

**Service of the Lord's Day**  
**July 30, 2017**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

PRELUDE                      *Solemn Prelude*                      *Larson*

TOWER BELL

LISTENING

OPENING WORDS

CHORAL INTROIT              *Worthy of Worship*                      *Blankenship*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Pastor: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

All: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN 112**              *Give to Our God Immortal Praise* *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

LEARNING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT              *Psalms 105:1-11, 45b*                      *O.T. p. 556*

ANTHEM                      *Here I Am, Lord*                      *arr. Mayfield*

GOSPEL READING              *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*                      *N.T. p. 14*

SERMON                      *"Little Oblivion"*                      *Dr. Steve Fitzgerald*

LINKING

**\*HYMN 816**              *We Give Thee But Thine Own*                      *SCHUMANN*

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**                      *GREATOREX*

THE OFFERING

Offertory                      *The Lord Will Strengthen Thee*                      *Herbek*

**\*The Doxology**                      *OLD HUNDREDTH*

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.

Offertory Prayer

THE MORNING PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN 375**              *Jesus Shall Reign*                      *DUKE STREET*

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**              *God Be with You*                      *Tomer*

**\*POSTLUDE**                      *Andante*                      *Sheppard*

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Floyd and Joye McNeill by Gary and Lynn Hendrix and children.

The PW Council will meet following the morning worship service today.

Please note the scheduled committee meetings listed on the calendar insert.

The Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering will be held on Sunday, August 6, at 4:00 pm in Ropp Hall. All women are encouraged to attend.

The next "Dinner and a Movie" will take place on Wednesday, August 9, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. We will be showing Disney's "Moana."

The Spiritual Development and Congregational Care Committee would like to thank all those who were involved with the Mystery Dinners. Thanks to Holly and Ken MacDonald, Teresa and Jeff McNeill, Delia and John K. McNeill, Wanda McPhaul, and Jodi and Wayne Willis for hosting and providing the dinners. The tables were full. The meals were delicious and everyone had a great time! Donations totaling \$1,730.00 were collected for the continued mission partnership between our church and our friends in Mexico. If you weren't able to attend a dinner but would like to support the project, you may make a donation by designating "Mexico Mission" on your check.

We are happy to announce that the website is launched! Check it out at [www.raefordpres.org](http://www.raefordpres.org). This is an evolving communication tool that will change according to our programs and needs. If you have suggestions for improvement, please share them with Dr. Fitzgerald, Lisa Maxwell or any member of the Spiritual Development and Congregational Care Committee. (Bill Booth, Glenda Lester, Ken MacDonald, Delia McNeill, Wanda McPhaul, Steve Phillips, Chuck Slack, Sharon Smith)

The Officer Nominating Committee is preparing to select the slate of elder nominees for the Class of 2020. Please make any recommendations to one of the committee members: Julian Johnson, Chuck Slack, Steve Phillips, Anne Subaran, Janet Plummer, Betty Smith, and Grace McDonald. Please ask the person you recommend if they would be willing to serve.

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Lois Austin, Edith Averette, Bobby Britt, Letitia Conoly, Bobby Cox, Charlie Davis, David Dombkowski, Shirley Gibson, Julian Johnson, Susan McColl, Jessica McGougan, Wayne Mills, Kay Norris, Bill Poole, Becky Smith, Ralph Tindall, our missionaries: Dan and Elizabeth Turk; and members of the United States Armed Forces.

**Door Duty:** John K. McNeill, Dale Teal, Johnny Smith, Delia McNeill  
**Nursery Duty:** Elizabeth and Katharine McNeill  
**Nursery Duty Next Week:** John K. and Delia McNeill

## This Week at Raeford Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 30	9:15 am	Prayer & Reflection
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00 pm	PW Council Mtg.
Tuesday, August 1	7:30 am	Prayer & Reflection
	5:00 pm	Spiritual Dev. Mtg.
Wednesday, August 2	6:00 pm	Youth
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, August 3	11:00 am	Theological Thursday
Sunday, August 6	9:00 am	Christian Ed. Mtg.
	9:15 am	Prayer & Reflection
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	4:00 pm	PW Fall Gathering

### August Circle Meetings:

Circle #1 – Sunday, August 13, at 4:00 pm in Ropp Hall.

Circle #2 – Not meeting in August.

Circle #3 – Monday, August 7, at 6:00 pm for dinner.

Join us at  
"All Things OCC"  
Operation Christmas Child Workshop

Saturday, August 5 from 2 - 4 PM  
At Aberdeen First Baptist Church  
700 North Sandhills Blvd.  
Aberdeen, NC 28315

Featuring Shoebox Recipient Dania Yadago!  
Dania received a shoebox gift as a child in the Middle East. Join us to hear her incredible story! Enjoy breakout sessions on shoebox packing, getting more involved with OCC, and more!