

The Message (MSG)

Generous in love—God, give grace!
Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record.
Scrub away my guilt,

soak out my sins in your laundry.

I know how bad I've been;

my sins are staring me down.

You're the One I've violated, and you've seen

it all, seen the full extent of my evil.

You have all the facts before you;

whatever you decide about me is fair.

I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born.

What you're after is truth from the inside out.
Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.

Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean, scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life.

Tune me in to foot-tapping songs,

set these once-broken bones to dancing.

Don't look too close for blemishes,

give me a clean bill of health. God, make a fresh start in me,

shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.

Don't throw me out with the trash,

or fail to breathe holiness in me.

Bring me back from gray exile,

put a fresh wind in my sails!

Give me a job teaching rebels your ways so the lost can find their way home.

Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God, and I'll sing anthems to your life-giving ways.

Unbutton my lips, dear God;

I'll let loose with your praise.

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 God is Love

John W. Petersom arr: Ron Hoff

Mandy Luck

Children's Sermon

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 & Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that God will make all things right if I surrender to God's will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with God forever in the next. Amen.

Reinhold Niebuhr

Sermon

Things We Do Not Say To God

Michael Usey

Moment of Silence

Dear Jesus, do something.

Vladimir Nabokov, Pale Fire

GIVE

★ Baptist Hymnal #245

Spirit of God,

Descend Upon My Heart MORECAMBE

⋆ Offertory Prayer

Forgive me my nonsense as I also forgive the nonsense of those who think they talk sense.

Robert Frost

Offertory

Voluntary

William Walond

⋆ 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

For Everyone Born

words: Shirley Erena Murray music: Brian Mann



⋆ Postlude Almighty and Merciful God

Depart in Peace

A prayer for the wild at heart kept in cages.

Tennessee Williams, Stairs to the Roof

John Turner

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 Ann Usey.

The Deacon Greeter today is Stephen Jones.

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★ Please stand as you are able.







THE 13 VALUES OF OUR CHURCH

Worship the Living God corporately and privately.
Enjoy fellowship with a community of faith.
Provide quality Christian education for all ages.
Support varied missions activities both here and abroad.
Encourage creativity.

Honor the integrity of the family, in all its various forms.
Value an inclusiveness of all who confess Jesus is Lord.
Use excellent music to praise and enjoy God.
Promote radical stewardship of all talents.
Plan for the future so the Church will flourish.
Respect the diversity of our members.
Be faithful to historic Baptist beliefs and Christian history.
Encourage a deep Christian curiosity and spiritual

openness.

Sunday Announcements



Creation. Care. Consideration.

Be a smooth driver. The gas consumption of fast acceleration and breaking is especially high. Pretend that you are driving with a full glass of water that you don't want to spill. This will make you drive more smoothly automatically.

Creation Justice has a webpage: www.collegeparkchurch.com/creation-justice-team/

Quarterly Drum Circle

Our quarterly drum circle is this Sunday, February 10 at 3 pm. We gather in Forest Chapel at College Park Baptist – 1601 Walker Avenue, Greensboro, NC. We're grateful to the College Park community for their hospitality of space. We'd love for you to join us on Sunday. An hour of drumming will lift your spirit – it's nourishing, healing and a lot of fun. All are welcome. Suggested donation – \$5.

Adult Choir

Adult Choir rehearsals 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:

5:00 pm Youth Choir 6:00 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 — 7:45 pm Holy Chaos

** Youth Ski Trip has been rescheduled for February 22-24.

Wednesday Night Schedule & Calendar

5:30 pm Dinner

6:15—7:00 pm Kids' Choir (Pre-K and Grades 1-5)

6:30—7:30 pm Special Programming

7:30—9:00 pm Adult Choir

Special Programming Calendar

February 13—Apocalypse Now, with Lia Scholl February 20—Apocalypse Now, with Lia Scholl February 27—Apocalypse Now, with Lia Scholl

Generations - New Sunday School Class

We have a new Sunday School class, and we'd love for you to join us. The *Generations* class began as a combination class of our College Park Young Adults and our Senior Adults - but truly anyone is welcome! We are using the Formations curriculum to help us learn together and learn from each other about life and faith. This class meets during the Sunday morning Sunday School hour (10 am) in the Parlor.

Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club

The Mostly Men's Occasional book club's new book, *Trail of Lightning* by Becca Roanhorse, is now available for pick up. The meeting date is Tuesday, March 5, 6:30pm at Fat Dogs, corner of Spring Garden and Holden Rd.



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Bible 101 – Reading through the Bible

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9:30-11:30 am Qigong, Chapel

Dinner

Bible Study: Lia Scholl

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