

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, Accessible Restroom

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

An accessible, gender-neutral bathroom is available near the front entrance.

Mennonite Mission network (Prayer vine)

Pastors and their wives who minister in Ukraine's militarized zone look forward to a retreat this month. Mary Raber, one of the resource people, requests prayer for a restful and inspirational gathering for those who have given their all to congregations and surrounding communities for several stress-filled years.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Women's lunch at 1:00 pm TGIF	March 12
Men's beach retreat	March 23-25
Maundy Thursday Dinner Groups (meal & foot washing)	March 29
Good Friday Tenebrae Service at church, 7 pm	March 30
Easter Sunday - Breakfast and Worship, starting 9:15am	April 1
Church Life Meeting	April 8
Women's beach retreat	April 27-30

Our monthly **Fellowship Meal will be today** after worship. Stay for some delicious food and great fellowship after worship. Hospitality asks that those with last names starting with the letters L-Z help with setting up tables and chairs before the meal as well as assist with clean up after.

The **2nd Monday Night Women's Meeting** has made a change. We will meet the second Monday of every month at 1:00 PM for lunch at the TGIF restaurant [4209 Wake Forest Rd](http://4209WakeForestRd.com). All women are invited

Interested in a RMC Men's Beach Weekend? There are still one or two more spots available for the Men's Beach Weekend March 23-25. Let Stan or Al know if you're interested.

We encourage everyone to participate in these Holy Week events as a way to intentionally follow Jesus' journey to the cross.

- **Maundy Thursday** (March 29) - RMC Dinner Groups gather in homes for a simple meal and foot washing.
- **Good Friday** (March 30, 7:00 pm at church) - Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness) as we follow Jesus' journey to the cross through songs and scripture while the room gradually darkens.
- **Easter Sunday** (April 1, 9:15 breakfast; 10:30 worship) - We will share a fellowship meal before the worship service (no Sunday School classes). Breakfast will begin at 9:15 in the upstairs kitchen. Please bring a breakfast dish to share (casserole, pastries, fruit, cheese, etc.) and join us in fellowship as we celebrate this joyous day of LIFE! (*Note to children/parents: The children are invited to join in an Easter egg hunt toward the end of breakfast; meet at 9:45 in the playground.*)

Food for Thought is looking for small berry containers to help with their distribution. You can drop those off in the church basement kitchen on Sundays.

Electronic Giving Options: While we want to continue to encourage community and meaningful, worshipful offerings, we also recognize that electronic transactions are becoming the norm for many. If you'd like to learn more about RMC's electronic giving options, contact Treasurer, Al R, for details.

Today we begin the **Spring quarter of Sunday school classes** (March-May). All are welcome, join a class at any time during the quarter.

- Tokens of Trust: An introduction to Christian belief - - Christian faith flows from one fundamental belief: that God is completely worthy of our trust. Led by Melissa F-B.
- The Very Good Gospel: How everything wrong can be made right - - Through biblical study (particularly Genesis), what can "very good" look like today, even after the Fall? Led by Karin Shank.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Chris H March 7

Adult Sunday School classes, Spring quarter (March - May)

Very Good Gospel – Room #2
Tokens of Trust – Room #5

	Today (Mar 4)	Next Week (March 11)
Greeter/Usher	Debbie B and Anne C	Luz and John F
Nursery	Joanna J and Karin S	Duane B and Peggy M
Sharing	Melissa F-B	Brenda NM
Sound	John F	Liz S
Bulletin	Ruth R	Ruth R
Worship Coordinator	Chrys Br	Brenda NM
Speaker	Rachel T	Melissa F-B

Raleigh Mennonite Church

March 4, 2018

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

9:30am

Gathering for Worship

10:30 a.m.

Prelude O God, How We Have Wandered (STS 58)

Lois B

Welcome & Announcements

Stephen J

Praise and Worship

Praise to the Lord the Almighty WB 37 (verses 1-3)

Responsive Reading: (Screen)

All

When We Are Tempted STS 81

I Will Come to You in the Silence STS 49

Before the Cock Crew Twice WB 243

(Children invited to attend nursery)

Confession and Assurance: Have Mercy On Us, Lord

Quartet

Litany (Screen)

All

Offering Calm Me, Lord STS 45

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Church Creations

Rachel T

Scripture [John 18: 12-27](#)

Peter J and David R

(Third cloth removed from the cross)

Sermon

[The Fire of God's Love](#)

Rachel T

Sharing and Prayer

Melissa F-B

Sending Forth

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

WB 37 (verse 4)