

## Our Mission

*Raleigh Mennonite Church is a community growing as disciples of Jesus, the Christ. We nurture growth of the inner spiritual life, seeking transformation through God's grace as followers of Jesus.*

*We are active in reconciliation and service, making Christ known through sharing the story of God's love and forgiveness with our children, our neighbors and our world. In our lives, we seek justice, healing, hope and peace for all people.*

*We warmly and actively welcome others to join us on this journey.*

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Servant Leaders	Chris H, David R, Karin S, & Rachel T
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## Children in Worship

Children are encouraged and celebrated in worship. Worship Craft materials are available for use during the service. Nursery is available mid-way through the service for children up to kindergarten. To use our nursery, staffed by volunteers who have undergone our Safe Church Training, meet at the back of the room during the hymn prior to the sermon.

For children and youth who remain in worship, a Church Creation project will be introduced and materials provided. Church Creations are designed to complement the day's scripture reading or another worship theme. While Church Creations are designed with children and youth in mind, adults are invited to participate as materials are available.

## Hearing Assistance

Hearing enhancement devices are available at the A/V table. Even if you do not have a hearing problem, they make what is spoken from the podium much more intelligible.

RMC receives a **public offering** once each month (first Sunday); at other times gifts may be placed in the oak offering box on the back table.

## Prayer Concerns

As the New Year begins, please pray for Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers as they return to MDS projects in Canada and the U.S. and continue their commitment to respond, rebuild, and restore.

MDS asks for prayer for the ongoing hurricane response: five project sites in Texas responding to Hurricane Harvey, one project in Florida responding to Hurricane Irma, and volunteers heading to Puerto Rico in response to Hurricane Maria.

## Upcoming Events

Child Protection Plan Info Session and Training	January 7
Fellowship meal & Church Life Meeting	January 21
Women's beach retreat	April 27-30

- TODAY, we will have a Child Protection Plan Information Session and Annual Training. All congregation members, especially parents of children and youth, are encouraged to attend so that you can be familiar with how RMC creates a safe space for our youngest participants. The training will take place immediately following worship after a 5 minute break. There will be an introduction, and then there are several videos we will watch together and discuss. The session will probably last an hour.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the bulletin team at [bulletin@raleighmennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@raleighmennonite.org).*

Leah W	January 8
Chrys B	January 11

## Adult Sunday School classes, Winter quarter (Dec - Feb)

- Sex, Gender, and the Sacred Story - Room #2
- Evangelism Revisited – Room #5

	Today (January 7)	Next Week (Jan. 14)
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Luz and John F	Karin S and Debbie Bl
<b>Nursery</b>	Kathy and Dennis B	Rosene R and Marva K
<b>Sharing</b>	Brenda NM	Joy S
<b>Sound</b>	Marc S	
<b>Bulletin</b>	Joanna J	Joanna J
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Rachel Ta	Brenda NM
<b>Speaker</b>	Kyle K	Hans Li

**Raleigh Mennonite Church**  
**January 7, 2018**  
**First Sunday of Epiphany**

***Welcome to our worship!***

*We are a community seeking to keep Jesus at the center of our lives, aware that we come from a variety of life experiences and points in our faith journeys. God invites us all to worship no matter our cultures, traditions and paths to God. We truly welcome you whatever your religious background or spiritual practice.*

**Sunday School**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Gathering for Worship**

**10:30 a.m.**

Prelude

Nate S

Welcome & Announcements

Stephen J

Call to Worship

WB 20: Come and See

WB 227: Two Fishermen

Confession of Sin

Response to Pardon: Remind me Who I am (screen)

Christmas Offering (screen)

(Children are invited to nursery)

Church Creations

Anne C

**Hearing and Responding to God's Word**

Scripture: [John 1:35-51](#)

Red D and Deb W

Sermon

[Lives Transformed](#)

Kyle K

WB 299 New Earth, Heavens New

Sharing & Prayer

Brenda NM

**Benediction**

WB 433: Go, My Children (v. 1, 3, and 4)