

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	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.

Continue to pray for all those affected by Hurricane Florence and other severe weather events around the globe.

The Kekchi Mennonite Church in Guatemala invited Deb Byler to empower women leaders. Pray for her as she helps organize an October meeting for women in areas that are far from Carcha, the church's administrative center. (MMN Prayer Vine)

Announcements

Worship Survey Results On September 23 Melissa will spend a half hour sharing the results of the worship survey that went out last month. Anyone interested in hearing the results is welcome to meet in our sanctuary space just after the service ends.

We hope you'll all join us on **Sunday, Oct. 21** (tentative date) **for Melissa's ordination**. Doug Luginbill will be here from Central District Conference to ordain Melissa as our Pastor, and install Rachel into her new role as Intergenerational Minister. Doug will also be our guest speaker for the morning. Come out and join us for this celebration of Melissa's gifts to our community. There will be cake and ice cream after the service.

Upcoming Events

Fellowship Meal	October 7
Women's lunch TGIFridays 4209 Wake Forest Rd. 1pm	October 8
Intergenerational Retreat	October 27-28
Church Life Meeting	November 11

Sunday School

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 L (and others) will facilitate this class.

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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.

	Today (Sept 16)	Next Week (Sept 23)
Greeter/ Usher	Sara Ch, Judy S	Janet F, Zinith B
Nursery 9:30	Kathy and Dennis B	Anne Ch, Rosene R
OMS 10:30	Janet F	Joanna J
Sound	Stan NM	Marc S
Bulletin	Ruth R	Ruth R
Worship Coordinator	Hans L, David R	Chrys B
Speaker		Melissa L
Sharing	Brenda NM	Melissa L

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Leslie Foster and Louis Stamm September 17

If you haven't shared the date of your birthday or anniversary so it can be included in this weekly list, please contact bulletin@raleighmennonite.org

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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 and Nursery **9:30 a.m.**

Gathering for Worship **10:30 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements Stephen J

Prelude

Worshiping Our God

- Procession of Dove
- STJ 4 You've got a place at the welcome table
- STJ 64 Somos el cuerpo de Cristo
- STS 124 My soul cries out
- STS 54 What does the Lord require of you

Children are invited to OMS (children's worship)

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

- Church Creations
- Scripture Reading: [Genesis 12:1-9](#); [Hebrews 11:8-16](#)
- Bible Study Melissa L and Hans L
- STJ 56 Make me a channel of your peace
- Update from Sri Sriprakash Mayasandra
- Sharing & Prayer Brenda NM

Sending Forth

- Benediction
- STJ 73 Benediction (The Lord lift you up)