

# MORNING WORSHIP

February 1, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Fourth 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

*Shall We Gather at the River*

arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT

"In Christ There is No East or West"

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains.

Micah 6:1-8

**People: The hills and the foundations of the earth bear witness to God's word.**

Leader: People of God, the Lord calls us to remember how God has led us, delivered us, and sustained us.

**People: We come to worship the God who has never let us go.**

Leader: We do not come to bargain with God, or to prove ourselves with offerings or empty words.  
The Lord has told us what is good.

**People: We will do justice.**

Leader: The Lord has shown us what is faithful.

**People: We will love kindness.**

Leader: The Lord has made clear the path of worship.

**People: We will walk humbly with our God.**

Leader: Come let us worship the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

+\*HYMN 749

"Come! Live in The Light!"

WE ARE CALLED

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalms 15

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**People: You call us to walk in truth and do what is right, yet we often choose what is easy instead of what is faithful. We have spoken carelessly, judged quickly, and failed to love our neighbors. We have listened to the noise of social media instead of trusting the truth of those whose lives and struggles are different than ours. We have repeated what harms, believed what flatters, and turned away from the sacred work of listening. Forgive us. Make us people of integrity—truthful in heart, and steadfast in love. By Your grace, set our feet on solid ground, and lead us in the way of Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 Message for Young Disciples, children age five through second grade are invited to Children's Worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-16, pew Bible p.880

SERMON

"For the Sake of Righteousness"

Lori Archer Raible

## 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

"Concertato on Lord of the Dance"

arr. Hal Hopson

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Gracious God, blessed are the poor in spirit, the merciful, the meek, and the peacemakers. So, we bring these gifts in humility, not as proof of our goodness, but as an offering of trust in You. Use these offerings to comfort those who mourn, feed those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, welcome the weary, and make peace where there is harm or division. Shape us, through these gifts, into people of blessing, pure in heart and courageous in love. In Christ we pray, Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 172 (verses 1 and 3 choir only)

"Blest Are They"

BLEST ARE THEY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

FESTAL SONG

\*POSTLUDE

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

arr. Anna Laura 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). 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 stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation.

**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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