

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

September 17, 2017

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader, Sylvia Daniel; Music, Carol Detweiler

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 40:9-11*)

I tell the glad news of deliverance in the congregation; see, I will not restrain my lips, O Lord. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart. I will declare your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace (*adapted from Micah 2:1-12*)

Alas for those who devise wickedness and evil deeds on their beds!
When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in their power.
You shall not walk haughtily, but wail with bitter lamentation. Is the Lord's patience exhausted? Are these his doings? Do not my words do good to one who walks uprightly? But you rise up against my people as an enemy; you strip the robe from the peaceful, from those who pass by trustingly with no thought of war. The women of my people you drive out from their pleasant houses; from their young children you take away my glory forever.

We confess, O Lord, that we covet property, fields and houses, and seek to take those for ourselves, while others lose homes and safety. We possess for ourselves, but find no true security from ruin that oppresses our neighbors and their households. We deceive ourselves that if we do not speak of our selfishness it will not be true, so we go about uttering empty falsehoods. Forgive us our self-centeredness and our deceit, and let us leave behind corruption that will destroy us.

The Lord says, "I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob, I will set you together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture, to resound with a multitude.

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 37:1-36

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 10:22-39

Sermon

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music

Testimonies, Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

Sending to Serve (*adapted from Ephesians 6:23-24*)

Peace be to this whole community of the Spirit, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be with you all; go with undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

For 9/24: Malachi 2:4-16; Song 5:9-6:10; Eph. 5:21-6:4; John 2:1-12
Worship Leader, Eliza Griffith; Music, Aaron Griffith; Video Message

For 10/1: Ezekiel 37:15-28; Psalm 50; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 17:20-26
Worship Leader, Aaron Griffith; Music, Cheryl Van Horn; Preacher, Spencer

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Yesterday, the Argentina Mennonite Church began celebrating their centennial anniversary. Pray that God will be glorified as church members and guests worship and remember God's faithfulness. Pray also that today's mission rally in the greater Buenos Aires area will introduce people to Jesus in new ways.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

Today – Potluck Fellowship Meal after worship.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 - Singing and Prayer at Carver Assisted Living

Friday, Sept. 29 – DMC prepares and serves supper for 200 at Urban Ministries of Durham.

Sunday, Oct. 1 – World Communion Sunday: The Lord's Table and Footwashing

Sunday, Oct 1, 2:00-3:30pm – The Durham Life Chain joins thousands of fellow pro-lifers throughout the USA and Canada, in a peaceful/prayerful public witness, praying silently for an end to abortion. Bring your families, lawn chairs, strollers – rain or shine, and support the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Location: sidewalk directly across from "The Streets of Southpoint" on Fayetteville Rd. (between Renaissance Pkwy. and Herndon Rd.). For more info: go to www.LifeChain.Net or <http://nationallifechain.org> or contact kathleensiemer@embarqmail.com (336-562-5452 or 919-360-3827).

Happy Anniversary to Scott & Cheryl Van Horn, 9/8! Happy Birthday to Ricks Jayala (9/9) and Aaron Griffith (9/11)!

Sept. 22, 7:00 pm - Syrian Refugee Documentary at Watts St. Baptist Church (800 Watts St., Durham). With the Syrian conflict now in its seventh year, millions of people continue to be displaced. *"AFTER SPRING"* is the story of what happens next. By following two refugee families in transition and aid workers fighting to keep the camp running, this award-winning film helps viewers what it is like to live in Zaatari, the largest camp for Syrian refugees.



The Father is in me and I am in the Father.

Front Image: *Joseph Receives His Coat of Many Colors* - Shoshannah Brombacher

*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.*

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