

Sunday Worship April 22, 2018 10:30 a.m. Our Mission: Growing in Spirit Living as Disciples Serving God's World



Preparation for Worship

People notice peacemakers because they dress funny.

We know how the people who make war dress—
in uniforms and medals, or in computers and clipboards,
or in absoluteness, severity, greed, and cynicism.

But the peacemaker is dressed in righteousness, justice, and faithfulness—dressed for the work that is to be done.

-Walter Brueggemann

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound
Ray Freeman, Organist

Shearing

Welcome and Announcements

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Please stand if you are able.

Call to Worship

One: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

One: This is the day the Lord has made. All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

† Hymn #11

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

† Prayer of Confession

We too often see **your creation** as filled with commodities for our consumption, O God, rather than seeing it as filled with gifts for us to treasure and to tend. We practice domination and not stewardship. We misuse your precious resources and waste what you have called good.

We too often see **our neighbors** as "the others", O God. We let our differences define us or divide us, we build tall fences, we practice hostility and not hospitality, we are blind to your image in those who surround us.

We too often see **ourselves** as if looking in a distorted mirror, O God, causing us at times to have an inflated view of our own importance or our own opinions...or at other times to question whether we matter at all. We glorify ourselves or we vilify ourselves, all the while not seeking or seeing our true selves. We can only live in the world as we see it—so help us to see the world with your eyes, our neighbors with your eyes, ourselves with your eyes. As you open our eyes, open also our ears to your word, our hands to your work.

Forgive us and make us new. Amen.

† Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting unto everlasting. As far as the

East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgression from us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem Creation Sings Drennan
Chancel Choir

Children's Message Dave Lincoln

Hymn #803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Scripture John 10:11-18; Acts 4:5-12

Sermon A Rich Complexity of Indispensable Pronouns

Dr. Walter Brueggemann

We Respond to God's Word

Psalm 23

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Scripture

Offertory

Blessed Be Your Name

Praise Band

**Response #609

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

† Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Postlude

We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #541 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

† Benediction

The flowers in the sanctuary are dedicated by Coleen Austin:
"To the Glory of God"

Rondeau

Ray Freeman, Organist

Your Greeter today was Judy Smith.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and CHALLENGES TO SERVE

Church Turned Upside-Down. The Series on Christian Zionism continues next week with a look at the ways this theology/ideology has permeated our society, including individual proponents, major organizations, and political activism. Kathy Drinkard is preparing and presenting this class for Grace.

Blue Pinwheel Garden. Have you noticed the Pinwheel Garden near the Towery Entrance? April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, a campaign that highlights nurturing and protecting children and taking action to keep children safe. We have partnered with Family Services to support their work by displaying the pinwheels. We also provide space and meals for the Parenting Education Programs on Thursday nights. A huge thank you to several anonymous contributors for purchasing the pinwheels and to Grace and the Men's Fellowship for supporting the Parenting Program, providing dinners, salads, and desserts. Your work does not go unnoticed! We appreciate ALL that you do!

Gun Issues. John Sowdon has been providing information regarding the movement towards commonsense responses to recent school violence to members who have expressed interest. Please contact him if you would like to receive his e-mails.

Nablus Youth to Tri-Cities Work Camp. Help Deacon Wadie Far bring 7 Nablus youths to this summer's Tri-Cities Work Camp. We are needed to house, feed, and entertain the travelers from July 28 to July 31. If you would like to help with their visit, please contact Reecie and Kent Ford or Maria Clayton. Tri-Cities Work Camp has started a *gofundme* account to provide help with the cost of their airfare. You can contribute at https://bit.ly/2J8U1Un. Look for the link on our Facebook page.

Travel to Jordan, Palestine, and Israel. This is an opportunity to travel with members of Grace to visit the sites of Jesus' ministry and meet with local people to learn about their hopes and challenges in this land today. Please express your interest by **May 1**. Contact Susan Wilder, wildersus@gmail, or Pastor Ben.

Bethany House. Bethany House, a shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence, has put out a call for volunteers to provide childcare on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 while mothers attend a Bible study. Please contact Laurentia Obeng Frimpong at 703-658-9500 if you can help.

EVENTS

VFHL- Today, April 22, 2:30 p.m. MMEPJ recommended films are:

At Ravensworth Baptist Church, 5100 Ravensworth Road, Annandale:

Bethlehem: Hidden from View - About the strangling and imprisonment of the "Little Town" of Bethlehem and its impact on the local Christian community. The film includes interviews with Jeff Halper, Naim Ateek, Yehuda Shual, and Mitri Raheb.

Palestine Pre-1948 - Historical photos of life in Palestine before 1948.

At Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd., Arlington:

The Field - Follows the *Roots* project. A first of its kind initiative between Palestinians and Israeli settlers working together toward co-existence and peace, not through politics, but rather through a people's movement developing from the grass roots.

Conversations on Current Events - Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. Join Grace friends and guests for a lively discussion about living out faith in today's world. Meet at Silver Diner (Springfield Town Center). Let Nelson know you are coming.

