

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.

Pastor	Melissa F-B
Servant Leaders	Chris H, David R, Karin S, & Rachel T
Church meeting location	1116 North Blount St., Raleigh NC
Mailing address	P.O. Box 25545, Raleigh NC 27611
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Email slides or videos to be projected	AV@raleighmennonite.org

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.

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.

Mennonite Mission network (Prayer vine)

Joellen Badertscher, Lea Rossol and Adrian Zander are participants in the Johnstown, Pennsylvania Service Adventure unit, with sisters Krista and Leah Rittenhouse as leaders. Pray for them as they serve in educational settings (preschool, Johnstown Christian School, and after-school programs) and on a family farm.

Announcements

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

- **Maundy Thursday** (March 29: 6:30pm) - Gather in homes (two locations) for a simple meal (soup, bread, fruit), communion (as part of the meal) and optional hand or footwashing. You are welcome to join either group. Please RSVP to the hosts, so they can plan accordingly.
 - David & Rosene R home,
 - Stan & Brenda NM home,
- **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! Also bring single stem flowers (longish stems are best) to decorate the cross. *(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.)*

Upcoming Events

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anne C	March 19
Kari H	March 21
Wallace B	March 25

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the bulletin team at bulletin@raleighmennonite.org.

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

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

	Today (Mar 18)	Next Week (March 25)
Greeter/ Usher	Al and Ruth R	Brenda H and Clare U
Nursery	Anne and Dave C	Brenda H and Ruth R
Sharing	Rachel T	F-B
Sound	Stan NM	Sean BI
Bulletin	Ruth R	Ruth R
Worship Coordinator	Rosene R	Debbie B
Speaker	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B

Raleigh Mennonite Church

March 18, 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	Within our darkest night	Worship Team
Welcome & Announcements		Stephen J

Praise and Worship

Songs of Praise	
WB 37	Praise to the Lord
Screen	Psalm 146
WB 166	I'll praise my Maker
Prayer of Confession	
Sheet	Within our darkest night
STS 85	Lay down your head
<i>(Children invited to attend nursery)</i>	

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Church Creations		Rachel T
Scripture	John 19: 1-16a <i>(Fifth cloth removed from the cross)</i>	
Sermon	A conversation about Jesus' death	F-B
Song of Response	Screen In Christ Alone	
Sharing and Prayer		Rachel T

Sending Forth

Benediction	Screen	Christ be Beside Us
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