

MORNING WORSHIP

February 8, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fifth 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 "Come Down, O Love Divine" DOWN AMPNEY

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 112

Leader: Blessed are those who delight in the way of the Lord,

People: those who walk with open hands and steady hearts.

Leader: Light rises in the darkness for the righteous, for those who are gracious, merciful, and just.

People: We come to praise the God whose righteousness endures, whose generosity shapes our lives.

Leader: Let us rejoice in the One who fills our fear with trust and our worship with joy.

All: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

*CALL TO CONFESSION Isaiah 58:1-3a

Leader: Shout out! Do not hold back. Lift up your voice like a trumpet.

Name before God the truth of our lives and the distance between our worship and our ways.

People: Day after day we seek the Lord and delight to know God's ways. We ask for righteous judgments. We want God on our side. Yet God calls us to look more closely. Silence

*LITANY OF CONFESSION Isaiah 58:3b-7

Leader: We say, "Why do we fast, but You do not see? Why humble ourselves, but You do not notice?"

People: We confess that even in our devotion, we often serve our own interests.

Leader: We fast, yet quarrel and fight. We display humility while our neighbors continue to suffer.

People: Forgive us for worship that does not change us.

Leader: Is this the fast I choose— to bow the head for a day without turning toward righteousness?

People: Forgive us for mistaking intentions and symbols for faithfulness.

Leader: Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke?

People: Is it not to share our bread with the hungry and bring the homeless and poor into our house?

All: Forgive us, O God, and turn us again toward your ways. Silence

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 58:8-9

Leader: Hear the promise of God: When we turn toward justice, our light breaks forth like the dawn, and healing springs up quickly. The Lord goes before us and guards us from behind.

When we call, the Lord answers. When we cry for help, God says, "Here I am."

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR ELLIOT DOUGLAS ROBIDEAUX MILLER

Ted Zimmer, 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: Elliot Douglas Robideaux Miller is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Elliot to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Chris and Erin as they nurture Elliot and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Elliot 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.**

*HYMN 488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

WATERLIFE

**I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.
When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.
Should you find someone to share your time and join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:13-20, pew Bible p. 880

SERMON

"Salt and Light"

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

"At the Name of Jesus"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Holy God, You have trusted fragile hands like ours with the work of seasoning a weary world and carrying light into long shadows. Sharpen what has gone bland, brighten all that fear has dimmed, and multiply our humble gifts of time, talent and treasure, that they might become signs of Your mercy and love for the world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 749 “Come! Live in the Light!” WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace” LAND OF REST

*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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