

MORNING WORSHIP

August 31, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Twelfth 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

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*CHORAL INTROIT

"My Lord! What a Morning"

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 81

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength!

People: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Leader: O that God's people would listen!

People: We yearn to walk in God's ways!

+*HYMN 306

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

DENNIS

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, we hear Your call to care for those in need, but we worry about the risk. We isolate ourselves with donations, dropoffs, distance. We keep the poor, the homeless, and the prisoner at arms distance. We rarely visit prisons, break bread with the hungry, give cool water to the sojourner, invite the lonely to our home or table, or touch the sick. Help us to see that empathy invites us into contact, and Your call is beyond rescue into relationship. Invite us, empower us, and accompany us into deeper relationships with those in need, making us one in You. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is that Christ came not to condemn, but to build relationships and restore us in relationship to one another and reconcile us to God. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and renewed.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*HYMN 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A BLESSING OF NEW BEGINNINGS FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, the congregation will sing the first verse of "Jesus Loves Me" as children are invited to exit to Children's Worship.

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, pew Bible pg. 1098
Luke 14:1, 7-14, pew Bible pg. 951

SERMON

"The Invitation"

Brian Daoust

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

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

"Bashana Haba'ah"
Translation - Next Year

arr. David Xiques

Next year we will sit on the porch and count migrating birds.
Children on vacation will play catch between the house and the fields.

You will yet see, you will yet see, how good it will be next year.

Red grapes will ripen till the evening, and will be served chilled to the table.
And languid winds will carry to the crossroads old newspapers and a cloud.

You will yet see, you will yet see, how good it will be next year.

Next year we will spread out our hands towards the radiant light.
A white heron like a light will spread her wings and within them the sun will rise.

You will yet see, you will yet see, how good it will be next year.

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**God of calling and promise, receive these gifts and the dedication of our hearts to serving the
vulnerable and most in need. Bless our faithful response and send us to love Your people. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Abide with Me"

EVENTIDE

*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is our God

arr. John Leavitt

*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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