



**Colonial Church**  
*in Prairie Village*

www.colonialucc.org  
913-362-7735

July 31, 2016  
10:15 a.m.

**The Colonial Church in Prairie Village—United Church of Christ  
“God’s Voice Calling Out in the Busynes” Sunday Worship Service**

*Please silence your electronic devices in preparation for worship.*

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**We Gather as God’s Beloved People**

**Gathering Music**

*Italian Hymn*

-Proulx

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

(Please sign and pass pew pads and fill out Prayer Request cards you may have. You can place the Prayer Request cards in the offering plates later in the service.)

Leader: God is good...

**People: all the time!**

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**A Time of Confession**

Invitation to Confession

“Now is the time when we bring our own stories before God...”

Story of Confession

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Grace

**Sacrament of Baptism for Eleanor Knoll**

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we are here to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

**People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God’s call to us. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of us all.**

Pastor: Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?"

**People: Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness." So John agreed to baptize Jesus.**

Pastor: When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him.

**People: A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."**

Pastor: At another time Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you."

### **Baptismal Hymn #325 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise***

\* **Sharing God's Welcome** (Greet everyone in the hope of peace and friendship.)

### **Children's Conversation**

(Children of all ages are welcome to come forward to the chancel steps. Following the Conversation, children are welcome to remain to worship or to participate in our Sunday School.)

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

## **We Hear a Word from God**

**A Word Proclaimed  
God's Voice Calling Out in the Busyness**

-Pastor Caitie Smith

Express your thoughts via social media at #ColonialUCC

## **We Respond with Gratitude and Prayer**

\* Hymn #469

*O Grant Us Light (Vs 1 & 2)*

### **A Time of Gifts and Offerings**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God*

-Dupre

(Our weekly offering includes food collected to help fill local pantries.)

\* Doxology (#780 adapted; tune Old Hundredth)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below;***

***Praise God above, you heavenly host:***

***Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.***

\* Blessing the Offering

**Holy One, the time is always now for justice and love. Teach us to make time, to do justice and love mercy with these gifts. Amen.**

### **A Time of Prayer**

Prayers of the People

Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer, after each expression, the Pastor will say:

LORD, in your mercy.

And the people may respond:

**Hear our prayer.**

Praying in Silence

Our Lord's Prayer ("Our Father" is the traditional way this prayer begins. You are invited to use whatever name for God you find most meaningful (Father, Mother, Creator, God, etc.). These names for God create a beautiful chorus.)

**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.**

## **We Depart to Serve**

\* Hymn #393

***Blessed Be the Tie that Binds***

\* **Renew Our Covenant** (Turn towards the center aisle as we bless one another with the promise of our covenant.)

**We covenant with the Lord and with one another and do bind ourselves in the presence of God to walk together in Christian Love. We seek to worship God in spirit and in truth and to love our neighbors as ourselves. With God's help we will honor Colonial Church in our conduct, support its program, and extend the influence of Christ throughout the world.**

\* **Congregational Song of Blessing #809 *God Be With You***

***God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.***

***O God be with you, God be with you, God be with you till we meet again.***

\* **Benediction and Postlude** *Komm, Gott Schöpfer*

-Leavitt

God bless Eleanor Frances Knoll on her baptism today. Eleanor's parents are Jason and Danielle Knoll. Her Godparent is Layne Anonsen.

Liturgist:	Jayne Quimby
Videographer:	Geoff Robinson
Worship Graphics Operator:	Hayden Huggins
Children's Conversation:	Martha Wofford
Greeter:	Ancel Neuburger
Head Usher:	Mariam Fleming
Ushers:	Chester Bender, Mariam Fleming Frank Robertson, Peter Sandstrom

## Colonial Church Bible Study Guide

Our 10:00am Thursday morning Bible Study is beginning a read through of the entire Bible over the course of a few years. Each week we will meet to discuss the readings and explore any questions that come up. If you would like to take part in the study, simply come on Thursdays or signup for the group via InFellowship from the church website.

Even if you cannot come on Thursday mornings, you can email Pastor Aaron.

