

Grace Weekly: The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 23, 2018

**denotes music in the 10:30 liturgy*

Children ages 5+ are invited to process out of the church at the beginning of the 10:30 service for Children's Chapel.



***Prelude**

Meditation on *Slane*

***Gathering Hymn 636**

How firm a foundation

Foundation

Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:

"Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Psalm 1 (Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.)

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel
of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do
not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading: James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Sequence Hymn 480

When Jesus left his Father's throne

Kingsfold

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*Offertory Music

With a voice of singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia. Declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honour of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia. Alleluia.
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

*Communion Hymn 482

Lord of all hopefulness

Slane

*Recessional Hymn (insert)

Let there be peace on earth

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

*Postlude

Finale from Organ Symphony II

Charles-Marie Widor

Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Ben & Joanne, Bill & Diane, Bob & Gwen, Jim & Eleanor, John & Christa, Marcia & Dale, Katherine & Lisa, Linda & Al, Sandra

For those who have died: Mazie Bisette, mother of Sandra Best; Joan Pohlmann, sister of Margaret Donahue

Friends of Grace: Ashley, Becky, Carol, Dale & Trish, Dick, Drew, Ed & Chris, Elaine, Elizabeth, Ellen, the Hallmark Family, Howard, Ila, Jackie, James, John, Kent, Mary, Matt & Marcia, Maxcy, Melene & Ron, Norris, Randy, Rina, Rosemary, Scott & Family

In Our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: The Anglican Church of Tanzania and the Rt. Rev. Jacob Erasto Chimeledya; St. Gabriel's in Rutherfordton, NC

Serving This Week

Choir: Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Pam Davis, Ann-Cherie & David Dye, Nancy Fergusson, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Ann Rothermel, Joanne Thrower, Jan Treston, Bill Simmons, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling, Derrick Zeller

Altar Guild: Melanie Cyre, John Zeller, Ginger Lambeth, Jason Heinz

Children's Chapel: Larry Davis & Barbara Jo White

Collection Counters: Bob Tope & Fred Deeb

Coffee Hour: Lorelai Yerse (8:00); Jim & Donna Gibson (10:30)

Crucifer, Server, & Torchbearers (10:30): Georgia McManus, Melanie Walt, Sarah & Jack Yeargin

Lectors: Carol Lans (8:00); Mary Lockey, Kenneth Ratcliffe (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Buckner, John Mozelewski, Linda Deeb (8:00)
Susan Williams, Annelle Woggon, Derrick Zeller (10:30)

Ushers: Les Taylor, Lisa Hardeman, Bill Pace (10:30)

Eucharistic Visitor: Connie Mozelewski, visiting Ken Roach

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Karen Morris in thanksgiving for her husband Richard's birthday.

Today

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

Children: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (*Downstairs, Age 3 – Kindergarten*)
Godly Play (*Downstairs, Grades 1 – 4*)

Youth: Rite 13 (*Across from Library, Grades 5 – 7*)
Journey to Adulthood (*Rector's Office, Grades 8 – 12*)

Adults: **Forum** – “The Spiritual Nature of the Twelve Steps” with Flagg & Carol Taylor: a presentation and discussion of the spiritual foundation of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.
Scripture Class – “The Hebrew Scriptures,” taught by Father Orion Davis, will be held in the Library as an optional alternative to our traditional adult forum. Today's class is the last session on what we as Christians can glean from of the Old Testament.

Children's Chapel resumes during the 10:30 service. Children ages five and up are invited to process at the beginning of the service into Thatcher Hall for an interactive, kid-friendly version of the liturgy. Children's Chapel is set to take place every other Sunday.

Undie Sunday Collections: Starting today, we are collecting some needed items for Clothes to Kids, an organization that provides free clothing for low-income, school-age children in Haywood County. We will also accept donations next Sunday, September 30, in a labeled container in Thatcher Hall. We hope to gather NEW underwear (IN PACKAGE) for all school ages (boys' boxers and girls' leggings are in especially high demand) as well as boys' caps and belts (these do not need to be new but should be in good shape, please). Contact Julie Taylor (juletay@charter.net) with any questions.

