

Dear CCPC friends,

Remember that ketchup commercial from the 1970s? The one with the focus on "anticipation" that said "the taste is worth the wait"? I have been thinking about that commercial and about the Carly Simon song that played in the background with the lyrics, "Anticipation, it's making me wait." I know that many of you have been in a mode of anticipation just like me. But, our wait is nearly over! On Sunday, July 11, we will be worshipping in person in our beautiful sanctuary! This will be a first for me and for any newcomers who have joined us during quarantine. But, I know that for many of you returning to that sacred space will most likely bring back a flood of memories. I have heard stories of some of them: weddings, baptisms, children's antics, animated sermons, and even the all-famous "bat Sunday."

As we anticipate worshipping together, I also anticipate the memories we will make together, and the way in which we will seek to build the kingdom of God, together, in that sacred space. In Paul's letter to the Romans, he tells them "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (8:18) Could it be possible that the loneliness, alienation, and loss of momentum that we have suffered during our time apart is "not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" once we are together again? After all, we know that plans are already afoot for fellowship, baptisms, music, puppets, expanding our reach through live streaming, and so much more.

One thing is for sure, even though we will be able to worship together, it will not be the same. So much has changed since March of 2020. There will surely be a sense of loss alongside the joy, and God will be present for all of it, right alongside us.

So friends, for the next few days, I encourage you to reside in a sense of joyful anticipation, waiting for July 11th, waiting for the beauty of being in church together, in person, once again.

Peace,
Pastor Susan





OH THANK HEAVEN

for

7/11



Join Us for Church @ 10am

and stay for the Outdoors Church Social

Fellowship

Fun

Lemonade

Games

Ice Cream

Iced Tea

Prizes

Welcome Back CCPC



Welcome Back to In-Person Worship!

We welcome you back for our in-person worship service on Sunday, July 11th at 10 am.
If you are watching online, please note our virtual service will begin at 12 noon.

News from NCP

We recently elected a new moderator and vice-moderator for the coming year. Diane Walton Hendricks was elected to serve as moderator. She is the pastor at Clifton Presbyterian Church in Virginia. She received her Doctor of Ministry from Virginia Theological Seminary and her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Diane is a practicing spiritual director. In her time at NCP, she has served actively on the Church Development Committee and its working groups. Shani Mcilwain was elected as vice-moderator. Shani is a ruling elder at Faith Presbyterian Church in DC. She also serves on the NCP Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Spiritual Formation Team, and Young Adult Volunteer Board. She is the co-moderator of Black Presbyterians United, and a strategy team member with the NEXT Church organization. She also serves as a pulpit supply preacher, retreat leader, and sought-after conference speaker.

Race & Diversity

August Book Discussion

Join us via Zoom for a discussion of the book [Microaggressions in Ministry](#) by Sanders & Yarber, on the first three Friday evenings in August: 6, 13, & 20. This book explores big and small changes we will consider for increasing our welcome to people from marginalized communities. Questions? Ask Dennis Evans or Ann Fleming, or anyone on the Race & Diversity Committee.

Your Chance to Serve!

Check Out these Opportunities to Serve at CCPC!

If you (or someone you know) could help, please contact Olivia MacMillan at livmacmilly@gmail.com.

- Slides + Display - learn how to run the slides for the service, as well as for the broadcast out to the internet
- Camera Switching - learn how to switch between cameras and how and when to focus in on those who are speaking
- Sound + Audio Control - learn how to manage the sound (and how to be the one to control any of that pesky feedback we used to get!)
- Digital Ministry - learn to help engage with others online on Facebook as well as on our live online broadcast on our church website (a great way to help if you aren't local or able to come back to CCPC in person for a while!)

Thank you for prayerfully considering!

CCPC Blood Drive!

Our next Blood Drive with Anne Arundel Medical Center is scheduled for July 16, 2021 between 8:30am until 2:00pm in the CCPC parking lot. Please sign up! The need for blood is as great as ever.

