



*The People of God in Worship
October 8, 2017
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

THE GREETING

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

THE CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

THE PRELUDE

Please consider the organ prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

Leader: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,
All: To the rising of this life itself.
Leader: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,
All: The hand of God between us and each hand.
Leader: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,
All: The love of Christ between us and each love.
Leader: O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day
All: Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 215**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 108:1-6

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mr. Richard Bowhay

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

The Community

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

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arr. Douglas E. Wagner

THE MORNING PRAYER

The Rev. Kristie Miles

***THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 667**

Lord, Speak to Me

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mrs. Georgeann Snead

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE TODAY

How to Sleep Through a Sermon

The Rev. Kristie Miles

(1 Samuel 3:1-11, Matthew 25:1-13, and Acts 20:7-12)

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

***HYMN No. 589**

Here I Am, Lord

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Kristie Miles

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

***THE POSTLUDE**

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- * The ushers will seat those waiting.
 - * Those who are able, please stand.
 - * Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Copies of last week's sermon outline and the current prayer list are in the narthex.

The beautiful flowers in the worship room today are given by Clif and Bundy Potter in honor of all the members and friends of the congregation who contribute to the mission of the Worship Team.

Kristie Miles currently serves as the Chaplain at Westminster Canterbury in Lynchburg. She came to Lynchburg in March, 2014, with her husband, Brian, who is also a Presbyterian minister, and their son, Joseph, who is 12 years old. Previously she has served as Parish Associate for West New Bern Presbyterian Church in New Bern, NC, and as Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator for 3HC Home Health and Hospice Care agency. She is a graduate of UNC-G with Bachelor degrees in Religious Studies and English Literature and a Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

Offertory Emphasis

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is responding to the devastation left in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. In keeping with CBF's focus on long-term impact, CBF Disaster Response participates in networks seeking to help communities after a devastating event, but employs most of its resources on the long-term recovery, rehabilitation and resiliency of a community after first-responders have finished their work.

Your tax deductible gifts will support the provision of goods and services through CBF partners to those affected as needs become known. If you would like to make a contribution, you can visit CBF's disaster response page and give online: <https://www.classy.org/checkout/donation?eid=144748>. Thanks!

Please join me in prayer.

We are grateful to cooperate with fellow Baptists across the nation in a ministry of disaster response. We invest our gifts to support planning, supporting, and partnering with local faith leaders that promote long-term recovery in hurricane devastated regions. We reach out in compassion for all those in physical and spiritual need. Amen.