

MORNING WORSHIP

November 17, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

Twenty-Sixth 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Paul Manz

CHORAL INTROIT "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

All: though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

+*OPENING HYMN 100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, You call us to challenges and sacrifice, but we plan for catastrophe, secure our resources, and are hesitant to move outside of our comfort zones and what feels safe. You have called us to love boldly and risk everything to serve those in need and love our enemies, but we have chosen to be careful and withhold compassion. By Your spirit, call us to bear Your light to those who need it most, even when it's not easy. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 139:12

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR REESE COLLINS KLINKER Todd Muldrew, 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: Reese Collins Klinker is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism God has put His seal upon Reese to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Ben and Calli as they nurture Reese and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Reese 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 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 21:7-16, 27-33, pew Bible p. 1014

SERMON

"The Power of Light"

Brian Daoust

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"

Ysaÿe M. Barnwell

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Lord, take these gifts and bless them to the needs of our community. Send us with our resources to light up the darkness. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 833, verses 1 and 2

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

ST. MARGARET

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

HENDON

*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.

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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