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SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: How Deep the Father's Love for Us; Here In This Place; Come, Now Is the Time to Worship; Lord, We Come Before Thee Now

9:30am WORSHIP

GATHERING

Welcome & Invitation to Worship — Caroline Smith

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Here In This Place

Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing #121

Responsive Reading of Psalm 150

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Prayer — Jane Campbell

WORD

Lord, We Come Before Thee Now #797
Isaiah 43:16-21 & Philippians 3:4b-14 – Colin Bingham
Sermon – Mark Matson

"A Most Extravagant Gift of Love" (John 12:1-8)

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

TABLE

Prayer of Confession
Family Prayer – Evelyn Cameron
My Jesus, I Love Thee #701
Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed? #324
Communion Meditation – Carl Holladay
The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Doxology

Benediction - Mark Matson

Song Leader – Caroline Smith

Responsive reading of Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

Praise him in his mighty firmament!

All: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound;

Praise him with lute and harp!

All: Praise him with tambourine and dance;

Praise him with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise him with clanging cymbals;

Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Confession from 2000 Years of Prayer, compiled by Michael Counsell (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1999), 578 (featuring a prayer by the Revd Pat Vowels from Let All the Word...; ed. Wendy S. Robins, USPG, London, 1990, 27).

We confess that in our lives we do not always choose the way of peace.

We spread gossip which fans the flames of hatred.

We are ready to make any sacrifice when the world demands,

but few when God invites.

We worship the false God of security.

We hold out one hand in friendship,

but keep a weapon in the other behind our back.

We have divided your body of people

into those we trust and those we do not.

Huge problems challenge us in the world,

but our greed, fear, and selfishness

prevent us from uniting to solve them.

Lord, we need your help and forgiveness, your reconciling power.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God does not hold onto our past or keep a record of wrongs. As we release what binds us, we

are freed by grace to live fully and love boldly. In Christ, we are forgiven and made new. **Amen.**

SUNDAY

9:30 Nursery During Worship Care for children under age 3 is available in the Nursery/Tot Room in the Worship Center

11:00 Life Groups

Visitors are invited to join Life Group 3 in classroom 9 in the Fellowship Hall Building All Ages

LG1: Worship Center Auditorium LG2: Downstairs Corner Room LG3: Fellowship Hall Room 9 12:00pm Senior Saints Banquet

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

April 6 Life Groups / Senior Saints Banquet

April 7 The Middle at Chubby's Tacos

April 12 High School Graduation Banquet

April 13 Palm Sunday, MCC Meeting

April 20 Easter Services (Sunrise & 9:30am)

April 26 The Middle at Eno River Farm

May 4 Life Groups

May 12 Jerry Marzolf's Ordination Service

May 20 Families Moving Forward

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

This Sunday, April 6

Life Groups: All ages will meet with their Life Group during class time.

Senior Saints Banquet: All ages are welcome and encouraged to join us for this favorite event honoring our Senior Saints after Life Groups in the Fellowship Hall. This year's theme is "A Garden of Friendship".

The Middle is a group ranging from high school grads through not-yet-Senior Saints, and they have some new activities planned...

Monday 4/7: Chubby's Tacos at 5:30pm - dinner at the Durham location

Saturday 4/26: Eno River Farm at 2pm - ice cream and play

High School Graduation Banquet All are welcome as we celebrate our CMR high school graduates Jarelle Blount, Evelyn Doyle, Jadon Green, and Emeley Sanchez. The banquet will be held on April 12 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-ups for dessert and RSVP will be sent via familynews next week.

MCC Meeting April 13, 1pm in the Library.

Wednesday Evenings Join us at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall for BYO dinner and fellowship, followed by a devotional focused on Lent.

Thursday Bible Study All are invited to a Bible study held every Thursday at 7am in the church library. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.

FAMILY NEWS

Thank You to all who walked and donated to the Durham CROP Hunger Walk! Our team exceeded our goal and raised \$3,923 to alleviate hunger in Durham and beyond! To celebrate this milestone, our children will have a party during class time on April 13. Online giving is still open if you weren't able to give earlier, just click here.

Prayer Concerns Paul Watson, Joel Keel, Donna Holladay, Sara Meadows, Wilton DuBois, Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Judi Runkle, Reverdy Ransom, Tim Russell, and those who provide care for them.

Elder-on-Call (Sunday-Saturday) Contact Evelyn Cameron with any concerns, need for prayer, or other ways the elders can provide support and care.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)

Friday 4/4: Serenity Dunbar, Mark & Joy Matson

Tuesday 4/8: Paul Watson Wednesday 4/9: Edna Carden Friday 4/11: Joshua Johnson

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Temple Baptist Church Fish Fry April 4 from 12-1:30 and 4:30-6:30, 2121 Umstead Road. Flyers are on the foyer round table.

Roxboro Church of Christ Praise in Song April 12 at 3:30pm, 2567 Burlington Road. Fellowship after the event.

Brooks Avenue Church of Christ Spring Carnival for children with special needs and their families. April 26, 11am-2pm at 700 Brooks Avenue in Raleigh. Flyers are on the foyer round table.

Volunteers Needed for DurhamCares Bball Tournament Calling all volunteers for *Bull City Madness 2025*! Bull City Madness is a 3v3 basketball tournament, put on by DurhamCares, to celebrate Durham's rich basketball history, bring the community together, and raise awareness and support for organizations doing good work in Durham. **Volunteers are needed** for setup, cleanup, scorekeeping, and general logistics. <u>Click here</u> to volunteer. If you want to enjoy a day of community, fun, and some friendly streetball competition in the park, please join us on Saturday, May 3! Interested in playing? Register your team here. Interested in sponsoring? Sponsorship options here. For more information, visit www.bullcitymadnes.com or contact Reynolds Chapman at rchapman@durhamcares.org.















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