

Entrance		
Gathering ( <i>As we gather to worship please greet those persons sitting around you.</i> )		
Prelude ( <i>Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.</i> )		
<i>Ich Ruf Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ</i> - J. S. Bach		
<i>My Savior First of All</i> - arr. M. McDonald		
Chiming of the Hour		
Greetings and Welcome ( <i>During this time please pass the pew notebooks.</i> )		
Time of Centering	Chris Dodson, piano	
<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i> - arr. L. Shackley		
Lighting of the Altar Candles		
*Call to Worship ( <i>read responsively</i> )		
<i>Psalm 51</i>		
Leader:	Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.	
All:	<b>According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.</b>	
Leader:	Create in me a clean heart, O God.	
All:	<b>And put a new and right spirit within me.</b>	
*Extinguishing of a Lenten Candle		John 3:19
<i>...the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light...</i>		
*Invocation		
*Opening Hymn		No. 110
<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>		
<b>Proclamation</b>		
Old Testament Lesson	Ezekiel 37:1-14	
Stewardship Moment		
*Sharing the Peace of Christ		
Children's Time		
<i>(Children age 4 - 1st grade may leave for children's church.)</i>		
Gospel Lesson	John 11:17-45	
Meditation	Rev. Karen Whitaker	
<b>Response</b>		
Joys and Thanksgivings/Prayer Concerns		
Silent Prayers		
Congregational Prayer of Confession ( <i>in unison</i> )		
<b>Loving and gracious God, you know the chaos of our lives. You know our hope for more centered times--times to deepen our life and faith. We pray that during these closing days of the Lenten season you will lead us to this place of respite. Uphold our hearts as you guide our feet. We ask this prayer in the name of the one who taught us to pray...</b>		

The Lord’s Prayer <i>(please pray in unison)</i>		
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.		
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.		
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.		
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
Offering of Our Gifts		
Offertory		
<i>As the Deer</i> - M. Nystrom		
Coffee Chorus - 8:30 a.m.		
<i>Wondrous Love</i> - arr. W. Cameron		
Chancel Choir - 11:00 a.m.		
*Doxology <i>(sung in unison)</i>		
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
Sending Forth		
*Prayer of Commitment <i>(in unison)</i>		
Loving and Gracious God, we attempt to listen attentively to your voice in our lives. You call us to love you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; but often we struggle to keep our focus on you. Help us to make lifestyle decisions based on a life led in your presence. Remind us this day that we are stewards of our lives and our possessions. You call us to use both wisely, to share them openly, and to give generously. This morning we make a commitment of all that we are and have. We make our financial commitment in an attempt to put you first in our lives. Allow us, O God, to be faithful to this commitment. May our gifts be multiplied by your grace and provide ministries of love and compassion to our neighbors here and around the world, and may our act of genuine stewardship aid in our personal transformation into the likeness of Christ. Amen.		
*Time of Commitment		
*Hymn of Commitment		
No. 593		
<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>		
*Pastoral Benediction		
*Postlude		
<i>What Wondrous Love Is This?</i> - arr. G. Young		

