



First Light Worship

Sundays 8:30 AM

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME VIDEO

SONGS OF PRAISE

Joyful (The One Who Saves) Worship Team
Amazing Grace (Peaceful, Easy Feeling)
Here I Am To Worship
Shout To The Lord

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev Seungsoo Jun

SONG OF PRAISE

Lord I Need You Worship Team

VIDEO

WESLEY COVENANT SERVICE

Rev Seungsoo Jun

SONG OF PRAISE

Take My Life Worship Team

CLOSING & BENEDICTION



NEW GROUPS FORMING!
Watch for details!

SMILES, FUN, FRIENDS!

Know Your Neighbor

QUARTERLY GATHERINGS

JANUARY INVITES COMING TO YOU SOON!
Let's Meet!

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December 30, 2018

Welcome



RALEIGH COURT

UNITED METHODIST

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Sunday, December 30 11:00 AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Prelude from Suite No. 2" Henry Purcell
"Gigue" Thomas Arne

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Larry Dickenson, Liturgist

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Angels From the Realms of Glory"
(verses 1, 2, and 4) UMH 220

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Seungsoo Jun

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 50 OT p. 519

PSALTER Psalm 139, Verses 1-18 UMH 854

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1 NT p. 232

OFFERTORY "He Is Born" Raymond Haan

***DOXOLOGY** UMH 94

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** Larry Dickenson, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 23:1-3 OT p. 356
John 15:1-8 NT p. 109

WESLEY COVENANT SERVICE (see insert)

FAVORITE HYMNS

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Seungsoo Jun

POSTLUDE "Angels From the Realms of Glory" Michael Burkhardt

Bold: Congregational reading * : Stand, as you are able.
TFWS: The Faith We Sing UMH: United Methodist
(small black hymnal) Hymnal (red)

Wireless Listening Aids & large print bulletins & hymnals are available; ask an usher for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 BIBLE CHALLENGE
BY BISHOP SHARMA LEWIS

let's read . . .

For 2019, the Bible Challenge will be a blended style of reading; a mixture of Old Testament readings and New Testament readings each day. In this new year, challenge yourself to study the Bible and strengthen your faith in the process. Watch our bulletins and Weekly Good News to take the challenge.

January Sermon Series
Celebrate Recovery®

Everyone needs recovery to live and celebrate redemption in Christ. Sermon series starting on January 20th, 2019 will help us see the vision of God's redemption working through us.
Date: January 20th - February 3rd
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Kids G.L.O.W. presents
Winter VBS 2019
Lost at Sea

Date: January 18th - 19th, 2019
Contact George for more information

Mosaic
RALEIGH COURT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Winter - January 9

DEBT IS NORMAL. BE WEIRD.

FINANCIAL Peace UNIVERSITY
BEGINNING
JANUARY 9, 2019
5:30 PM
ROOM 301
FREE DINNER FOLLOWS
RALEIGH COURT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A CONTINUING JOURNEY
Discovery
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FOLLOWER
Beginning January 9
5:30 PM
Led by Pastor RJ
Mosaic
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Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on Jan 2 at 7:30 PM.

BELLivevers rehearsals resume on January 6 at 5:30 PM.

Today's altar flowers are given by Susan Loveman in memory of Helen Griggs Gurley and Alfred Matthew Gurley.

A Prayer of Submission

By John Wesley

“To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, my Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, I give up myself entirely. May I no longer serve myself, but you, all the days of my life. I give you my understanding. May it be my only care to know you, your perfections, your works, and your will. Let all things else be as dross unto me, for the excellency of this knowledge, and let me silence all reasoning against whatsoever you teach me, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. I give you my will. May I have no will of my own. Whatsoever you will, may I will and that only. May I will your glory in all things, as you do, and make that my end in every thing. May I ever say with the Psalmist, “Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.” May I delight to do your will, O God, and rejoice to accept it. Whatever threatens me, let me say, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.” And whatever befalls me, let me give thanks, since it is your will concerning me. I give you my affections. Dispose of them all. Be my love, my fear, my joy; and may nothing have any share in them, but with respect to you and for your sake. What you love, may I love; what you hate, may I hate; and that in such measures as you are pleased to prescribe for me. I give you my body. May I glorify you with it, and preserve it holy, fit for you, O God, to dwell in. May I neither indulge it, nor use too much rigor toward it; but keep it as far as in me lies, healthy, vigorous, and active, and fit to do you all manner of service that you shall call for. I give you all my worldly goods. May I prize them and use them only for you. May I faithfully restore to you, in the poor, all you have entrusted me with, above the necessities of life; and be content to part with them too, whenever you, my Lord, shall require them at my hands. I give you my credit and reputation. May I never value it, but only in respect of you; nor endeavor to maintain it, but as it may do the service and advance your honor in the world. I give you myself and my all. Let me look upon myself to be

nothing, and to have nothing, apart from you. Be the sole disposer and governor of myself and all; be my portion and my all. O my God and my all, when hereafter I shall be tempted to break this solemn engagement, when I shall be pressed to conform to the world and to the company and customs that surround me, may my answer be: “I am not my own. I am not for myself, not for the world, but for my God. I will give unto God the things that are God’s. God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

