

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 FI-B)
Servant Leaders	Debbie B, Pam B, Chris H, & Karin S
Church meeting location	1116 North Blount St., Raleigh NC
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Children in Worship

Children are encouraged and celebrated in worship. "Order of the Mustard Seed" (i.e. children's worship) is available mid-way through the service for children up to 8 years old. To participate in Order of the Mustard Seed, which is led by Rachel and volunteers who have undergone our Safe Church Training, please meet at the back of the room during the hymn prior to the sermon.

For children and youth who remain in worship, the table at the back will be a place to color. All ages are welcome. Adults are also invited to participate.

Hearing Assistance

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.

Accessible Restroom

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.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School begins Sept 9 at 9:30

Adult class: **Journey Forward**: Who are we as Mennonites? Who are we becoming as a denomination? Journey Forward is a churchwide renewal process of engaging in scripture, storytelling and sharing how God is at work in the lives of people and congregations across MC USA. This class will use the Pathways curriculum developed by people across our denomination to discuss our renewed commitments. It will also give us a chance to think about what it means to be Mennonite in a Southern urban context. Melissa F-B (and others) will facilitate this class.

Intergenerational class: **Isaiah and Cupcakes**: Psalm 19:10: "How sweet are Your words to my taste!" We will explore key themes in the book of Isaiah together - by eating a series of differently flavored cupcakes. Come join us to satisfy your sweet tooth as well as your desire for learning more about God's word to us. This class is intended for RMCers aged 9 and older. Rachel Taylor will be facilitating this class.

Prayer Concerns

Economic hardship continues to deprive families in Venezuela of life's necessities. Pray that Anabaptist communities will find ways to share God's love through the sharing of food, providing health care, and following Jesus' way of peace. (MMN Prayer Vine)

Announcements

Our **September Potluck Fellowship Meal is today**. We hope you will stay to enjoy food and fellowship after worship. Hospitality Commission asks those with last names starting with A-K to help set up tables and chairs before the meal and assist with clean up afterwards.

In September, an **early morning group** will resume meeting once a week in the downstairs church office for **Bible study and prayer**. The first meeting is **Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7am**. The subject this season will be the life of David. If you would like to receive a guide to our weekly readings in the life of King David, please contact Hans L at hans.L@gmail.com, 919-828-4954 or just come to the first Fall Session.

Upcoming Events

Women's lunch at TGIFridays 4209 Wake Forest Rd. 1pm September 10

Picnic at Lake Benson Park, Shelter #2, at 5:00 PM
Intergenerational Retreat

September 15
October 27-28

Raleigh Mennonite Church

September 2, 2018

	Today (Sept 2)	Next Week (Sept 9)
Greeter/ Usher	Ruth and Al R	June A, Shannon H
Nursery 9:30		Joanna J, Mariechen J
OMS 10:30	Karin S	Peggy M
Sound	Stan NM	John Frye
Bulletin	Ruth R	Ruth R
Worship Coordinator	Rosene R	Melissa F-B
Speaker	Melissa F-B	Donna B
Sharing	Melissa F-B	Brenda NM

Birthdays and Anniversaries

This upcoming week no one at RMC is celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

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

NOTES:

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.

Gathering for Worship

10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Stephen J

Worshiping Our God

Invitation to Worship

Screen [Genesis 1:1-2](#)

Procession of Dove

Special Music: *God of the Womb* (WB 155)

Songs of Creation

WB 46 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

WB 156 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Poem: "[The Creation](#)" by James Weldon Johnson

Hans L

Offering WB 57 *Come and Give Thanks*

Hymn Tag

Zinith B

WB 506 *I Sought the Lord*

Children are invited to OMS (children's worship)

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading WB 806 (Genesis 1)

Poem: "[God's Grandeur](#)" by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Pam B

Sermon [God's Gift of Grandeur](#)

Melissa F-B

Song WB 414 *God Who Stretched*

Sharing and Prayer

Melissa F-B

Sending Forth

Screen

Peace Before Us / Prayer of Blessing