

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

November 26, 2017

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader, Sylvia Daniel; Music, Spencer Bradford

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (*Revelation 11:15-16*)

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.’

Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshipped God, singing,

‘We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who are and who were, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.’

Opening Worship Songs

Hymnal #116, *Crown Him*

Hymnal #65, *Praise, My Soul*

Hymnal #319 – *Jesus Shall Reign*

Confession of Sin and Assurance

Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that “Jesus is King,” we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the power, privileges, and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of repentance. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations and creatures, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom.

Through your Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Amen.

Through the loving self-offering of Christ the King, we have been given a pardon from God. “For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:13-14). Let us then share that grace, joy and peace with one another and the world.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn #288 – *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Psalm 72:1-17

1Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-10, 23-25

John 18:33-38a

Sermon

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music – *King Jesus*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn, #396 – *The Work Is Thine*

Sending to Serve (*Psalm 72:18-19*)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's glorious name for ever;

may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AND THE SEASON

12/3: *First Sunday of Advent*

Joel 2:1-11; Psalm 93; 2 Peter 3:1-15a; Mark 13:1-23

Worship Leader: Renee Collins Bradford; Music, Carol Detweiler

12/10: *Second Sunday of Advent*

Psalm 21; Jer. 30:18-24; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Mark 13:24-37

Worship Leader: Eliza Griffith; Music, Aaron Griffith

12/17: *Third Sunday of Advent*

Psalm 99; Jeremiah 31:1-7; 1 Thess. 5:12-28; Mark 1:1-8

Worship Leader: Lowell Tieszen; Music, Kevin Nice

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Kendra Selzer serves through Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service in Puerto Rico. Pray for her and the Academia Menonita Betania in Aibonito, where she works with pre-kindergarten – grade 10 students and also helps with community clean-up after the September hurricanes.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – Quilting & Sewing at Durham Mennonite

This Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:00 p.m. – Singing and Prayer at Carver Assisted Living.

Thursday, Nov. 30, 5:30-7:30pm - Durham CROP Walk Banquet (Durham Lions Club Scout Center 1850 Hillandale Road Durham, NC 27705). Come celebrate a great Durham CROP Hunger Walk Year. Over \$150,000 raised this year. We are now the 2nd largest walk in the country! We will be passing out checks to the local hunger fighting agencies that we support, and giving out the sneaker awards for the highest fundraising congregations!

Sunday, Dec. 3 – Communion at the Lord’s Table, Potluck Fellowship Meal after worship, with short business meeting.



*If my kingdom were from this world,
Then my servants would fight.*

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front Art: “Jesus Before Pilate” – Eric Gill, 1921

*Our mission is to restore people to relationships of communion with God
and each other in Christ.*

*We will practice this mission through our worship and witness,
our discipling, fellowship and service.*