Wesley Covenant Renewal Service

The Introduction

The Proclamation

Leader: Dearly loved brothers and sisters, the Christian life is a life found in Christ, redeemed from sin, and consecrated to God. We are those who have entered into this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of Jesus Christ. He is the Mediator of this covenant. He sealed it with His own blood so it would last forever. On one side of this covenant stands God, who promises to give us new life in Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith. Every day God proves His goodness and grace to us, showing us that His promise still stands firm. On the other side, we stand as those who promise to no longer live life for ourselves but instead to only live for Jesus Christ because He has loved us and given His life for us. There are times in our lives when it is important for us to remember and reaffirm our promises and vows. In this same way, we come today to renew our covenant with God. Many generations have done this before us. Today we make the covenant our own, renewing with both joy and sincerity the covenant that binds us all to God.

The Confession

Leader: We are those who seek to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ, but sometimes we fall short. Let us now examine ourselves before God, humbly confessing our sins and submitting our hearts so that we do not deceive ourselves and cut ourselves away from God.

Let us pray:

People: Father God, You have set forth the way of life through Your Son Jesus Christ, whom You love dearly. We shamefully confess that we have been slow to learn of Him and have been reluctant to follow Him. You have spoken and called to us but we have not listened. You have revealed Your beauty to us, but we have been blind. You have stretched out Your hands to us through our friends, but we have passed by them. We have accepted Your gifts and offered little thanks. We are unworthy of Your unchanging love.

Leader: We now confess to you our sins.

Please forgive us for the poverty of our worship...
for the selfishness of our prayers...
for our inconsistency and unbelief...
for the ways we neglect fellowship and Your grace...
for our hesitation to tell others about Christ...
for the ways we deceive others...

People: Forgive us for when we waste time and when we misuse the gifts you have given us. Forgive us for when we have made excuses for the wrong things we have done and when we have purposefully avoided responsibility.

Leader: Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good and that we have not been ready to carry our cross. Forgive us that we have not allowed Your love to work through us to help others and that we have not made their suffering our own. Forgive us for those times when instead of working for unity we made it hard for others to live with us because of our lack of forgiveness, inconsiderate judgment, and quick criticism.

People: Forgive us for when we have not tried to reconcile with others and when we have been slow to seek redemption.

Leader: Forgive us also for these sins that we silently confess to you now.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Leader: God, the Father of all mercies, is faithful to

cleanse us from our sins and restore us to Christ's image. Praise and glory be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

The Invitation

Leader: Let us gathered here before the Lord now in covenant commit ourselves to Christ as his servants. Let us give ourselves to Him so that we may fully belong to Him. Jesus Christ has left us with many services to be done. Some of these services are easy and honorable, but some are difficult and disgraceful. Some line up with our desires and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we please both Christ and ourselves, but then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Jesus Christ, we offer You this prayer:

People: Let me be Your servant. Let me follow your commands. I will no longer follow my own desires. I give myself completely to your will.

Leader: The power and strength to live as true servants is given to us in Christ. We accept the place and work that He gives us, acknowledging that He alone will be our reward.

People: I am not my own. I am Yours alone. Make me into what You will. Rank me with those You will. Put me to use for You. Put me to suffering for You. Let me be employed for You. Let me be laid aside for You. Let me be lifted high for You. Let me be brought low for You. Let me be full or let me be empty. Let me have all things or let me have nothing. With a willing heart, I freely give everything to Your pleasure and disposal.

Leader: Christ is Savior to those who are His true servants. He is the source of all salvation to those who obey. To be His servant is to consent fully to His will. Christ accepts nothing less. Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing. Now confirm this truth in holy covenant. Make it a reality in your life in these ways:

First, set apart time in your day, more than once, to be spent alone with the Lord. Seek to perceive God's special care for you and gracious acceptance of you. Carefully think through the words of this covenant and its

conditions. Examine your heart, even if you have freely given your life to Christ. Name the sins in your life. Reflect on whether you are willing to choose Christ's holy laws and strict commands. Be sure you are clear in all of these so you do not lie to God!

Second, uphold a serious spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant. Do not trust in your own strength and power but rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength. In this way, He will empower you to keep your promise.

Fourth, be determined to be faithful. You have given your heart and life to God. You have opened your mouth to dedicate yourself to the Lord. With God's power, never go back to your former way of living.

And last, be prepared to renew your covenant with God. Fall on your knees. Lift your hands. Open your hearts.

The Covenant Prayer

Leader: Let us pray together:

People: My righteous God, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, see me now as I fall down before You. Forgive my unfaithfulness when I have not done your will. You promise mercy if I turn to You with my whole heart.

Leader: God requires that you rid yourself of every idol in your life.

