

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

2 February 2020
Mosaic Worship
11:00 AM

GATHER

Meditation of Preparation

This is the problem with dealing with someone who is actually a good listener. They don't jump in on your sentences, saving you from actually finishing them, or talk over you, allowing what you do manage to get out to be lost or altered in transit. Instead, they wait, so you have to keep going.

Sarah Dessen, *Just Listen*

You're short on ears and long on mouth.

John Wayne

Part of doing something is listening. We are listening. To the sun. To the stars. To the wind.

Madeleine L'Engle, *Swiftly Tilting Planet*

Candle Lighting

Special Music *We Will Walk with God* (Sizohambo Naye) Swaziland Song
Children's Choir trans. John Bell

Welcome and Announcements

James Blay

GRACE

Prelude *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Traditional Gospel Song

★ Call to Worship

One of the skills most lacking in our culture is the skill of listening. Often, we scarcely hear what people have to say to us.

We are too busy with other matters to give our attention to a person's words, or we have our own agenda to push or sales pitch to make, or we are listening only for what we want to hear and miss what someone else needs to say.

It has been noted that genuine communication is becoming a lost art, and that is largely because our skill as listeners has declined.

So cries for help go unheeded, points of humor go unappreciated, words of love go unmarked, warnings go unheard.

It is time to begin listening again, to declare our care by being receptive to others. And there is no better way to start than by pausing in prayer to listen to the God who speaks even through silence.

★ Prayer of Thanksgiving

★ Response *Shalom, Shalom* ENGLAND



★ Moment of Silence

You cannot truly listen to anyone and do anything else at the same time.

M. Scott Peck, *The Road Less Traveled*

★ Glory to God #172

Blest Are They BLEST ARE THEY
Led by Children's Choir

GROW

Hebrew Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 3.1-15 (NRSV)

The Lord said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and the scroll was given to me to eat. God said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey. God said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language, but to the house of Israel— not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. See, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. Like the hardest stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead: do not fear them or be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. The Lord said to me: Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears; **then go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD"; whether they hear or refuse to hear. Then the spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of the LORD rose from its place, I heard behind me the sound of loud rumbling; it was the sound of the wings of the living creatures brushing against one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, that sounded like a loud rumbling. The spirit lifted me up and bore me away; I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the LORD being strong upon me. I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who lived by the river Chebar. And I sat where they sat, stunned, for seven days.**

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness Words: Thomas Chisholm
Adult Choir Music: William N. Runyan

Congregation Sings on All Refrains and Stanza 3
Baptist Hymnal, #54

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 seat.

Prayer for the World & Unison Response

Govern everything by your wisdom, O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving you in the way you will and not as I choose. Let me die to myself so that I may serve you; let me live to you who are life itself. Amen.

St. Theresa of Avila

Sermon

Sitting Where They Sit

Michael Usey

Moment of Silence

The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them.

Ralph G. Nichols

GIVE

★ Glory to God #692 *Spirit, Open My Heart* WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

★ Offertory Prayer

An appreciative listener is always stimulating.

Agatha Christie, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*

Offertory

The Listener

Ariel Pockock

Don't be fooled by her quiet disposition

She's not timid, she's not shy

Don't assume that she needs your permission

To raise her voice or make up her mind

Don't you see she's got something that so many are missing

Don't you see it's important she knows how to listen

She hears the word of love in every quiet moment
She finds a note of truth in every anxious call
She hears a song of grace even in the darkest hour
And she will keep listening for the greatest song of all

Watch her now, she's patiently giving

Her time and attention to somebody small

Some may say that she's wasting her efforts

She's better off closing her heart and putting up walls

She hears the word of love in every quiet moment
She finds a note of truth in every anxious call
She hears a song of grace even in the darkest hour
And she will keep listening for the greatest song of all

It takes courage to listen, it takes a special kind of person
When so many in the world are crying out, it takes courage to listen

★ Please stand as you are able.

★ 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!

★ Benediction Michael Usey

★ Response *We Are Called* WE ARE CALLED

Refrain

We are called to act with
 jus-tice, we are called to love ten-der-ly,
 we are called to serve one an-oth-er, to
 walk hum-bly with God!

★ Postlude *Jesus Paid It All* John T. Grap

★ Depart in Peace
Friends are those rare people who ask how we are, and then wait to hear the answer.
 Ed Cunningham

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The Liturgist today is Adam Team.
 The Deacon Greeter today is Randy Henderson.

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Land Acknowledgment: This worship service is taking place on land that belonged to the First Nation tribes of Eno, Catawba, Sakori, and Sappony, who stewarded this land for generations.



Sunday Announcements



Creation. Care. Consideration.

Never run water when you aren't using it. For example, don't let the water run while brushing your teeth or shampooing your hair. This can save gallons of water and lower your bill, too!

Wednesday Night Schedule for February

February 5—Bible Study: Theology for Everyday People, 6:30pm Chapel
 February 12— Bible Study: Theology for Everyday People, 6:30pm Chapel
 February 19—Bible Study: Theology for Everyday People, 6:30pm Chapel
 February 26—Pancake Dinner, 5:30pm; Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30pm

Youth Activities - Sunday Evening

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

Parents' Night Out hosted by GS Troop 2485

Girl Scout Troop 2485 will host a Parents' Night Out on Friday, February 14 from 6pm—8:30pm at College Park. Drop the kids off and go have some fun.

New Year Clean Up

We are spending this first month of the new year cleaning out and reorganizing many of the classroom and closet spaces in the church. There are small items on the stage in the Fellowship Hall and larger items throughout the church (marked with yellow post-it notes) that need new homes. We invite you to take what you want and to make a donation for those items to the 2020 Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans. If the item is too large to take with you today, you can write your name on the post-it and make arrangements to pick it up sometime during the week.

Youth Mission Trip

This summer our youth will spend a week living with and serving alongside the community of New Orleans. The dates for the trip are July 18—25. Cost is \$400.

Passportkids

Dates for Passportkids 2020 is July 6—9 @ Montreat Conference Center. Cost is \$275.00.

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.



Celebrations & Concerns

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