

MORNING WORSHIP

January 19, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Second Sunday after Epiphany

*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

Reflection on "E'en so Lord Jesus"

Paul Manz

CHORAL INTROIT

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

HANOVER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You have been called to the banquet.

People: This is the feast.

Leader: You have been summoned to the wedding.

People: This is the celebration of life and light.

Leader: From the streets and the shadows, God has invited us.

**All: We have come to the banquet where we are welcomed and embraced.
Alleluia! Amen.**

+*HYMN 317

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

MC KEE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: You invite us to Your feast, O God.

People: And we do not come.

Leader: You beg us to give thanks for life.

People: We fail in our gratitude.

Leader: You created this wonderful earth.

People: We neglect and abuse the gift.

Leader: You promise joy and freedom when we share our bounty.

**People: We hoard. We exclude. We make excuses. Forgive us for ignoring Your gracious invitation.
Turn our feet, hands, hearts and minds toward Your will, that we might experience
Your liberating grace and give glory to You. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

GLORY TO GOD

Sing two times

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:7-24, pew Bible pg. 951

SERMON

"Please, Thank You, and Send My Regrets"

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, My Way, My Truth, My Life"

R. Vaughn Williams/arr. Spano

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

God of grace, we give thanks for Your faithfulness to us and Your hope in us. We rejoice in the knowledge of Your unending, abundant grace. In light of Your mercy and confident in Your love, we dedicate these offerings of our time, talent, and treasure. May they reveal Your glory and expand Your reign on Earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 769

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Soloist sings first verse, congregation sings verses 2 - 5

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Take My Life"

HENDON

*POSTLUDE

O Thou of God, the Father

J. S. Bach

*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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