People: From the bottom of my heart, I here and now renounce every idol in my life, covenanting with You that I will not commit any known sin. By turning against Your will I have turned my love toward the world. In Your power I will watch for any temptation that will lead me away from You.

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, God offers to be your God again, if you allow Him to be.

People: Before all heaven and earth, I here and now acknowledge You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as my Lord and God. I vow to give all of myself, body and soul, to be Your servant and to serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of my life.

Leader: Jesus Christ is the only way and means to God. God has given us Jesus as the way and means to salvation.

People: Jesus, I here and now accept You and the only new and living Way. I join myself in covenant with You. I come to You hungry, sinful, miserable, blind, and naked, unworthy even to

wash the feet of Your servants. With all my power, I accept You as my Lord and Head. I renounce my own unworthiness, and vow that You are the Lord, my righteousness. I renounce my own wisdom and take You for my only guide. I renounce my own will and take Your will as my law.

Leader: Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

People: Jesus, I here and now make this covenant with You and accept whatever comes in life. Through Your grace I promise that neither life nor death will separate me from You.

Leader: God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

People: I here and now willingly take on Your yoke and burden. All Your laws are holy, just, and good. I accept them as the rule for my words, thoughts, and actions, promising I will strive to order my whole life around your direction. I will not allow myself to neglect anything I know to be my duty.

Leader: The Almighty God searches and knows you, even the thoughts of your heart.

People: O God, You know that we have made this covenant today in sincerity, without deceit or reluctance. If You find anything false in us, guide us and help us to set it right. And now, glory be to You, God the Father. From this day forward, I shall look upon You as my God and Father. Glory be to You, God the Son. You have loved me and washed me from my sins in Your own blood. From this day forward, I shall look upon You as my Savior and Redeemer. Glory be to You, O God the Holy Spirit. By Your almighty power, You have turned my heart from sin to God. From this day forward I shall look upon You as my Comforter and Guide. O mighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you have now become my Covenant Friend. And I, through Your infinite grace, have become Your covenant servant. You are mine and I am Yours. So be it. May this covenant that I have made here on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.



Welcome Eric Anderson!

Director of Next Generation Ministries

It has been great getting to know the people of RCUMC this last month and I am excited to start partnering with you in ministry! I wanted to share a little about me and my family so you could get to know us better. I am originally from Falls Church, Virginia but when I was in high school I would visit southwest Virginia in the summer to attend band camp at Ferrum College. I have enjoyed playing

drums since I was a kid and it has led me to many wonderful opportunities throughout my life. Ferrum ended up being my college of choice; I graduated with a major in Religious Studies and minor in Music. I started working with the youth at Redwood UMC in Rocky Mount while in school and after graduation continued working there full time, with children, youth and in many other capacities, for 15 years. I earned my Youth Ministry Certification in 2011 from Wesley Theological Seminary. Youth and children's ministries as well as missions are where I most feel my calling. This is what led me back into ministry after a four year period of working in other fields.

My wife Heather has always been very supportive. We have worked a lot together in the areas of youth and children's ministry. However, once our children came along, she primarily "held down the fort" at home. We have two children. Our daughter Paige is ten and our son Caleb is seven. We also have a two year old golden retriever named LuLu. In addition to spending time with my family, I enjoy running, anything that has to do with history, traveling and cooking. We have combined a lot of these loves into trips where we travelled, took in the sites, and I competed in a race of some sort. Probably my most favorite was a trip to Jamestown and Williamsburg in 2017 where I finished my first triathlon and we spent time touring and experiencing the living history. Our family also loves the beach, especially Oak Island, NC; it is probably our kids' favorite place to vacation! That's a little about me and my family, in the coming months we look forward to learning more about all of you.

Again I am excited to partner with you in ministry! Eric

LOVE OTHERS WITH US

Prayer Focus for Week

As another new year approaches, praise God for His gift of life and the gift of His son, Jesus.

Ann Barton	Drew Fulton	David Perdue
Skip Carter	Bruce Haskell	Family of Carolyn Redden
Bonnie Clark	Bob Hydorn	Don Sartelle
David Davis	Jonathan March	Steve Smith
Charles Dickey	Maher Family	Brent Stevens
Jack Eblenbach	McConchie Family	Frances Trent

Prayer requests may be shared on the back of our connection cards in the pews or you may email them to our Prayer Ministry team at prayer@rcumc.org.

WORSHIP WITH US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We who knelt in the stable—

People: Let us come and kneel in the temple!

Leader: Let our hearts give thanks, and our hands rejoice!

People: Let our spirits sing, and our bodies dance!

Leader: O children, enter the house of the Lord!

People: Enter God's presence, and be reborn!

LOVE GOD WITH US

Weekly Devotions Reading Schedule

Monday, December 31 Revelation 19-22

Tuesday, January 1 Genesis 1-3; Romans 1

Wednesday, January 2 Genesis 4-6; Romans 2

Thursday, January 3 Genesis 7-9; Romans 3

Friday, January 4 Genesis 10-12; Romans 4

Saturday, January 5 Genesis 13-15; Romans 5



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