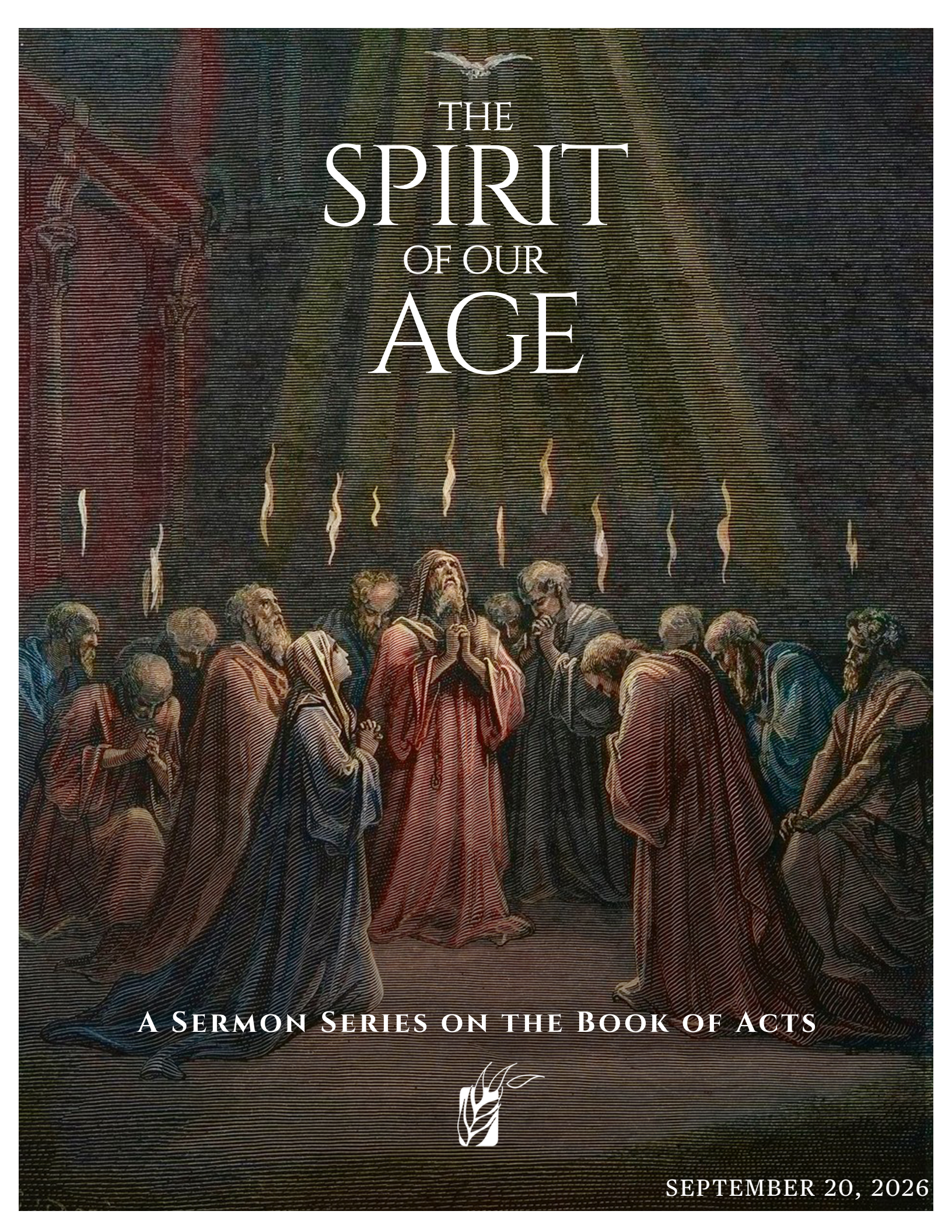




THE SPIRIT OF OUR AGE

A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

<i>THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP</i>

Prelude

Trumpet Tune on "Dawall's 148th"

Stanley

Jinna Park, Organist and Accompanist

*The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. **Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.***

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth

People: Teach us Your ways in this hour of worship.

Choral Introit: Psalm 148

From Heaven, O Praise the LORD

*From heaven, O Praise the LORD; ye heights, His glory raise. All angels, praise accord; let all His host give praise.
Praise Him on high, sun, moon, and star, sun, moon, and star, ye heavens afar, and cloudy sky.*

*Let all the people praise, and kings of every land; let all their voices raise who judges and give command.
By young and old, by maid and youth, by maid and youth, His name in truth should be extolled.*

*Jehovah's name be praised above the earth and sky. For He His saints has raised and set their power on high.
Him praise accord, O Israel's race, O Israel's race, near to His grace. Praise ye the LORD!*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 302**

vv. 1-3

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Responsive Reading Psalm 15

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: O LORD, who shall sojourn in Your tent? Who shall dwell on Your holy hill?