You can signup [here](#).

To donate blood, you must be:

- ♥ Between 17 and 74 years old; 16 with parental consent
- ♥ In good health;
- ♥ At least 110 lbs;
- ♥ You can give blood while taking most medications.



**HELP SAVE A LIFE +
GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD**



We encourage you to start eating iron-rich foods one week prior to donation. All donations benefit the Anne Arundel Medical Center. 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives! A form of ID is required to donate blood. Thank you!

Handbells, Handbells, Handbells!

Twelve months ago, our “Covid bell ensemble” began as a duo and gradually grew into a septet by this Spring. Clinquant, our adult handbell choir, is now back in nearly “full force.” We look forward to participating on a regular basis in both the Sunday morning “live” services and the Facebook “virtual” services! It is our goal to provide special music at least once a month. At this time we have **three vacant positions** which we would like to fill as soon as possible. While the ability to read music is desirable, it is not a prerequisite. If you can keep a steady beat and count to four, you just passed the audition! We rehearse at a socially safe distance on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-8:45. If you are interested, please contact Rick Osborne.



Children's Handbell Choir!

Beginning in September, the Children's Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday mornings immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. These rehearsals will take place at a socially safe distance in Dodd's Hall. Children age 5-12 are welcome to join us! If you have a child who is interested, please contact Rick Osborne.

CCPC Reopening!

CCPC WILL BE REOPENING OUR BUILDING FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JULY 11!

The Session voted Monday night to approve the recommendation from the Reopening Task Force and reopen for worship on July 11. In this phase we will also open Dodds Hall and the outside grounds to CCPC groups like youth group, women's circles, and book clubs. These meetings must be coordinated with the church office.

Here are a few of the guidelines that will continue to be in place for now as we reopen the doors:

- + Members of the Congregation will be socially distanced 6 feet apart (family units will not have to distance from one another)
- + We will require masks while in church
- + No live singing
- + There will be no coffee hour in Dodds Hall, but we will offer outdoor refreshment and fellowship when the weather permits

At the same time we reopen the church, we will be transitioning how we stream our Sunday morning service (we will continue to offer an online worship service option) We expect a few bumps in the road as we work to reopen and switch to live streaming and we hope you will hang in there with us as we work to smooth those bumps.

We can't wait to see you all as we return to our beautiful sanctuary!

There are many things to be worked out, but here are some questions we anticipate:

Q: Why aren't we reopening sooner?

A: Reopening the building takes a lot more planning than closing the building. We want to make sure we are doing it in a thoughtful and safe manner. Additionally, the extra time between now and July 11 will give more people (especially those with kids 12-16) time to get fully vaccinated.

Q. Will we have communion?

A. We will have communion but it will be different than in the past. There are individually packed elements that we will use (those who have attended some of the vesper services are familiar with these).

Q. Will we have the passing of the peace?

A. We will still have an opportunity for you to greet fellow worshipers, but it will be socially distant and contactless. Like many parts of worship, there will be some parts that are familiar and some that are different.

Q. What about Children's Church?

A. Our volunteers will be reaching out to parents to determine whether they plan to attend church in person with their children, and their comfort level with Children's Church.

Q. What about outside groups using CCPC?

A. During this phase of reopening only CCPC groups can hold meetings and activities. We will open to outside groups in the next phase at a time yet to be determined.

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CCPC, the first Protestant church in Levitt Bowie, was born from a passion for Christian mission in the local community, and this focus continues.

*Our Mission: To worship God, to grow in faith and community,
and to place our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ.*

Please remember CCPC in your will.



Belair Cooperative Nursery School

The school is a non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-partisan organization. It's located in the CE Building of Christian Community Presbyterian Church.

Call 301-464-5782 or Email info@belaircoop.org

www.belaircoop.org



Imagine - Yoga & Wellness Center



Located in the CE building, offers yoga and a variety of wellness programs to CCPC members and the community. For more information, visit

www.ImagineThePlace.com, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail

info@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.

