

Deep Common Journey Partners

Partnership with an organization in mission toward learning to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Please visit Blacknall's website for more information.

CONGO INITIATIVE

Please pray for Noé, Bethany and their three children. Due to ongoing security issues and the Ebola outbreak, they are temporarily living near Kampala, Uganda and don't know when they will return to Beni. UCBC faces a difficult year. With the Ebola outbreak and the ongoing violence in Beni, plans for the academic year are in a great deal of flux. Pray for lasting peace in the region and for the upcoming national elections scheduled for December 23.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, INC.

Will you be in Durham this Thanksgiving? If so, please consider including an international student or two in your family gathering. Register by Nov. 10 at www.ivolunteers.website. Contact: Dan Kronstad (dkronstad@isionline.org) or Scott Hawkins (scott.hawkins@duke.edu).

Families Moving Forward

In preparation for Blacknall's two days of service at FMF, the Barrel of Joy will be placed in the lower atrium the next two Sundays (Nov 4 and 11) to receive items for the families residing at FMF. (Anne will provide a list closer to the time.) These simple gifts make living at FMF much easier for these families as they look towards sustainable permanent housing. If you would like to serve on Nov 12 or 13, contact Anne Paulson (annepaulson1@gmail.com).

REALITY MINISTRIES

Pass the Peas is Blacknall's opportunity to serve the members of Reality Ministries on Tuesday evenings. To help with dinners, please contact Noreen Naiman (noreennaiman@gmail.com).

Community Events

Conviction 2018: Songs of Faith from Women in Prison – Oct. 30, 7-8:30 p.m. Duke Chapel. Two formerly incarcerated women will be sharing their testimony and performing their music alongside local professional musicians. Visit ipmforwomen.org to reserve your seats.

Chefs for Change Dessert Gala – Nov. 16, 6-9 p.m. An evening of celebration, local desserts, auction/raffle, and live entertainment benefitting Families Moving Forward. \$50 tickets at fmfnc.org/gala.

Finance

July 1-September 30, 2018

Actual Offering: \$294,815

Offering Need: \$353,875

Ahead/(Behind): (\$59,060)

Thank you for your generous gifts to support the ongoing ministry of Blacknall. Our fiscal year runs from July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019 with a total ministry budget of \$1,608,522.

We rejoice in the Lord's generosity to our church family and thank you for participating in our mission.

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BLACKNALL
MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 28, 2018

Songs of Adoration

"Holy! Holy! Holy!"

Invocation

"Forever"

"You Are Worthy"

Andrew Brunson

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 96

"God Be In My Head"

Rutter

Prayers of Confession

Response of Gratitude: "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

We 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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Blessing

Age 4 – 2nd grade may leave for Children's & Junior Church

Welcome! Whether you are a guest or attend regularly, we hope you will find the rich presence of God, the warmth of genuine fellowship, and the abiding truth of the Word.

Thank you for silencing your cell phones and pagers during the service. Hearing assistance units are available; please speak to one of the deacons.

The flowers in the foyer today are given in gratitude by Tim & Pam Pennigar, who are celebrating 30 years of marriage. The flowers in the sanctuary are in celebration of the wedding between Paul J. McKenna and Remedios A. Cebal, which took place yesterday at Blacknall.



Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Blacknall is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Fellowship Community.

The Word & the Sacrament

Proclamation of the Word: Acts 4:23-31 *Allan Poole*
(Pew Bible page 1094)

Song of Response: “We Were Made”

The Bread and the Cup *Gluten-free elements by request at piano*

Life Together

Presenting Our Gifts

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Benediction

Prayer Team: Pete Gerend & Hank Humphrey

About the Music

What is worship? (ah, a simple topic...NOT!) Let's begin by saying what it isn't: Worship is not an emotional state, a feeling – in other words, affection for a song is not worship. That does not mean that worship is unemotional! Worship, at its core, involves recognizing and declaring that God is worthy (“worth-ship”) of praise and glory and reverence, “simply” because He is. (At the same time, we recognize that we are absolutely not worthy, of forgiveness, mercy, etc.) And the flip side of that coin – perhaps we can refer to it as the “personal” side – our worship is a response to how He has chosen to relate to us. Look at the vivid phrase in the middle of the remarkable prayer-song by Andrew Brunson, “You Are Worthy” – “adopted as a son, a brother to my King.” God's relationship with us is in itself a declaration of His worthy-of-worship character. By His hand and heart, we are declared to be “a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, *His treasured possession.*” (from Deuteronomy 7) Our worship is a response from the Treasured Ones to the One Who Treasures, from the unworthy (who in God's economy is worth much) to the only One who is worthy of worship. What statement, what response, would be appropriate to Him? Let's bend the knee, and together sing a new song.