Grace Insights - May 6, 9:15 a.m. If you are interested in joining Grace in its mission and ministry, or if you are just curious about Grace and what it means to be a Presbyterian, please come to Grace Insights. Joe Miller, Evangelism Elder, leads the group through all the basics. Meet in the Library and finish by 2:15 p.m.

AWG Spring Luncheon - Wednesday, May 9, 11:30 a.m. Grace Preschool children lend their voices in song, while participants enjoy the annual spring luncheon. Folks are invited to bring spring flowers to decorate their table and their favorite summer reading selection--participants will vote for their favorite to win a door prize. The guest speaker this year is Rev. Ron Qualley from Village of Hope, Haiti. Sign up with your choice of entrée in the Narthex.

Gettysburg Field Trip - May 12, 9:00 a.m. Tour the historic Civil War battlefield on the Grace bus with John Sowdon leading the charge. Learn about the opening phase on July 1, the defense of the Union left flank at Little Round Top on the second day, and Picket's Charge on the third and final day. Lunch will follow, and we will return to Grace by approximately 4:00 p.m. Sign up in the Narthex.





Happy Birthday to Nifty-Nineties celebrant Barbarra Chapman! (April 28)

Please Pray For...

Members: Jean Ackor, Cameron Buckley, James Lawson, Bob McClelland, Lynn Muys, Linda Patterson.

Former Members: Tammy Boone and Carol Byrd.

Our Missionaries: Pastor Selvin (Honduras) and Doug Dicks (Jerusalem).

The Mothers of: Veronica Crump, Mary Hawkins (Jean), Meg Rogers (Beth), Hiede Sowdon, Dave Treasure (Hilda), and Dwight Yarbrough (Verla).

The Step-Mother of: Donna Lucas (Jackie).

The Fathers of: Scott Anckner (Dick), Nancy Machado (Jim), and Penny Newsome (Richard).

The Husband of: Donna Lucas.

The Daughters of: Rich and Kathy Calahan (Lynn), and Bob and Valerie Patrick (Molly).

The Grandson of: Craig and Judy Crooks (Jackson).

The Brother of: Jean Smith (Herbert) and Peter Smith (George).

The Sisters of: Coleen Austin (Coetta), Clara Gipson (Anna), Penny Newsome (Susan).

The Sister-in-Law of: Claire Manger (Bev).

The Nephew of: Claire Manger (Edward).

The Cousins of: Donna Lucas (Angela) and Valerie Patrick (Virginia).

The Friends of: Craig and Judy Crooks (Liz), Kim Gretsuk (Nancy), Linda Hitchens (CJ and Leon), Katie Machado (Ario), Cheri and Lauren Weaver (Kate), Valerie Wenderoth (John), and Becky and Dwight Yarbrough (Randy).

We thank God and pray for all our hardworking volunteers who planned and lent a hand to make this weekend a time to remember.

This Week's Calendar

For complete details, including locations and descriptions of events, please visit www.gracepresby.org; or call the Church Office, 703-451-2900.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu		Sat	Sun
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00 a.m. Cong Care 7:00 p.m. Joyful Ringers 7:00 p.m. Tutoring 8:00 p.m. Outside Group	10:00 a.m. Outside Group 1:00 p.m. Bunco 1:30 p.m. Preschool Music & More 7:00 p.m. APNC 7:00 p.m. Care Givers 7:30 p.m. Conversations	9:00 a.m. Grand Involve 9:45 a.m. Preschool Chapel 7:00 p.m. Session 7:30 p.m. Bible Study	5:00 p.m. PEP 6:30 p.m. Women's Club 7:00 p.m. MMEPJ 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir		9:30 a.m. Help the Homeless Meetup	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Children's Choir



WE ARE VERY GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY! PLEASE SIGN OUR FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN GREET YOU BY NAME AND CALL ON YOU IF YOU WISH.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SHARE PRAYER REQUESTS. You may do so by completing prayer cards found in the pews and placing them in the offering plate.

TRUST YOUR CHILDREN TO OUR NURSERY CARE AND CHILDREN'S LEADERS & TEACHERS. We provide childcare for infants through 3-year-olds in the Nursery (Rooms 3 & 5), and Sunday School for 4-year olds and up. All children are welcomed in Sunday School and Worship, even if they fidget! Worship Bags are available in the Narthex with crayons, books, and activity sheets for young children. After the Children's Message, children have their own worship downstairs. When worship ends, 3s and 4s will be in Room 3, and older children in Room 14. Please pick children up before meeting in Wester Hall for a time of fellowship.

"GRACE INSIGHTS" - LEARNING ABOUT PRESBYTERIANS AND GRACE CHURCH.

Classes for those who want to learn more about our denomination, our church, and our mission form throughout the year. If you would like to attend a new member class or have interest in learning more about Grace, please speak to one of our pastors or contact Elder Joe Miller, jsmeda@hotmail.com. The next Grace Insights class is May 6 at 9:15 a.m.

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GRACE WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

The Preschool is a Christian-based ministry and developmental program for children aged 2 to 4. Classrooms are designed as learning centers, offering students a unique "hands-on" learning adventure. Call the Preschool for information or a tour. Registration is open for next Fall.

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