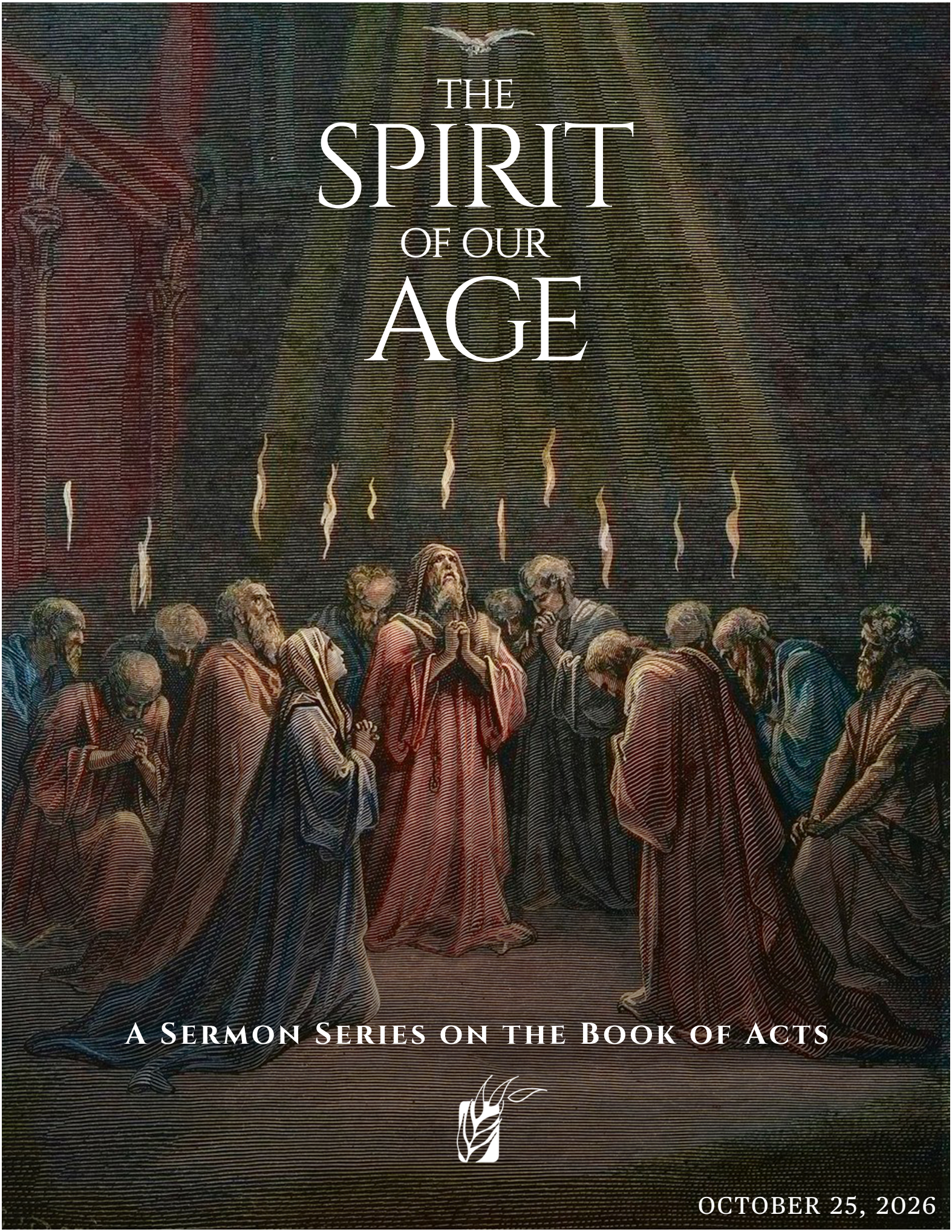


THE SPIRIT OF OUR AGE

A Sermon Series on the Book of Acts

OCTOBER 25, 2026

Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting — Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements — Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — *Prelude on "Duke Street"* — Lasky

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 84 — *Advancing Still*

Advancing still from strength to strength they go where other pilgrims trod,
Till each to Zion comes at length and stands before the face of God.
LORD God of hosts, my pleading hear; O Jacob's God, to me give ear.

For God the LORD is shield and sun; The LORD will grace and glory give.
No good will He withhold from one who does uprightly walk and live.
O LORD of hosts, that one is blessed, who makes his trust upon You rest.