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone.
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame.
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess: My worth, and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, well-spring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church is called to glorify the Triune God, to make known the crucified and risen Christ, and to advance the Kingdom that God is building in us, in Durham, and around the world.

Our Life Together

Thanksgiving & Prayer Requests

We rejoice with Paul McKenna and Remy Cebal in their marriage yesterday, and with Deb & Aaron Ebert in the birth of their son Knox Andrew Ebert on October 10.

Pray for Blacknall missionary Stacy Rinehart, who founded MentorLink Leadership Institute in January 2000, based upon the servanthood model set forth by Christ in Mark 10: “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.” Prayer requests: 1) the November International Leadership Conference to be a time of camaraderie and divine direction; 2) thanksgiving for Jessica, who has assumed Stacy's role as MentorLink manager; 3) Stacy's focus on mentoring and training international leaders; 4) grandson Andrew's Crohn's disease to go into remission.

Church Programs & Events

Today – Chris Blumhofer Ordination, 11 a.m. Worship Service. We rejoice in the ordination of Chris Blumhofer, which will take place within the 11 a.m. worship service. Chris attended Blacknall for 10 years, served as an Elder, and is under care of the session. He recently moved to California to accept a position at Fuller Theological Seminary. Blacknall is grateful for Chris his wife, Stephanie Wheatley, and their children, Chloë and Marika.

Today – Dance Worship, 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship Services. We give thanks for the children's dance worship team.

Mission Celebration Dinner – Sunday, Nov. 4, 6-7:30 p.m. Gather to pray, celebrate, and hear stories from our mission partners and one another of what God has been doing. Please note this has been moved to the first Sunday of the month due to the women's retreat.

Children's Ministry

Children's & Junior Church – A continuation of the worship service in their own space is offered for children after the Children's Blessing. Children's Church is for 4 and 5 year olds in Room 105, and Junior Church is for 1st and 2nd graders in Room 112. Please pick up your children promptly after the 11 a.m. service.

Youth Ministry

Middle School BYG meets tonight in the Corner Room, 5-6:30 p.m. Contact: Tanya Kronstad at tkronstad@blacknall.org.

High School Dinner Out – Meet tonight at 5 p.m. at Blacknall and please bring cash for dinner on 9th Street. We will return to Blacknall by 6:30 p.m. Contact: Brad Turnage at bturnage@blacknall.org.

Women's Ministry

Women's Brunch – Saturday, Nov. 10, 9:30-11 a.m. at Christi Hinkle's home (816 Duluth St., Durham). For those who are unable to get away for the weekend retreat but would welcome a brief time of fellowship, let's gather for good food and conversation. We'll open with a prayer for our sisters at Valle Crucis. RSVP and dietary restrictions to Hillary Train (hillary.train@gmail.com).

Blacknall Women's Retreat – Nov. 9-11 at Valle Crucis Conference Center. Speaker Heidi Stern will guide us through the practice of cultivating calm and stillness in storms, drawing on Jesus' experience. The fee is \$155 and scholarships are still available. (Contact Carrie Dombeck, cbdombeck@gmail.com for scholarship application.) Visit blacknall.org/women to register, the deadline is Nov. 1.

Announcements

Cape Fear Habitat Work Day – Sat. Nov. 3. Blacknall is joining with Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity on to “muck out” houses damaged by the hurricanes. We will carpool from Blacknall around 5:30 a.m., work 8-2 p.m., and then drive home. Sign up at vhub.at/blacknall. Can't go Nov. 3? Grab your small group or Sunday school class and sign up for another day at capefearhabitat.volunteerhub.com. Contact: Rick Copland (racopland@gmail.com) or Bob Leslie (bleslie3@nc.rr.com)

Daylight Saving Time Ends – Sunday, Nov. 4. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, Nov. 3.