

First Reformed Church of Cary
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 19, 2017
Rev. George Van Arnam, Minister
Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Gathering

Prelude *"Variations on Old Hundredth"* Tindall
J. Kindig, Organist
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Congregational Concerns

Votum

Introit *"Praise You"* Chancel Choir

The Approach to God

***Invitation to Worship**

God calls out: "Come and enter my joy."

We gather in thankfulness this day, as servants of God's blessings.

God calls out: "Come stay awake and be alert."

We gather in expectation this day, as children of God's light and love.

God calls out: "Come and share in my generosity."

We gather in faith this day to worship our God.

***Opening Prayer**

**Creator God, source off all that lives,
whether in safety or in risk,
whether the path is well lit or in shadow,
whether we encounter approval or face insult, we look to you for your
steadying hand.**

**Help us be attentive to you in all occasions, trusting that you will answer
us, with your mercy, your healing and your joy. Amen**

***Hymn of Praise #9** *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God we are aware of the ways our faith falls short. In our pride we wait too long to ask for your help. In our self absorption we ask that our will, not your will, be done. Even when you rescue us from misery, we quickly return to our careless ways. Aware of these failures, we turn our eyes to you, trusting in your love and mercy. Amen

Silent Confession

Unison Words of Assurance

Together we do not live in the night or belong in the dark. We have obtained life and salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. In him we belong to the light of day.

*Gloria Patri #546 *"Glory Be to the Father"*

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Psalm 138

*Hymn #235 *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

Scripture Matthew 25:14-20

Sermon *"Money is like manure..."*

Our Response to God

*Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

We are and will continue to be a community that loves and worships God in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of actively caring for those in need around us.

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music *"Simple Gifts"* Schulz-Widmar
J. Kindig, Organist

*Doxology #544 *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*Offertory Prayer

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn #18 *"We Gather Together"*

*Benediction *"Three-Fold Amen"*

*Postlude *"Nun Danket Alle Gott"* Bach
J. Kindig, Organist

*Those that are able please stand

We are pleased to welcome Judie Kindig who will be sharing her gift of music with us this morning.