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise *(See bulletin)* — vv. 1-4 — *Give Praise to God*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 89 — Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

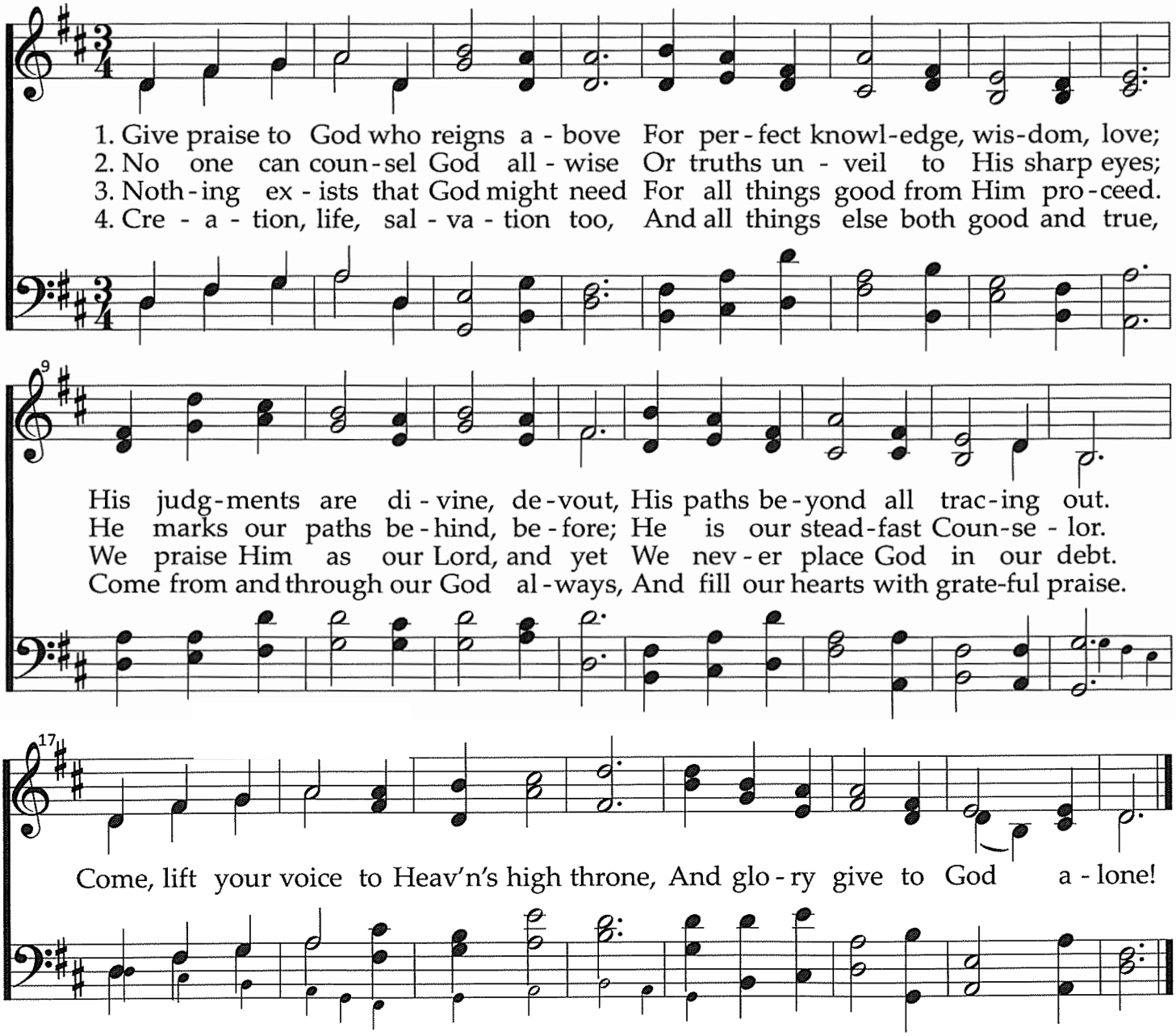
Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness."

People: You have said, "I have made a covenant with My chosen one; I have sworn to David My servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

Leader: Of old You spoke in a vision to Your godly one, and said: "I have granted help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found David, My servant; with My holy oil I have anointed him, so that My hand shall be established with him; My arm also shall strengthen him."

People: "And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and My covenant will stand firm for him. I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens."

Give Praise to God



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Responsive Hymn **No. 92** vv. 1-4 *A Mighty Fortress*

THE LORD CLEANSES 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.

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body. In His name we pray, 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: "If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be revered." 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.

92 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1



Based on Psalm 46
Martin Luther, 1529
Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

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Martin Luther, 1529

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 17:14-20

Hymn of Praise **No. 347** vv. 1-4 *The Church's One Foundation*

Choral Anthem *For All the Saints* arr. McDonald

Alleluia! Alleluia!

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old.
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 13:13-35

Sermon Pastor Devlin

The Spirit of Our Age
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THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory *Fugue on "Duke Street"* Lasky

Pastoral Prayer Prayers for the Congregation Pastor Chace

Congregational Response **No. 734** *Gloria Patri*

347 The Church's One Foundation

Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Eph. 2:20



5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

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 Bulletin)* *In You, O Lord, I Place My Trust*

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

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 347** vv. 5, 6 *The Church's One Foundation*

Benediction

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* Larson

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*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.

In You, O Lord, I Place My Trust

Based on Psalm 31:1–8



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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, OCTOBER 25
9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
8:00 AM Men's Study Group
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Fusion: MS & HS Students

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
6:30 PM Fusion Hayride

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service

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