

Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

Raleigh, North Carolina



World Communion Sunday
October Fourth
Two-Thousand and Fifteen

* Worshipers are invited to stand.

The Worship of God

October 4, 11:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday

GATHERING

Welcome to Pullen. Feel free to greet those around you before the service. Visitors are invited to complete a Welcome Guest card and place it in the offering plate later in the service. Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices. Please refrain from flash photography.

Organ Prelude

Communion

Louis Vierne

Bringing the Light

* **Call to Worship**

Cathy Tamsberg

Leader: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

People: We gather with them in heart and mind.

Leader: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

People: As part of that body we join in its unity.

Leader: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Leader: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

* **Hymn 2 (In Our Own Voice)** *Eternal God, Who Searching Eye Doth Scan* OIKOUMENIKOS

Statement of Worship

Nancy E. Petty

Song of Blessing 437

Go Now in Peace

GO IN PEACE

Children in kindergarten through 2nd Grade may follow the light to their service of worship.

Worship with the Northern Hemisphere

Spiritual Wisdom from our Cuban Sisters and Brothers

Song

God, Replenish Your Peace

Mantanzas, Cuba

Stanzas 1-2: Choir; Stanzas 1-2 repeated: All

1. God, re - plen - ish your peace in midst of all your peo - ple.
2. Dios, re - nue - va tu paz en me - dio de tu pue - blo.

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* (*Chalice Hymnal, 60*)

O Sing a Song to God

Mexico

Stanza 1 (English) & Refrain (Spanish): Choir – Stanza 2 (English) & Refrain (Spanish): All

Prayers

Judy Mays

Worship with the Southern Hemisphere

Spiritual Wisdom from our Zimbabwean Sisters and Brothers

Song

Wana Baraka

Kenyan Song

(Translation: *They have blessings, those who pray: Jesus himself said so. Alleluia!*)

All singing:
Wa-na Ba-ra - ka wa-le-wa-om - ba-o Wa-na Ba-ra - ka wa-le-wa-om - ba-o

Choir Response:
Wa-na Ba-ra - ka wa-le-wa-om - ba-o Ye - su mwen - ye - we a - li - se - ma.

All singing:
Al - le - lu - ya, Al - le - lu - ya, Al - le - lu - ya, Al - le - lu - ya,

Choir Response:
Al - le - lu - ya, Al - le - lu - ya, Ye - su mwen - ye - we a - li - se - ma.

Prayers

Nancy Jones

Worship with the Eastern Hemisphere

Spiritual Wisdom from our Georgian Sisters and Brothers

Song (insert)

A Georgian Prayer

Tibilisi, Georgia

First Time: Choir with Congregation humming; Second Time: All with words or hum

Tsmi - da - o gmer - to tsmi - da - o dzli - e - ro

tsmi - da - o u - u - kwda - o

she - gwi - tska - len chwen.

Prayers

James Crook

Worship with the Western Hemisphere

Spiritual Wisdom from our Nicaraguan Sisters and Brothers

*Song (*Chalice Hymnal*, 422) *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Jamaican Tune

Prayers

David Anderson

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Statement

Piano Offertory

One Bread, One Body

Arr. John Carter

SHARING COMMUNION

Worshippers move forward to partake of communion by intinction, the ancient tradition of dipping the bread into the cup. Communion will be brought to those who prefer to remain seated. Reflecting our conviction that God's grace is for all people, everyone, regardless of religious tradition, is invited to receive the bread and the cup. Gluten-free bread is available in the center bowl.

Invitation to the Table – Wisdom from Our CCN Partnership

Receiving the Bread and Cup

* Passing of the Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, you may greet those around you with such words as: "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response: "And also with you."

Choral Response

Commonwealth of Love

Chris O'Hara

*the winning anthem of Pullen's 2015 Church Music Search,
exclaiming the hope for worldwide justice, freedom, peace and love.*

We will climb a mountain, a mountain far above;

We will build together, it will last forever, a commonwealth of Love.

Hold on to the vision that strife one day will cease;

It's a hope of justice, It's a hope of freedom, O it's the hope of Peace.

To a world that is searching,
to a world that is hungry,
an answer comes
through the voice of an angel
in the grace of the rising sun.
Through the noise of the city,
in the heat of a battle
we hear the song:
a song that fills the air
and floods the world with Light!

When you pass through the desert
and thirst overtakes you,
you'll feel no harm;
you'll find strength for the journey:
take a drink from the spring of life.
When you're lost and despairing,
when you live beyond caring,
new hope is here:
now is the dawn of a new
covenant with Love!

RESPONDING

* Invitation

Pullen welcomes you to join our faith community by coming forward during the final hymn. If you would like more information about Pullen before joining, please contact the church office to arrange a meeting with our pastor.

* Hymn 687

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

* Benediction

* Congregational Response

Commonwealth of Love

O'Hara

1. We will climb a moun - tain, a moun-tain far a -
bove; we will build to - geth - er, it will stand for -
ev - er, a com - mon - wealth of Love. (*Repeat)

Organ Postlude

Trumpeting

Dale Wood

Following the worship service simple refreshments are served in the parlor to welcome visitors. Church members are invited to attend, to visit with each other, and to assist in welcoming our guests. The hosts this morning are Sarah Almlad and Brooks Wicker.

The flowers on the back table today are placed in honor of the birthday of Dr. Roger Crook, beloved professor, writer, pastor, friend and fellow traveler of so many at Pullen and Meredith College.

Bringing prayers for our international partners are Judy Mays, Nancy Jones, James Crook and David Anderson. Each person offering the prayer has visited the partnership for which they pray. Communion servers this Sunday are our five international partnership in Cuba, Nicaragua, Republic of Georgia, Zimbabwe and Coventry England. Offering music for worship are Janice Hocutt, organist/pianist; The Chancel Choir; Ted Buckner, bassist; and Larry E. Schultz, Minister of Music.

Worship Assistants: Derrick Davis, Heidi McLean, Eddie Cash, John McLean, Hyach Rahlan, Jimmy Smith, Chris Kelly, Karen Kelly, Betty A. Adkinson, Cathy Wagoner, Steve Edwards, Sally Walton and Garry Walton.

Acolytes: Bryce Morse and Jack Rakestraw.

JOIN US FOR 5:05 WORSHIP TONIGHT IN POTEAT CHAPEL

We're excited to offer time to extend and deepen our communal experience of worship. 5:05 is designed to add energy to our spiritual lives in an intimate format that complements Sunday morning service.

Our time will include music making, a short sermon with talk-back, and prayer sharing. We'll focus on the short parables of Jesus.

All are invited. The experience lasts 45 minutes to encourage people to build community by going to dinner together afterward.

October 4, October 18, November 1 and November 15.

“Having such an intimate worship in an amazingly spiritual space was a refreshing and enlightening way to experience worship at Pullen.”

—Emily Mays

“A member of this church since 1961, I don't recall Pullen ever having regular Sunday evening services. This 'new thing' five-oh-five was precious (i.e. valuable, significant, worth continuing). Singing, prayers, candle lighting, parables, laughter and conversation. Small children walking about. Grown-ups of all ages participating. Peaceful, but not silent. A restful, affirming, rejuvenating event. People departed with smiling faces.”

—Suzanne Newton



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