

**CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Chester, Virginia

11:00A.M.

February 11, 2018

**WE GATHER**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PEACE**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** *Trumpet Tune in D* William Boyce  
*Larghetto/ Allegro*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 99

The Holy One is our sovereign.  
**Let us praise God's great and awesome name!**  
Mighty ruler, lover of justice,  
**You have established fairness among us.**  
Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in God's steadfast love.  
Let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in Jesus our Christ we pray...(Silent, personal confession)

**KYRIE 575** KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

The good news of our faith is this: if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven.  
**That promise gives us peace and joy. Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE 581** GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**WE NURTURE**

**JOYFUL NOISE** *Come to Me* Becket Sencher, OSB

Come to me, all you who thirst: Come, and life shall be yours.  
Seek and you will find, knock and the door shall be opened.  
Take my yoke upon you and you will find rest for your soul.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READING** Exodus 24:12-18

**LESSON** Matthew 17:1-13

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** *Transfiguration*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*HYMN 190** *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* GENEVA

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord...**

**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.

**WE GIVE THANKS**

**M4M** Summer Mission Trip Kathryn George

**OFFERING** *Sing to the Lord, Rejoice!* G.P. Telemann  
arr Hal Hopson

Sing to the Lord, rejoice! God's love is steadfast, ever true.  
God is faithful from age to age. O Zion, sing, rejoice!  
The lord brings peace to Zion's hill.  
God's word goes out to all the land.  
All earth rejoice and sing. *Psalm 147*

**\*DOXOLOGY 606** OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of mountaintops and valleys, be our vision of you be clouded or clear,  
**We faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us.**  
**Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen.**

**WE REACH OUT**

**\*HYMN 10** *Sing Glory to the Name of God* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *March* Louis Lefébure-Wély

*The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service*

\*All who are able may stand.  
**Bold Type** indicates a congregational response.

## Scripture

*Exodus 24:12-18*

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Matthew 17:1-13*

<sup>17</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

<sup>10</sup>And the disciples asked him, “Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” <sup>11</sup>He replied, “Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things; <sup>12</sup>but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.” <sup>13</sup>Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

**Welcome.** We're glad you joined us for worship today. We are an engaged community of faith called to deliver God's word, grow in faith and serve all people. We worship on Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the fellowship hall and at 11:00 in the main sanctuary. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services. For families who prefer, child care is available for birth through age 5 in rooms 119 & 120. Worship bags are available from the ushers for children attending the service. During the service, parents with young children are welcome, if they prefer, to adjourn to the downstairs conference room and continue listening to the service.

If you are a visitor we hope you will make Chester Presbyterian Church your church home. Please pick up a copy of *Connections@CPC*, our church newsletter in the narthex. It is full of activities and program schedules to assist you in finding areas of interest in our ministries. Our pastor, staff and officers would be delighted to answer any questions you may have about our many programs and activities, and to discuss membership with you at your earliest convenience.

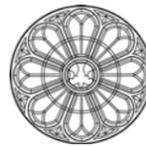
## Serving Today

Liturgist	Mike Rose
Sanctuary Guild	Trey Taylor
Ushers	Todd and Cynthia Woerner; Stacy Cavey; Lamar Lockhart
Greeters	Maury and Libby Gatewood; DT and Jana Wood

**Office Hours:** 9:00A.M. – 4:30P.M. Monday – Friday. Church staff can be reached at 748-4636.

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**God's Call to Chester Presbyterian Church is:  
*Deliver God's Word, Grow in Faith, Serve All People.***



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## This Week at CPC

<b>Sunday, February 11</b>	8:45 A.M.	AWE – FH
	9:30A.M.	Joyful Noise Rehearsal – Rm 213
	9:45A.M.	Faith and Science – P Gallery Understand Neighbor – FH
	11:00A.M.	Worship – Sanctuary
	12:30P.M.	Liturgical Movement Rehearsal – FH
<b>Monday, February 12</b>	12:30P.M.	Lunch Bunch – Offsite
	6:00P.M.	Youth Group – Rudy Ctr
	10:00A.M.	Spring Festival Team – 1 <sup>st</sup> fl CR
<b>Tuesday, February 13</b>	6:00P.M.	Finance Committee – 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl CR
	7:00P.M.	Boy / Cub Scouts – Rudy Ctr
	10:30A.M.	CPC Staff – 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl CR
	3:00P.M.	After-School Tutoring – FH
	5:30P.M.	Grace Café – FH
<b>Wednesday, February 14</b>	7:00 P.M.	Circle 1 – Offsite
	7:00A.M.	Wednesday Men's Breakfast – FH
	10:00A.M.	Pastor's Bible Study – 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl CR
	2:00P.M.	Circle 2 – Rudy Ctr
	3:00P.M.	Happy Quilters – FH
<b>Thursday, February 15</b>	7:00P.M.	Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary AA Living Life – Rudy Ctr
	8:00P.M.	Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
	3:00P.M.	After-School Tutoring – FH
	7:00P.M.	Girl Scouts #26 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl CR
	<b>Friday, February 16</b>	8:00P.M.
<b>Saturday, February 17</b>	9:00A.M.	Property Work Day – Campus
	11:00A.M.	AA Common Journey – Rudy Ctr

**Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God by Jean and John Jabe.

**Please Remember In Your Prayers:** Catherine Spence; Susan Hendler; Jean Oliver; Larry Turner, Sr.; Nancy Muller family; Ani Martin; Elizabeth Jones; Kelly Cahill, Brad Peebles; Chuck Smith's father, Bill; Liz Fletcher's brother, David Whigham; Linn Coghill's mother, Sarah Winbourne; Sharlee LaBrecque's mother, Sharon Harold; Don Osborne's step-mother, Carol Osborne; Susan Johnson's father, James McCormack; Cynthia and Todd Woerner's daughter, Rebecca Hodell, and Cynthia's friend Susan Huntington; Deborah Regal's sister, Cherrill, and her sister-in-law, Barbie Harris; Frank Brownlee's stepson-in-law, Gordon Hailey; Beverly Crute and her daughter, Cathy Toney; Wanda Gentry's daughter, Mary Gentry; Bob and Marnie Brown's son-in-law, Guy Champ; shut-ins; those in assisted living facilities, especially Larry Grina; Helen Hines; Nancy Porterfield; and our military, especially members and friends of our congregation serving overseas.

**Weekly Lenten Reflection:** Look for posts on Facebook each Sunday, with scripture text and a question for you to reflect on during Lent. Like us on Facebook if you have not already done so. A printed version will also be available in the narthex with each week. We hope this brings meaning into your life during this Lenten season.

**Lunch Bunch:** Join us today for a 'hearty' and 'heartfelt' time together, 12:30 at Kabuki Japanese restaurant in the Wal-Mart shopping center on Rte 10. We'll be 'heartily' glad to see you and hope you will bring a friend – or join us for the first time. It's only a 'heartbeat' away, so let us know if you'll be joining us! See you then! -Bob & Marnie

**The Nominating Committee is seeking your suggestions** for nominees to serve on the church session, diaconate, trustees, and as members of the nominating committee. Members of the 2018 nominating committee elected by the congregation are: Debbie Fountain, Monte Weaver, Mark Rich and Reinhart Reiss; Becky Lang and Marnie Brown have been appointed by the session and Gordon Mapes serves ex officio.

What type of person makes a good elder and leader in the church? Session members are leaders in the church tasked with working to discern God’s direction for our community of faith. As such, they should be persons of **mature faith, dedication and good judgment**. They should be persons of **spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love and warm sympathies**. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and the world.

It is the duty of session and diaconate members, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in worship and service of God, equip and renew them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world, visit, comfort and care for people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely, and those who are oppressed. As members of the Chester Presbyterian Church session and diaconate they will also have specific duties pertaining to the particular ministry division of which they are a part.

Session and Diaconate members should assist in worship, cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be trained and authorized to administer the Lord’s Supper. Those duties which all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon session members because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities.

All session members, diaconate members and trustees must be members of Chester Presbyterian Church and can be of any age, male or female. Prayerfully consider those whom you think would serve best as leaders of our church and who would lead best as servants in our church.

To suggest someone to the Nominating Committee as a possible nominee, please fill out the form below and place in the Offering Plate.

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I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ to be considered as

a nominee for Chester Presbyterian leadership because \_\_\_\_\_

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

### Scriptural Warrants on Church Leadership

Galatians 5:22-23 - By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

I Corinthians 13:4-7 - Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Romans 12:1-5 - I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ... Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

I Thessalonians 5:16-22 - Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

Colossians 3:12-17 - As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Philippians 2:3 -7 - Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

Ephesians 4:31 - 5:2 - Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

I Peter 5:2-3 - To tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it -not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock.

**After School Tutoring needs two** additional tutors. One tutor for Tuesdays and Thursday; one tutor for Thursdays. Hours 3:20 - 4:30 each day. Tutoring will run through May 10. Please consider tutoring; it makes a difference. Contact Todd Woerner 908-310-1191, tpwoerner@comcast.net.

**Circle 1** meets 7:00P.M., February 13 at Sally Noe's with Kathy Pebbles leading lesson #6, In Community with the Reality of the Present.

**Circle 2** meets Valentine's Day, February 14 at 2:00P.M. in the Rudy Center. Liz Fletcher will lead our lesson, In Community with the Reality of the Present. Our hostess this month is Mary Alfred. Jackie Rose will join us from the PW Coordinating Team.

**Mission Trip 2018:** The Mission committee invites you to participate in our mission trip to Jonesville, VA, the week of August 5. We will be doing home repair. To learn more, please join us at our kickoff meeting after worship next Sunday, February 18, in room 214.

**Islam and Christianity: Understanding your Muslim Neighbors.** This class meets in the fellowship hall at 9:45AM Sunday mornings.

**Grace Café welcomes you** for dinner every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30P.M. in the fellowship hall. This week’s menu: spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Come out and unwind with good friends.

**A great big thank you** to those who helped last Saturday with the deep cleaning of the kitchen. It really is shining now and very clean. Thanks to Gray Taylor, Karen Clifton, Nancy Muller, Pete Lehman, Bruce Fletcher, Liz Fletcher (sorry we made you sick!), Dennis Walker, and Cliff Noe.

**Rise Against Hunger:** Save the date! Our annual Rise Against Hunger (Stop Hunger Now) packaging event will be on Sunday, May 6. We will begin unloading at 2:00P.M., and the event will begin at 3:00P.M.

**This is PEANUT BUTTER / JELLY week** for our Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the narthex. *\$10 Kroger gift cards are especially needed and appreciated.* Thank you.

**Today is CAN Sunday.** Please bring your clean, crushed cans to the area behind the dumpster to benefit Habitat for Humanity.