*Keep the simple point in mind: our primary purpose is not simply learning information about the Bible. It is hearing God speak.*

### **This week's readings:**

Sunday, July 31 - Worship

Monday, August 1 - Read Genesis 19 - The Depravity of Sodom

Tuesday, August 2 - Read Matthew 5 - The Beatitudes

Wednesday, August 3 - Read Genesis 20 - Abraham and Sarah at Gerar

Thursday, August 4 - Read Matthew 6 - Concerning Almsgiving

Friday, August 5 - No Readings

Saturday, August 6 - Read Genesis 21 - The Birth of Isaac

July 31, 2016 United Church of Christ Mission Moment - Luke 12:13-21

### Soul Investment

Security, says Jesus, isn't what it's cracked up to be. So you think if you make a zillion dollars and you put it in a vault somewhere that you will be secure, safe and able to live happily. If money is no longer a worry, you might think you'll be able to relax. But such hoarded treasure cannot stop aging and death nor answer the mystery of when life will end or how long good health will be yours. Greed is more than acquisition. It's what we count on as security, as the bedrock, the foundation, or ultimate value of our lives. And, says Jesus, be wary of storing up treasure for your self. Be rich toward God, he says.

Be rich toward God? What does God need or want that money could buy? How are we to be rich toward God? Perhaps these are some ways . . .

To be rich toward God we might:

- Remember to whom the world belongs
- Remember that life is like a cloud – full of appearance and impermanence
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- Open our eyes to see the world as God does—and open our arms
- Open our hearts to the beauty of human faces
- Embrace a world of rich diversity
- • Live as if the Realm of God is here, now
- Love others to distraction
- Pray constantly and practice the presence of God
- Forgive often
- Share our resources
- Really reject racism and get to know someone who isn't like us
- Speak up in support of the powerless
- Love this creation and love your life
- Add at least ten more things to this list!



# *The Sunday Crier*

July 31, 2016

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## **2nd Sunday ACE Classes Christianity 101**

On the 2nd Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. between our worship services we are going to explore the basics of Christian faith. Pastor Aaron will lead the classes, which are about 1/2 hour long in the Cambridge Room. The topics and dates are: Made in the Image of God? – August 14; Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up? – September 18 (note special date); Revelation or Delusion? – October 9; Following Jesus' Way – November 13. Sign up for these classes on the signup board in the narthex or at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/GroupSearch/ShowGroup/2084138>.

## **Donation of Services**

The Board of Property Management has been approached by another Colonial member who owns their own business with a donation of services! The Herbst family, owners of a local cleaning service, has volunteered to donate carpet cleaning services to Colonial. We don't yet know how much or which carpets, but this generous donation is yet another example of a village raising a church. A special thanks to the Herbsts for offering us this service!

## **Feed the Hungry Donations**

Food pantries welcome all the non-perishable foods you donate because they know hungry people will be walking through the doors every day they are open. However, they also welcome foods that need refrigeration as well. Sometimes stores will have special sales on margarine, cheese or other dairy products. Or fruits or vegetables. Gardeners may have abundant crops to share. Any items that won't melt or decompose for about two hours in the red wagon on Sunday morning will conveniently find a cold spot by noon and be delivered the next day. And they will help someone enjoy a more healthy diet.

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*Altar  
Flowers*

The beautiful flowers on the altar are provided by BRUCE AND JANE EDWARDS in celebration of their 33rd wedding anniversary.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Men's Breakfast Group

Join us Tuesday, August 2, at 8:00 am at Perkins on 87th Street (north side) between 69 Alternate and I-35. Tim Owens is scheduled to share his insights into governance in Kansas. Tim is always interesting and has the perspective on years in the capitol in Topeka. You might even want to invite a friend.

### Sermon Series Survey

Help Pastor Aaron develop sermon series for worship services at Colonial Church this coming year. Take this short survey – <http://tinyurl.com/sermon-planning>

### Colonial Women Activities

- **Colonial Women Coffee.** Monday, August 1, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.
- **Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, August 9, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village.
- **Book Group.** Friday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stacey Algren. All are welcome to join the group which will be discussing *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. Eighty-five-year-old Addie tells the story of her life to her 22-year-old granddaughter, who has asked her “How did you get to be the woman you are today?” She begins in 1915, the year she found her voice and made friends who would help shape the course of her life. From the one-room tenement apartment she shared with her parents and two sisters, to the library group for girls she joins at a neighborhood settlement house, to her first, disastrous love affair, Addie recalls her adventures with compassion for the naïve girl she was and a wicked sense of humor. Save the date: Friday, October 7, home of Stephanie Graff. We will discuss *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks.

