



Psalm 46:1 by Mark Lawrence

WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMUNION

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511

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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Andante from 'Crown Imperial'

Walton

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Sing Out a Joyful Song

Wood

Call to Worship

"Then God said, 'Let us make humankind
in our image,
according to our likeness;
and let them have dominion over the fish
of the sea,
and over the birds of the air,
and over the cattle,
and over all the wild animals of the earth,
and over every creeping thing that creeps
upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them,
'Be fruitful and multiply,
and fill the earth and subdue it;
and have dominion over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the air
and over every living thing that moves upon
the earth.'"

As those who bear the likeness and blessing of God,
as mortals charged with holy purpose,
let us worship the One who summons us to life.

*Hymn

God is our Refuge and our Strength (vv. 1-3)

No. 329

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
like children long indulged,
we are quick to presume your pardon,
your sanction of the way we live.
We turn away from neighbors in need,
sharing fragments that remain
only after our cravings have been met.
Merciful Maker,
you created us for better use; remake us now. *Jer. 18:6*
Where we are distorted
re-center and reshape us,
bring us low and raise us up.
Then fire our hearts
until we shine with your glory
and find our place in your purpose.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie

For the Troubles and the Sufferings

No. 764

Assurance of Pardon

Forgive us, Lord, we pray.
Teach us to trust your promise
and to believe the good news of salvation:
Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

***Response** *God is our Refuge and our Strength (v. 4)*
(Opening hymn)

No. 329

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 46

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 4:1-10

Message

The Day of Small Things

Paul Lang

*Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

No. 716

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Time With Our Children

Jen Pierce

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Psalms 139
Chancel Choir

Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me.
O Lord, you know everything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down,
you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,
Your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.

Search me, O God, and know me. Try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

(All bread is gluten-free. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the elements, returning to your seats to partake. The elements may be brought to any who choose to remain seated in the pews.)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.

You created the world and called it good

And made us in your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,

and even when we turned from you,

you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Capo 3: (Em) Gm (D) F (C) E^b (D) F (Em) Gm (Am) Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) Gm (Am6) Cm6 (B7) D7 (Em) Gm (D) F

pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
 E^b F Gm Cm F
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 (Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
 Gm F Gm F E^b
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 (D) (A) (Am) (D)
 F C Cm F
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 (Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm Cm F Dm7 G
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You alone are holy, Steadfast God,
 and blessed is your Son,
 Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
 God's true Light,
 He wandered the shadows of death
 To bring us out;
 God's own beloved,
 he endured our sin,
 to heal us forever;

God's own Glory,
 he went into the grave,
 that we might enter
 the gates of righteousness.

As we remember you raising
 him from the dead and giving us life.
 Great is the mystery of faith:

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F Dm7 G

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God,
 pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
 that the bread we break
 and the cup we bless
 may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
 By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
 that we may be one with all who share this feast,
 united in ministry in every place.
 As this bread is Christ's body for us,
 Send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Sending

- *Hymn** *God of Our Life (vv. 1-2)* No. 686
- *Blessing and Charge**
- *Response** *God of Our Life (v. 3)* No. 686
- *Postlude** *La Marche* Handel
- *Sharing the Peace of Christ**
You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.

Today's Worship Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Paul Lang, Rev. Alan Bancroft

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Lay Reader: Russell Diggs

Children's Time: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Russell Diggs, LeNelle Patrick,
Susan Bowdish, Kirsten Nielsen

Tech: John Campbell

Slides: Beth Cleveland



Weekly Floral Dedication

Sign-ups for providing Worship Service flowers are linked in the weekly E-Link. Dedications will be shared in the weekly bulletin email and Sunday print bulletin.

Notes. Prayers. or Scribbles

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This Week at Cary Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Sept. 7	9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation Kickoff
Kickoff	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online)
Sunday	11:30 a.m.	Pastor Paul Welcome Back Potluck Lunch (FH)
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group: Family Dinner & Kickoff (FH)
Monday Sept. 8	11:00 a.m.	Abigail Circle (100)
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
	7:00 p.m.	Preschool Ministry Board (Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Music & Worship Team (Parlor)
	7:00 p.m.	Racial Equity Team (Zoom)
Tuesday Sept. 9	7:00 p.m.	Christian Fellowship (Zoom)
Wednesday Sept. 10	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday Sept. 11	7:00 p.m.	Community Partnerships (Zoom)
	7:30 p.m.	Communications Team (Zoom)
Friday Sept. 12	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope / Alateens (Youth)
	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (101/102)
Saturday Sept. 13	10:00 a.m.	Leshner-Thomas Service of Blessing (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday Sept. 14	9:15 a.m.	Faith Formation / K-5 th Grade (C. Ed. Wing)
	9:15 a.m.	Faith Formation / Middle School (HS Room)
	9:15 a.m.	CPC Reads Together (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online)
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group: Dinner at CPC Home



CPC Reads Together: Fall 2025

A six-week book discussion oriented class based on *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass. *Freeing Jesus* follows the author's evolving perspectives on and relationship with Jesus, enabling us to thoughtfully consider our own faith journeys and what it means to be a Christian now.

Join us as we read and discuss this highly engaging book. We will discuss a different chapter of the book each week, the same chapter on both Sunday and Tuesday. Copies will be available in the church office and on Kickoff Sunday, September 7, 2025.

In person, Sundays, Fellowship Hall
September 14 - October 19, at 9:15 AM

Zoom, Tuesdays, September 16 - October 21, at 7:30 PM