

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF CARY

SUNDAY

Rev. Nola Boezeman, Guest Minister
Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

August 7, 2016

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Hand Bell Ensemble

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Praise You"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Mark 9:2-9)

God touches the world, and the world changes.
God touches us, and we are transformed.

In the brightest of day and in the deepest of night,
on the mountain and in the valley. Everywhere!

In this time, together, we invite God to open our eyes to the transformation of our lives.
And through the change – we worship God. Alleluia!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #85

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*SALUTATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us our selfish concerns with earthly things and our failure to acknowledge your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, for that blindness to the wonder of your presence that causes us to live our lives from day to day without knowing you. Have mercy on us, give us grace to discern the suffering servant Lord in the midst of our lives, to worship and serve you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17

PSALTER READING

Psalm 23

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

*I love You, I love You, I love You, Lord, today because You care for me in such a special way.
And yes I praise You, I lift You up, and I magnify Your name. That's why my heart is filled with praise.

*My heart, my mind, my soul belongs to You. You paid the price for me way back on Calvary**

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*"He came down that we may have *love [3x] Hallelujah, forevermore.
peace joy hope life"

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God Speaks to Us through Word and Sacrament

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-9

(New Testament)

*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN #390

“Open My Eyes, that I May See”

SERMON

“He Came Down”

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

(p. 12 hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Meaning

Hymn #447

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Communion

(Please retain the elements until all have been served.
Cups on the outside ring contain wine)

Communion Anthem

**“Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus. To reach out and touch
Him, and say that we love Him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes,
Lord. We want to see Jesus.”**

*CLOSING HYMN #303

“Be Thou My Vision”

*BENEDICTION

“Open our Eyes, Lord” - Reprise

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

We welcome back Nola Boezeman to the pulpit this morning.

The Record We Wrote: July 2016

	<u>July</u>	<u>12 Mo Avg</u>
Income:	\$6,668	\$9,389
Expense:	\$5,278	\$13,597

Consistory Contacts

If you have need of pastoral care or if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to one of the members of the Consistory.

Elders:

Jane DeWitt 919-467-2152
Jeff DeWitt 919-673-5773
Chris Forte 919-454-5255
Jenn Legg 919-600-9240

Deacons:

Dave Pynaker 919-604-5874
Mike Shafer 919-244-4945
Joe White 919-387-9152

Classis Supervisor:

Rev. Kendra VanHouten 845-338-7722