**People: He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;
who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up
a reproach against his friend;**

Leader: in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who
swears to his own hurt and does not change;

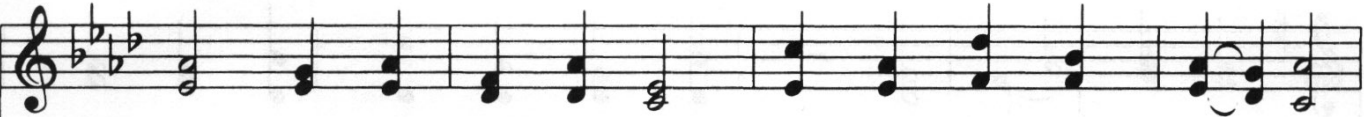
**People: who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the
innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD. Ps. 95:1

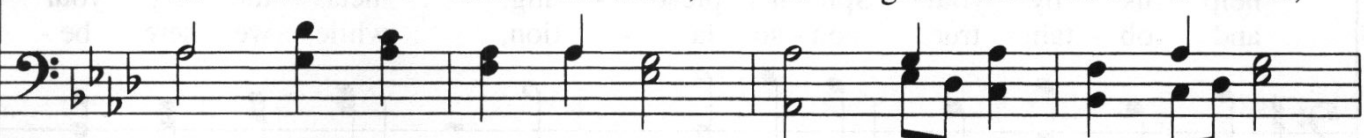
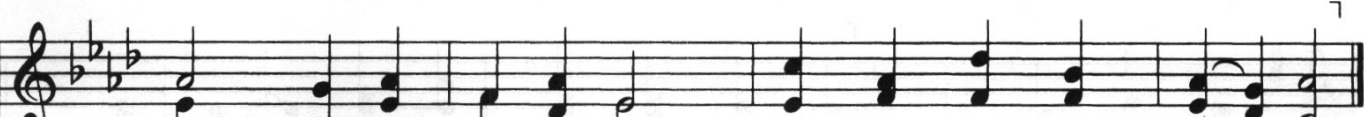

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!




let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"



THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a humble heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Leader: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

People: And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

People: And You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Heavenly Father, I confess that I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. Deliver me from this body of death through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please bow your head. For those who are able, you are invited to kneel during the confession of sin.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Unison Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

All Nations, Clap Your Hands

47

Psalm 47

1. ¹ All na - tions, clap your hands and shout;
 2. ³ He has sub - dued be - neath our feet
 3. ⁵ God has as - cend - ed with a shout!

To God with joy - ful voic - es sing!
 The na - tions who were once our foes.
 The LORD a - midst the trum - pet's ring.

² For awe - some is the LORD Most High,
⁴ And Ja - cob's glo - ry, whom He loves,
⁶ Sing praise! Sing prais - es un - to God!

Who o - ver all the earth is King.
 We now in - her - it as He chose.
 Sing praise! Sing prais - es to our King!

4. ⁷ For God is King of all the earth;
 Sing praises with a skillful tone.
⁸ God rules the nations from on high;
 God sits upon His holy throne.

5. ⁹ Leaders of nations join themselves,
 As those of Abr'ham's God they come,
 Because earth's shields belong to God;
 He is the great exalted One.

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-13

Hymn of Praise **No. 453**

vv. 1-4

All Authority and Power

Special Music

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Trenney

Elissa Winkler, *mezzo-soprano*; Chad Winkler, *piano*

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

Even though it be a cross that raiseth me; still all my song shall be nearer, my God, to Thee.

Yea, though the vale I tread, Thou art with me. When shadows cloud my head, Thou anointest me.

Thy rod and staff shall be comfort to shepherd me nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.

Though waters foam and roar, though mountains quake, Thou art my refuge sure, though the earth should shake.

Lord, strengthen and shelter me nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer, my God, to Thee.

Congregational Response **No. 731**

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

All children remain in worship with their families.

The Reformation room and Nursery are open for use but are not staffed.

Please use the back sanctuary exits to access the stairs to these rooms.

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:23b-48

Sermon

Pastor Devlin

The Spirit of Our Age

Peter and Cornelius

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Softly and Tenderly

Osman

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers for our congregational vote

Pastor Chace

Congregational Response **No. 734**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now,

And ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

All Authority and Power

453

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Matt. 28:18

1. All au - thor - i - ty and pow - er, ev - 'ry sta - tus
 2. All the na - tions owe him wor - ship, ev - 'ry tongue shall
 3. All the clear com - mands of Je - sus must be heed - ed
 4. All the time he will be with us, al - ways, to the

and do - main, now be - longs to him who suf - fered
 call him Lord; how are men to call up - on him
 and o - beyed; full pro - vi - sion for our weak - ness
 end of days, with his own be - liev - ing peo - ple,

our re - demp - tion to ob - tain; an - gels, de - mons,
 if his name they have not heard? There - fore go and
 in his teach - ing he has made; in the Gos - pel
 who keep stead - fast in his ways; God the Fa - ther,

kings and rul - ers, o - ver all shall Je - sus reign!
 make dis - ci - ples, preach his gos - pel, spread his word.
 words and sym - bols, sav - ing truth to us con - veyed.
 Son, and Spir - it, bless us, and to him the praise!

