

MORNING WORSHIP

March 15, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*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

Beautiful Savior

arr. Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT

Come, Christians Join to Sing

F. Thomas Simpson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 5:8-14

Leader: Awake, O sleeper—rise from the dust of night! For Christ is shining, and dawn has come.

People: Once we walked in shadow, but now, in the Lord, we are light.

Leader: Walk, then, as children of the light— seeking what is good, right and true.

People: Let the light of Christ reveal what is hidden, heal what is broken, and guide our steps in love.

Leader: Come, people of God!

All: Let us rise and worship in the light of Christ!

+*HYMN 377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Good Shepherd, we know 'we shall not want,' yet it is our wanting that leads us astray. We hunger for more than we need, we chase after comfort, control, and certainty, and in our grasping we wander from Your path.

When the valley grows dark and the shadows of this world stretch long; war and worry, loss and loneliness, anxiety and fear take hold of us. We forget You are near. We doubt Your rod and staff guide and protect us. Forgive us, call us back to Your green pastures. Lead us again beside still waters. Restore in us the quiet trust that You are with us, even in the darkest valley. (silent prayers) Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR ROBERT MOORE PROWSE

Todd Muldrew, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Robert Moore Prowse is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Robert to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Michael and Logan as they nurture Robert and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Robert 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 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Unison)

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SERMON

'Surely'

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 Cross

Cynthia Dobrinski

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God our Shepherd, You are our safe place, our shelter, our ground, our breath. We turn to You in hope and trust, offering these gifts of our time, talent, and treasure. Model our daily patterns for Your purposes so we may live as one heart and mind with You and our neighbors, rejoicing and praising Your holy name together. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 803

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Fanfare for Bells

Mary McCleary

*POSTLUDE

Allegro from Organ Concerto No. 15

Johann Gottfried Walther

*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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