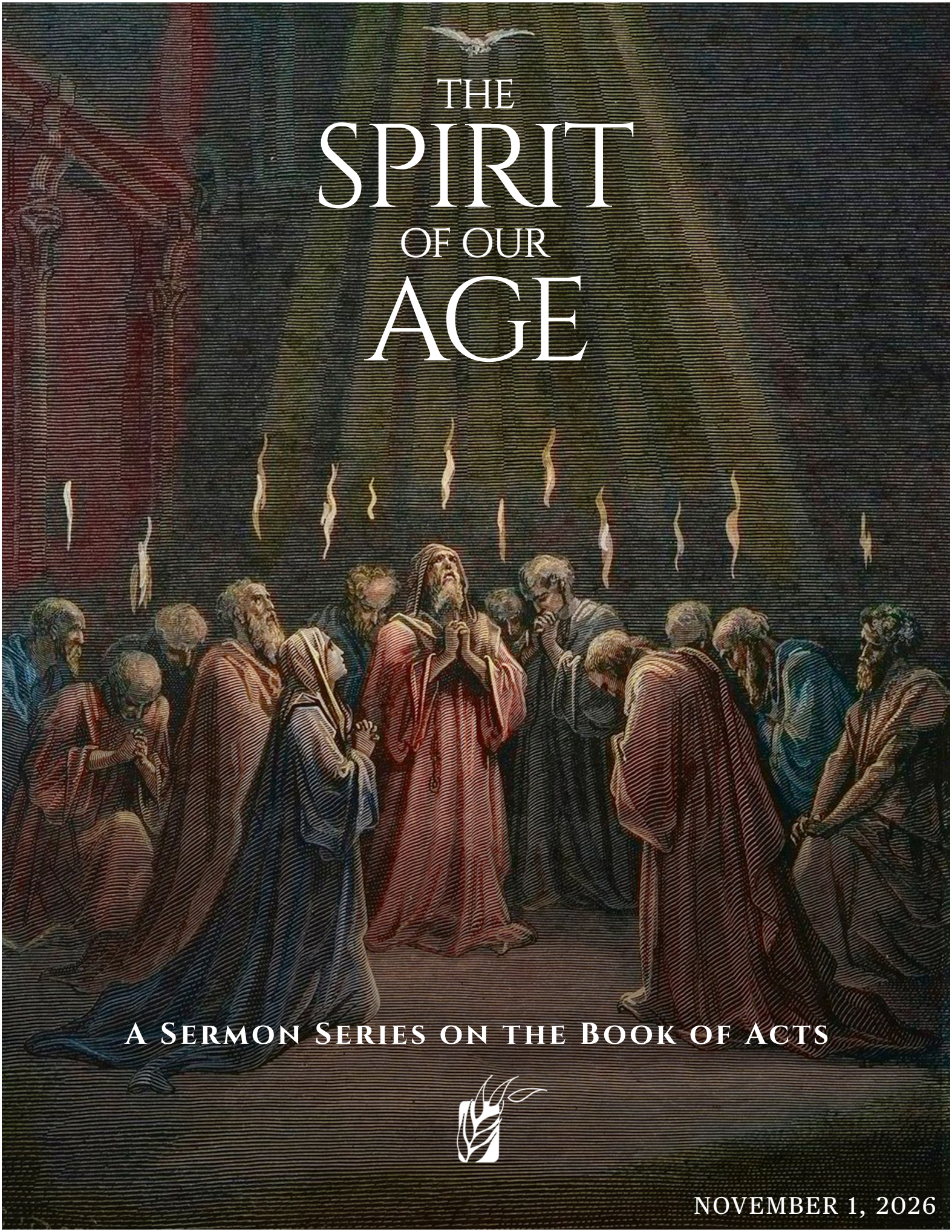


THE SPIRIT OF OUR AGE

A Sermon Series on the Book of Acts

NOVEMBER 1, 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 "Lobe den Herren"* — 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 126 — *When Zion's Fortunes God Restored*

When Zion's fortunes God restored, it was a dream come true.
Our mouths were then with laughter filled, our tongues with songs anew.

The nations said, "The LORD has done great things for Israel."
The LORD did mighty things for us, and joy our hearts knew well.

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 53** — vv. 1-3 — *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 43 — Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! For You are the God in whom I take refuge; why have You rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

People: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

Leader: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.

People: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

Responsive Hymn **No. 53** — vv. 4, 5 — *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

53 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2



Based on Psalm 103
Joachim Neander, 1680
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665
Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*,1668

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.

Lord God, we confess and acknowledge without pretense before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, inclined to do evil, useless for any good, and that by our own fault we break Your holy commandments endlessly and without ceasing. In doing so we bring upon ourselves, by Your just judgment, ruin and condemnation. Yet, O Lord, we grieve that we have offended You, and with true repentance we condemn ourselves and our sins, longing for Your grace to come to the help of our misery. Be pleased, then, to have mercy on us, most gracious God and Father, full of compassion, in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And as You blot out our sins, enlarge and increase in us day by day the graces of Your Holy Spirit, so that, acknowledging our unrighteousness with all our heart, we may be moved by that sorrow which brings forth true repentance in us. And may that repentance, putting us to death to all sin, produce in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence that are pleasing to You, through the same 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: To all who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare the forgiveness of sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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.