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (*See bottom of page)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

Please note: we will eat together in the pew.

Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew.

The Elders are serving bread and wine.

To better serve those with restrictions, please see Pastor Devlin for gluten-free bread and/or grape juice.

Communion Hymn

See Screen

In You, O Lord, I Place My Trust (Psalm 31)

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing **Psalm No. 47** (*See bulletin*)

vv. 4, 5

All Nations, Clap Your Hands

Benediction

Postlude

O Worship the King

Smith

****May I Come to the Lord's Table?***

We warmly invite all baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table, we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

Worship at a Glance

A Brief Overview of our Worship Service and How to Participate

A Note to Parents

Children are encouraged to be in the sanctuary because we believe the Bible commands us to include children in the worship service. Parents have the privilege of training their children for worship every Lord's Day. We are happy to partner with you in that training. To assist in training, we encourage families with children to sit closer to the front with their kids and make use of the children's worship bags in the sanctuary. Childcare rooms are also available when additional training or discipline is necessary. For more information, feel free to contact Pastor Nate.

What is a Bulletin?

The bulletin contains our order of worship and includes all the information you need to worship with us on Sundays. The bulletin is not something we simply "work through" but a guide that helps us in our worship of God. **Our worship services are approximately 90 minutes.**

Announcements

Announcements about the ministry are given before the worship service begins. In the summer, we include a time of musical instruction as part of the announcements.

Prelude

The prelude is a musical selection that is played at the beginning of the worship service. During that time, worshipers are encouraged to pray and prepare their hearts and minds for worship. The prelude ends with the "ringing of the hour," which includes the Westminster Chime, followed by a Trinitarian bell.

Congregational Responses

Worship at Beverly Heights is "dialogical," meaning it is a dialogue between God and His people. The Pastor calls and the congregation responds throughout the service. All responsive readings for the congregation are in **bold**. The congregation also responds by kneeling for confession, standing for the reading of God's word before the sermon, and declaring "Amen" after prayer and song.

Confessions of Sin and Faith

Each Sunday, the congregation is invited to confess their sins. We first confess corporately, followed by a time of silent and private confession. Everyone is invited to bow their heads and, for those who are able, to kneel for confession. Following the confession of sin, the pastor offers assurance of your forgiveness. The congregation then joins in a unison confession of faith through one of the ecumenical creeds (Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Definition of Chalcedon).

Music

Our worship service includes weekly special music. Normally, the choir (which is the "first-fruit" of the voice) sings an anthem on behalf of the congregation. When the choir is in recess, special music is offered by soloists or ensembles. We refrain from clapping for these musical offerings but respond as a congregation by lifting up our hands and singing the Doxology *a cappella*. All congregational music for the service can be found in the bulletin, the Trinity Hymnbook, or the Summer Psalter. Our Director of Music cantors to assist the congregation in singing.

Scripture Readings

There are two scripture lessons during the worship service, normally one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. We always stand for the reading before the sermon in keeping with the model found in Nehemiah 8:5.

Sermon

The preaching of the word is understood as a direct address by God through the preacher to the congregation. Our sermons are predominantly exegetical (derived from the text) but sometimes topical. Most sermons will include an introduction, an explanation of the text, an application, and a takeaway (call to action).

Offering

Every Lord's Day includes the opportunity to present an offering to the Lord in the form of gifts, tithes, offerings, and prayers. (A "tithe" is defined by the scriptures as a tenth of our income.)

Pastoral Prayer

Following the offering, a pastoral prayer is made on behalf of the congregation. The subject of the prayer varies weekly, and worshipers are encouraged to join in the prayer by faith.

Communion

We practice weekly communion in worship. All baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper (See additional note in bulletin). Worshipers come to the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and wine, but all partake of the elements together in the pews. As you receive the elements, the congregation is invited to sing. After communion, there is a "Eucharistic" (thanksgiving) prayer, followed by the singing of the threefold "Amen."

Closing

After communion, the congregation sings a closing hymn or Psalm, followed by the benediction. The benediction is a blessing given by God to the congregation by the pastor. All worshipers are encouraged to stretch out their hands as a gesture of receptivity as they receive the benediction.

Postlude

The service ends with the playing of a postlude.

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 AM Christian Education
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 6:30 PM Church Dessert
 7:00 PM Annual Congregational Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

1:00 PM Women's Book Study
 7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Church Offices Closed

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 AM Christian Education
 10:00 AM Worship Service

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 AM Men's Study Group
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Fusion: MS & HS Students

The Spirit of Our Age

A Sermon Series on the Book of Acts

September 13	Acts 10:1-23a
September 20	Acts 10:23b-48
September 27	Acts 11:1-18
October 4	Acts 11:19-30
October 11	Acts 12:1-25
October 18	Acts 13:1-12
October 25	Acts 13:13-35
November 1	Acts 13:36-52
November 8	Acts 14:1-7
November 15	Acts 14:8-20
November 22	Acts 14:21-28

Call for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation:

The Session of Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church hereby calls the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation to be held on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary.

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