If you are looking for a church home in the Raleigh area we would love for you to become part of our church family here at Pleasant Grove. Please contact the church office for more information about church membership.	
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*please rise in body or in spirit	
The 11:00 a.m. worship service is being broadcast live on the internet and recorded for later viewing.	
Weekly Prayer List	
Concerns: Dian Banker; Susan Paxton; Linda Hufnagel; Gail Waters; Jay Minnick; Steve Clifton; Evelyn Castleberry; Lydia MacKenzie; Diana Barbee; Brenda Cantu; Robbie Stewart; Thelmarene Hooper; Sharon Karlic; Keda Olive; Pam Richardson; Kristina Miller & her daughter; Sandy Castleberry; Bill Krieski’s mom; Warren Williams’s mom; Susan Brosnan’s mom; Stacy Potratz’s mom; Jeannette Day’s mom, dad, & sister; Heather Wilson’s dad; Martin Schreiner’s mom & dad; Nikki Williams’s mom; Kirk Pedersen’s mom; Sandy Jennekens’s mom & dad; Lisa Beers’s mom; Bryan Koprowski’s dad; Virginia Benner’s mother-in-law; Trisha Myers’s daughter, Rachel; Melissa Kennedy’s grandson; Dian Banker’s granddaughter, Sophia; Laura Hammond’s brother, Steve; Brenda Cantu’s sister, Lillian; Diana Barbee’s sister, Gloria; Trisha Myers’s brothers, Bill & John; Vickie McGee’s sister-in-law, Marilyn; Jane & Dale Stokes’s sister-in-law, Doris; Lucinda Sullivan’s cousin, Martha; Jeff & Kristin Hoffmann’s niece, Angie; Betty Pierce’s niece, Donna; John McGlaughlin’s friend, Marc; Philip Strickland’s friend’s husband; Eileen Anderson’s friends, Gail & Eleanor.	
This Week’s Calendar	
Today:	
3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
4:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Choir, Children’s Choir, Middle School & High School Youth
6:30 p.m.	Organ Concert
Monday:	
5:30 p.m.	Great Minds
6:00 p.m.	Sewing Group
7:00 p.m.	Book Club
Tuesday:	
5:30 p.m.	Band Rehearsal
Wednesday:	
10:00 a.m.	Seekers Sunday School Class Trip
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday:	
10:00 a.m.	Little Seedlings
11:00 a.m.	Sewing Group
Friday:	
10:30 a.m.	Friday Folders
Saturday:	
9:00 a.m.	Cantata Rehearsal

**Holy Week at Pleasant Grove**

**Palm Sunday:**

Sunday, April 2

**Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service with communion:**

Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross:**

Friday, April 7, 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt:**

Saturday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.

**Easter Sunday:**

Worship Service followed by a light breakfast: 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service & Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

**Please join us for the next installment of the PGUMC Concert Series this evening at 6:30 p.m.** Dave Rivers will present organ music, ranging from Baroque to Modern. There will be a light reception in the Welcome Center immediately following the concert. Invite your friends and neighbors - all are welcome!

**Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m.!** A light breakfast will be provided followed by an Easter egg hunt for children ages 2 years through 5th grade. For more information please contact Ashley Yohman at [ashley.yohman@pgumc.org](mailto:ashley.yohman@pgumc.org).

**Order an Easter lily to honor or remember a loved one.** Lilies cost \$10 each and we’ll use them to decorate the church on Easter Sunday. Please complete an order form (located in the pew notebooks) and place it in the offering plate. Please indicate on the form if you’d like to keep your lily or donate it. Donated lilies will be delivered to our homebound church members by the Congregational Care Committee. Lily orders must be received by next Sunday, April 2.

**Did you know?** For patients diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, and other life-threatening diseases, a bone marrow or cord blood transplant may be their best or only hope for a cure. Yet 70% of patients who need a transplant do not have a fully matched donor in their family. They depend on *Be The Match* to find a donor to save their life. The Outreach Committee will be providing more information on *Be The Match* at church next Sunday, April 2. Individuals who are between the ages of 18 to 40 will be eligible to join the match registry through a quick two-minute process.

**Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) have been installed in all of our church buildings.** They can be found in the following locations: in the Education Building above the water fountain, in the Hyder House near the water fountain, in the Welcome Center on the back wall, and in the hallway of the Mattie Bell Building. AEDs are used to assist someone experiencing cardiac arrest. Please note their locations in the event of a medical emergency.

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**We welcome Reverend Karen Whitaker to our pulpit this morning. Recently retired from Epworth UMC in Durham, Karen has served 5 appointments in the North Carolina Annual Conference for a total of 41 years. She served at Camp Ground UMC and Avent Ferry UMC and as lead pastor at Epworth UMC, Soapstone UMC, and Genesis UMC. A graduate of High Point University and Duke Divinity School, Karen is a wife, mother of adult children, and daughter of a United Methodist pastor who also served 40 years in the NC Annual Conference.**