**Join Artists Helping the Homeless and Colonial Church** on the 4th Sunday of every month as we seek to serve those in need. Help is needed for shopping, cooking, baking, and serving the meal. Meals will be served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial>.

**Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate.** The Justice and Witness Committee will offer a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of each month following the 10:15 service.

**Ink Cartridge Recycling.** Colonial youth are recycling as part of a fundraising program. Working with Evolve Recycling, they are collecting laser and inkjet cartridges, iPods, laptops, digital cameras, GPS devices and used cell phones while raising funds for our youth. Drop your items in the box by the office. Laptops should be taken to the office. Periodically, we ship the items collected to the Global Re-Source Funding offices, at no cost to us. Evolve Recycling periodically sends us a check for those items sent in. Please help the environment and our youth by bringing your items for recycling.

**THE WEEK AHEAD****TODAY, July 31**

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

**MONDAY, August 1**

9:30 a.m.—Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit.

**TUESDAY, August 2**

8:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins.

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

**WEDNESDAY, August 3**

9:30 a.m.—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops.

**THURSDAY, August 4**

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study, Pastor Aaron's Office.

3:30 p.m.—Justice and Witness Committee, Library

**FRIDAY, August 5**

8:00 a.m.—Quiltmakers, Social Hall.

**SUNDAY, August 7**

8:30 a.m.—Worship.

9:15 a.m.—That Was the Week That Was, Library.

10:15 a.m.—Worship.

10:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

11:15 a.m.—Lemonade on the Lawn.

**TUESDAY, August 9**

9:30 a.m.—Book Group, Heritage Room.

5:30 p.m.—Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops.

**WEDNESDAY, August 10**

9:30 a.m.—Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers - Prairie Village Shops.

## GUEST INFORMATION

**Welcome to Colonial Church in Prairie Village!** We are glad you have worshiped with us today. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to call our church office at 913-362-7735. Aaron Roberts, our senior pastor, is here Monday-Thursday of each week and his email address is [aaron@colonialucc.org](mailto:aaron@colonialucc.org).

**A fully staffed nursery** is available each Sunday morning from 8:20 to 11:30 a.m. Ask any of the ushers for directions to the nursery.

**Hearing Devices**—Hearing-assisted devices and large-print bulletins are available in the narthex. The worship service this morning can also be heard in the library.

**Giving Cards**—Giving Cards are available in the pew racks for anyone who contributes financially through EFT or periodically. To participate in the offering, take a card and place it into the offering plate as they are passed.

**Children’s Sunday School**—Children preschool through 6th grade may leave after the Children’s Conversation at the 10:15 a.m. worship service to go to class.

**Youth Group**—The Colonial Church Youth Group welcomes 7th through 12th grade students. Sunday gatherings are in the youth room (the Savoy Room) at 10:15 a.m. The room is open for youth to come, relax, and enjoy one another’s company prior to the Sunday service. Service and fellowship activities are planned throughout the year.

**Colonial Choir**—Choir for all ages. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room, September-May.

**Watch our Weekly Services and Sermons**—You can watch our worship services on YouTube at <http://tinyurl.com/colonialworship-online> and get the sermon, bulletin and study guide on our website. Our 10:15am worship service is live-streamed, so please contact the church office if you have a privacy concern.

**[www.colonialucc.org](http://www.colonialucc.org)**—Learn more about Colonial and its programs.

**Social Media**– Stay up to date with what’s happening at Colonial through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>; Instagram: [colonial\\_ucc](https://www.instagram.com/colonial_ucc); Twitter: [#ColonialUCC](https://twitter.com/ColonialUCC); Follow Pastor Aaron: [@PastorARoberts](https://twitter.com/PastorARoberts)

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