

MORNING WORSHIP

September 28, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Sixteenth 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 *When Morning Guilds the Skies* arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" RESTORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Leader: Come, beloved of God, take shelter in the shadow of the Almighty.

People: We rejoice in the wings that cover us, in the fortress of God's love.

Leader: Night holds no terror, day brings no fear.

People: For God delivers and protects, answering when we cry out.

Leader: The Holy One promises life and salvation, steadfast love that never ends.

All: With grateful hearts, we lift our song - Come, let us worship the Lord with joy!

+*HYMN 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" DARWALL'S 148TH

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, we have sinned against You and against our neighbor.

**People: We feast on comfort and overlook those who hunger at our gates.
We clothe ourselves in abundance, yet ignore the wounds of the poor.**

Leader: We hear Your Word, spoken through Moses and the prophets,
yet we struggle to live with compassion and justice.

People: We cling to what is ours and close our eyes to the suffering of others.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord. Open our hearts to see those who are suffering in our midst,
to recognize Christ in the faces of the forgotten, and to turn from fear and selfishness
toward Your mercy and love.

**People: By Your Spirit, guide us into the joy of Your kingdom,
where all are fed, healed, and welcomed home.**

All: In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8:34

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE HYMN 581 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, the congregation will sing the first verse of "Jesus Loves Me" as children age five through second grade are invited 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 LESSON

Luke 16:19-31, pew Bible pg. 954

SERMON

"The Great Abyss"

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

"Poor Man Lazarus"

Jester Hairston

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

adapted from John Calvin

**Almighty God, since we are not our own, but belong - body and soul - to Jesus Christ our Lord,
take us, and use us as instruments of Your glory. May our lives be poured out in service, our lips
opened to proclaim Your truth, our hands stretched forth in acts of mercy. Grant that in all things
we may live not for ourselves, but for Your holy will, through Jesus Christ, who with You and the
Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 372

"O for a World"

AZMON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Anna Page

*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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