

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

September 24, 2017

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader, Eliza Griffith; Music, Aaron Griffith

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (*adapted from Song of Songs 6*)

Awake, O Wind of God, and lift the fragrance of our praise from our garden this morning.

Like a garden kept in faith for our Beloved Redeemer are we. Let our lives pour out for him like a garden fountain, like flowing water from mountain springs. Let our Beloved come to his devoted garden and let our fruit satisfy him.

Christ comes to his garden, his Bride, with love that is sweeter than wine. Friends, let his love intoxicate you.

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Grace

Gracious and Generous God, we confess that you have kept faith with us, but we have been unfaithful toward you. We have been variable, double-minded, and divided in our devotion between you and our affections for this world's priorities. We have sought to rule over others to get our way, rather than serve others to show your way. We have sought to make others pay the cost of loss and violence rather than bear that cost with them or for them, as you do for us. And we ask you, who has borne the loss of our faith and love, to receive us again in the embrace of your faithful mercy, and deepen our union to you with bonds of love.

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will take them out of my hand."

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Malachi 2:4-16

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

John 2:1-12

Message

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

Be subject to one another out of devotion to Christ. Love one another as members of your own body, as Christ's Body. Nourish and tenderly care one for another. Believe and do as Jesus has taught us, and see what glory God will reveal. Go in peace.

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; Scripture & Song

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: Staff from DOOR, a Mennonite Mission Network partner that provides service opportunities, are traveling to Austin, Texas, for a gathering that starts tomorrow. Pray for them as they fellowship, share best practices, and prepare for the future.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

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

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. Sylvia and Spencer will bring chicken and mac&cheese. We need greens and green beans, and desserts. Please contact Sylvia about what you'd like to bring, and for how many. Thanks!

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

Happy Birthday to John Shertzer (9/26) and Ruby Batten (10/1)!

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).



*You have kept the good wine
until now.*

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front Image: "Wedding at Cana", Jan Richardson

*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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