

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 5, 2023

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

*The Gift to be Simple*

arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

RESTORATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 51:1-2, 10-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

**People: According to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Leader: Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your holy spirit from me.

**People: Restore us to the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.**

+\*HYMN 687

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**With the weepers we weep. With the warriors we yearn for peace.**

**With the exiles we wander far from home, for our hearts wander far from You.**

**We live in an uncertain world—time and again we turn to people who promise security.**

**But God, You are our only source of safety. Help us turn to You, our heart's true home.**

**Call us again and lead us home.**

**Author of peace, teach us to seek our peace in You.**

**Source of every blessing, forgive us for the multitude of our transgressions.**

**Rekindle a spirit of love and self-discipline within us, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 1:16

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES AND WORSHIP READINESS RECOGNITION

*Immediately following the Message for Young disciples, younger children are invited to Children's Chapel.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR JENNINGS BRATTEN TROTTER

Samantha Phifer, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Jennings Bratten Trotter is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Jennings to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Michael and Caroline as they nurture Jennings and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Jennings into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.**

\*HYMN

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.  
When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.  
Should you find someone to share your time and join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.  
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.  
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-26, pew Bible pg. 281

SERMON

"From Generation to Generation"

Lori Archer Raible

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"

David L. Mennicke

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

2 Timothy 1

**Fount of Blessing, You pour upon us the abundance of Your grace. Bless us and these gifts, that they may be a source of blessing to others, in the name Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 384	“Soon and Very Soon”	SOON AND VERY SOON
*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE	“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”	BRADBURY
*POSTLUDE	<i>Let All Creation Dance</i>	arr. Michael Burkhardt

\*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

### SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God’s creativity in human diversity. We’d like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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