

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 10, 2024

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Melisa Winburn, CEO Appalachia Service Project

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

"Will You Come and Follow Me?"

KELVINGROVE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 145

Leader: Great is the Lord whose goodness is unsearchable.  
From generation to generation we declare Your mighty acts.

**People: We remember the glorious splendor of Your majesty.**

Leader: We sing of Your righteousness.

**People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: The Lord is good to all and compassionate over creation.

**People: We shall speak of the glory of Your Kingdom and tell of Your power.**

Leader: The Lord is faithful in word and gracious in deed.

**People: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Leader: The Lord is just and kind to all those who call in truth,

**People: The Lord hears them and saves them.**

Leader: The Lord watches over all those who love the Lord.

**All: Let us worship God!**

+\*OPENING HYMN 2

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and Gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by the news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find our center. We forget You are our center. Help us to cling to Your grace, setting aside our jealousy, anxiety, prejudice, self-righteousness, and all that adds to the world's hurt.**

Our hearts are hard, O God-

**Soften them with Your love.**

Our hands are clenched, O God-

**Open them with Your grace.**

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God-

**Invite us to dance with You.**

Our lives are not our own, we know-

**Let us live and move and have our being in You, that we will bear Christ's love and truth to the world.**

**Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Philippians 4:6-7

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

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES AND BIBLE PRESENTATION

*Immediately following the Baptism, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.*

Leader: The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. Thanks be to God.

**Parents: Receive the Word of God.**

**Learn its stories and study its words.**

**Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all.**

**They tell us who we are.**

**They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.**

Children: We promise to use these Bibles with our hearts and hands and minds.

We will read and study the Bible together.

**Congregation:**

**The Word of God is a lamp to our feet,  
and a light to our path. Thanks be to God.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR LUCY ELIZABETH AULEBACH

Tate Hackman, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Lucy Elizabeth Aulebach is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism God has put His seal upon Lucy to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Craig and Hunter as they nurture Lucy and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

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

\*SUNG RESPONSE 482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 15, selected verses, pew Bible p.1007

SERMON

"The Power of Conflict"

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

"Voice of Truth"  
Ivey Cherry, baritone

Stephen Curtis Chapman

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Lord, You are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with You, our Sovereign and our God. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 341

“O God, Show Mercy to Us”

THAXTED

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

\*POSTLUDE

\*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.

**WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE** Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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