

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 19, 2023

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Twenty-Fifth 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

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

CHORAL INTROIT

"To God Be the Glory"

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 78

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things of old.

**People: We gather to remember the things we have heard from our ancestors many times before.**

Leader: Stories of faithfulness and love, mercy and compassion, miracles and new life.  
The glorious deeds of the Lord and all the wonders God has done!

**People: From generation to generation these are the stories we tell.**

Leader: God established a decree in Jacob and commanded our ancestors to teach their children,  
so the next generation might know and they in turn would tell their children.

**People: Even though we have been stubborn and rebellious, we tell these stories so our children,  
and our children's children will set their hope in the God we love and serve.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

+\*HYMN 260

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Gracious God, we confess we do not meditate on Your commands all day long. We do not always keep Your word before us. Instead, we turn away from Your demanding truth. We keep tight schedules, and hold other priorities above Your teachings. Forgive us for pursuing our desires rather than Yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following You; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in Your power to transform this world. Tune our ears to the sound of Your justice. Turn our hearts to Your commandments. Illumine our minds with Your word of grace. Do not remember our sin but remember Your mercy forever. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Timothy 3

Leader: God promises to forgive us, to blot our sins out of God's own mind and heart.  
In this way, God gives us not a second chance, but a new beginning.  
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

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

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following the Baptism, younger children are invited to Children's Chapel.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR PIPER ANNE MUTH

Christy Parbst, 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: Piper Ann Muth is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Piper to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Jeff and Becky as they nurture Piper and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Piper 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.**

RESPONSE

"The Things We've Handed Down"  
Ivey Cherry, baritone

Marc Cohn

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 1 and 2 (selected verses), pew Bible pg. 1084

SERMON

"The Things We've Handed Down"

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

"We Are One"

Brian Tate

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

2 Timothy 1:19

**Gracious God, You are good news for a weary world. You are hope for people in despair.**

**You are home to exiles. Accept, we pray, the offerings we bring this day. Use them according to**

**Your own purpose and grace. Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN 486

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

KINGDOM

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MARYTON

\*POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All our God*

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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