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm of Praise **No. 92** ***(See Bulletin)*** vv. 1-5 *It's Good to Thank the Lord*

Choral Anthem *Prayer to Jehovah* Ijames

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak but Thou art mighty, hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream o'er flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give 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 13:36-52

Sermon Pastor Devlin

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THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory *Softly and Tenderly* Osman

Sacrament of Infant Baptism Winnie Kay Irwin

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.

It's Good to Thank the LORD 169

From Psalm 92



Music: John Darwall, 1770 DARWALL'S 148TH

Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973 © 6 6. 6 6. 4 12.

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)*** *Franklin Gloria*

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

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 389** vv. 1, 4, 5 *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*

Benediction

Postlude *Come, Thou Fount* Gaspard

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.

Franklin Gloria

Gregory D Wilbur, 2012

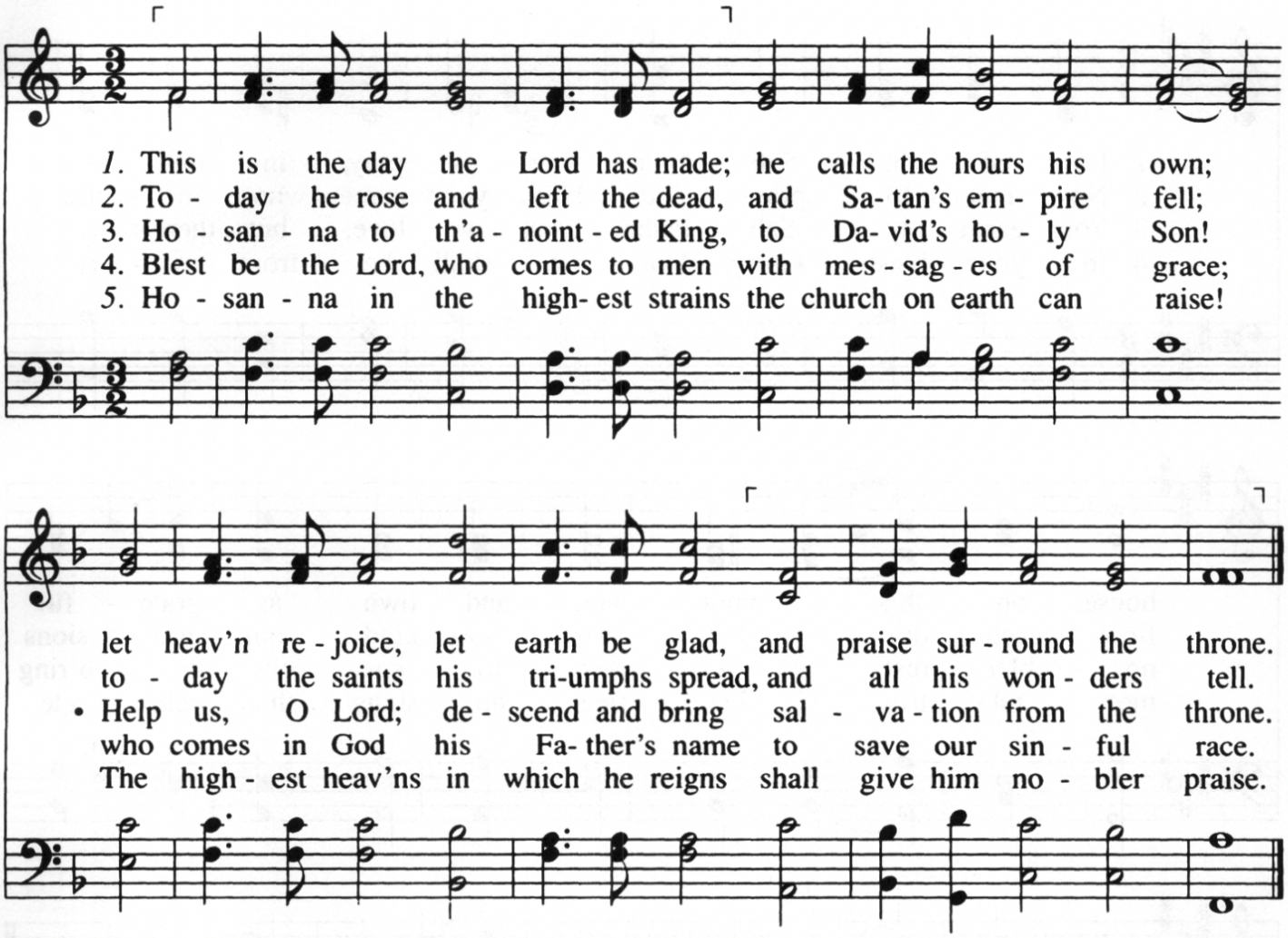


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This Is the Day the Lord Has Made 389

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Ps. 118:24



Based on Psalm 118
Isaac Watts, 1719

ARLINGTON C.M.
Thomas A. Arne, 1762
Arr. by Ralph Harrison, 1784

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, NOVEMBER 1
9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:45 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
8:00 AM Men's Study Group
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Fusion: MS & HS Students

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
6:30 PM Women's Dessert & Game Night

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
8:00 AM Men's Study Group

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:45 AM Tone Chimes Rehearsal

The Spirit of Our Age

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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