Announcements

Deck Discussions will take place this Tuesday, September 25th, at 6:00 pm. The first thirty minutes are reserved for food and general fellowship. Adults are encouraged to bring their own snacks/meals and a beverage of choice (which

often adds to the liveliness of the conversation). Around 6:30, Rev. Orion Davis will throw out a question or topic that usually provides about an hour of energetic conversation.

Newcomer Meetup this Thursday, September 27th, at 7:00 pm at Bocelli's on N. Haywood Street. Please RSVP to Paula Welling (339-203-2885) so that she can make an accurate reservation. All are welcome, but newcomers are especially encouraged to attend!

The Blessing of the Animals will be held on Sunday, September 30th at both services. Education Hour will be an informal time to meet and greet each other and our animal friends. Parishioners are welcome to bring their pets to receive a special blessing for loving and living in accordance to God's plan. To read about event, as well as Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and nature, visit the church website.

On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity & Getting Old is a book that will form the foundation of our October adult forums. If you would like to purchase the book, it is for sale in the Parish Office (Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm), from Linda Sexton after the 8:00 service, or from Paula Welling after the 10:30 service. The cost is \$13.49. Checks should be made out to Grace Church in the Mountains.

Storytelling, Scottish Music, Kilts, Food: Join us for a fall *cèilidh* (pronounced KAY-lee) on Friday, October 12th at 6:00 pm at Grace Church. This is open to all in our community and is just a celebration of life and community! Wear a kilt if you can find one. Fr. Orion Davis and Maureen Hunt will be on-hand for story-telling. You won't want to miss this! Call the office if you need a ride.

Dream Group: Dream work is the intentional commitment to recording our nightly dreams, and playing with the dream images so that we understand the messages contained in the dream. Please consider joining us as we form our very own Dream Group at Grace Church. We will meet on Tuesdays, beginning October 2nd, from 9:00 to 10:30 am for 8 consecutive weeks. Contact Tim Hussey (772-332-1275) for more information.

Beyond Our Doors

Christians Confronting Gun Violence: What Shall We Teach? is a six-session discussion that will take place Wednesdays between September 26th and October 31st at First United Methodist Church in Waynesville. All are welcome to join this look at the theological perspective on gun issues, but registration is required. To sign up, call (828) 456-9475.

Community March against Drugs in Our Midst: Please join us for our 6th annual Prayer Walk on Sunday, September 30th to raise awareness for the need for healing of the drug problem in Haywood County. Prayer stops will be at downtown churches, the old Haywood County Courthouse, and the Open Door Food Kitchen. The walk will end at First United Methodist Church on Haywood Street. Meet at 2:00 pm on the corner of S. Main and Academy Streets. Bus transportation is available for those unable to walk the route. Wear your church shirt or bring your church banner.

Poverty Simulation Survival Challenge: Can you survive one month in poverty? Mountain Projects and the Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency invite you to participate in the NC Poverty Simulation Experience on Thursday, October 11, 2018, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at First United Methodist Church in Waynesville. This event is a free, educational attempt to raise awareness about the complexities of living in poverty in North Carolina. Please email Alice Ensley (aensley@mountainprojects.org) to register.

Gatherings this Week: September 17-22, 2018

(* = open to all to attend)

- *Deck Discussions, Tuesday, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- *Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- *Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
- Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Choir Room
- *Marthas Knitting Group, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
- *Sisters of Grace, Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Location to be announced)
- *Newcomer Meetup, Thursday, 7:00 pm, Bocelli's (N. Haywood St.)

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The Rev. Joslyn Ogden Schaefer, Rector
The Rev. Br. Raymond Escott, OSB, Deacon
The Rev. Orion Davis & The Rev. Harriet Simmons, Priest Associates
Charles M. Banks, Director of Music
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Sarah Yeargin, Interim Parish Administrator