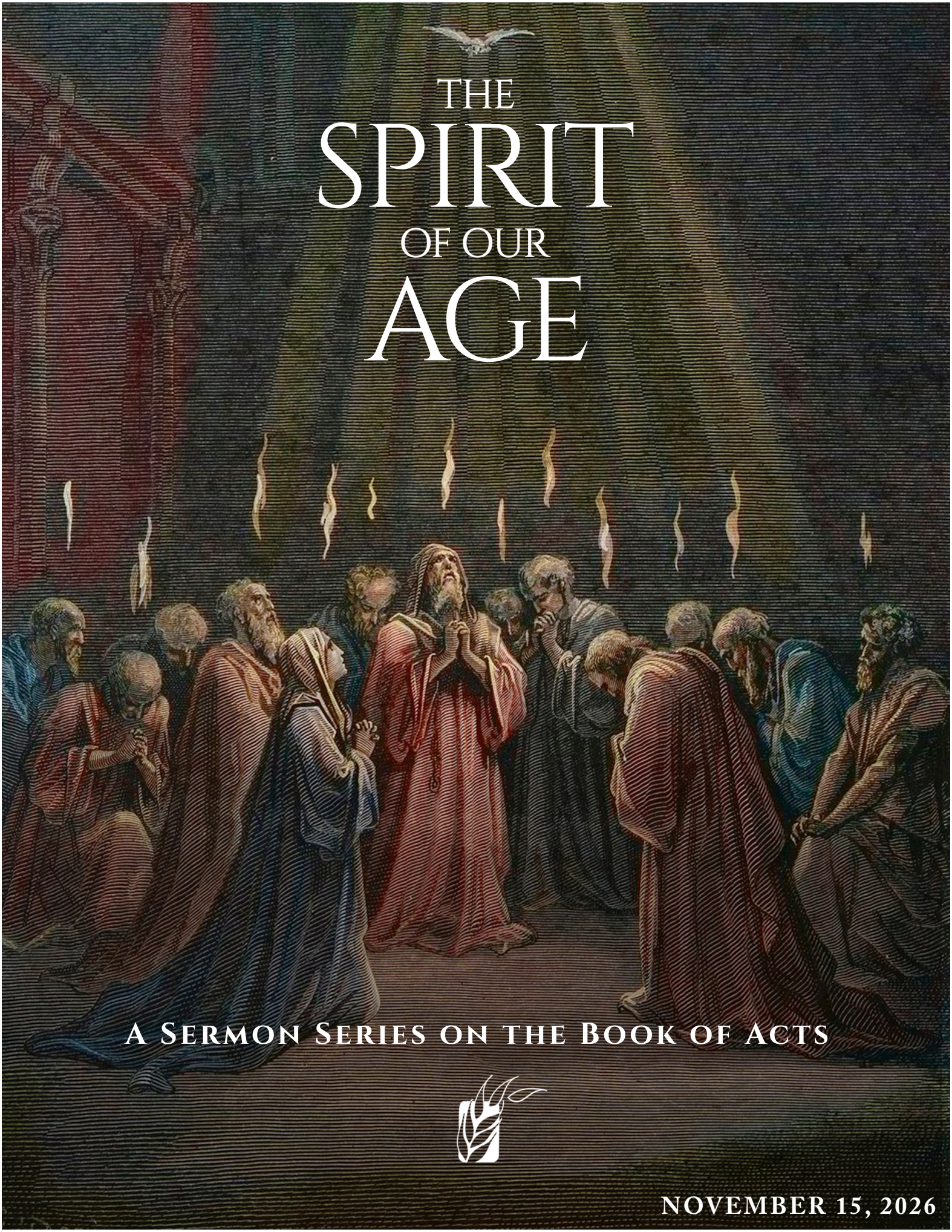


THE SPIRIT OF OUR AGE

A Sermon Series on the Book of Acts

NOVEMBER 15, 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 — *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* — Gaspard

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 — *On Christ, the Solid Rock*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 310** — vv. 1-3 — *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 56 — Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Leader: Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

People: All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

Leader: You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your book? Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

People: I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You. For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Responsive Hymn **No. 310** — vv. 4, 5 — *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King 310

After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3



Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

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.

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your Son. Send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we ask, that we may live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of 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: Deuteronomy 32:1-43

Psalm of Praise **No. 98** ***(See Bulletin)*** vv. 1-4 *Oh, Sing a New Song to the Lord*

Choral Anthem *O Lord, Most High (Psalm 9)* Wilbur

O LORD most high, with all my heart Thy wondrous works I will proclaim;
I will be glad and give Thee thanks and sing the praises of Thy name, and sing the praises of Thy name.

The LORD, the everlasting King, is seated on His throne;
The righteous Judge of all the world will make His perfect justice known, will make His perfect justice known.

The LORD is our security, a refuge strong for all oppressed,
A safe retreat, where weary souls in troublous times may surely rest, in troublous times may surely rest.

All they, O LORD, who know Thy name their confidence will place,
For Thou has never forsaken them who earnestly have sought Thy face, who earnestly have sought Thy face.

Sing praises to the LORD most high; to Him who in Zion dwells;
Declare His mighty deeds abroad, His deeds among the nations tell, His deeds among the nations tell.

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 14:8-20

Sermon Pastor Devlin

The Spirit of Our Age
Witness in Lystra

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* Stanley

Pastoral Prayer Prayers for the Persecuted Church 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.

98A Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD

Psalm 98:1-3



2. 2 The great salvation wrought by Him
Jehovah has made known.
His justice in the nations' sight
He openly has shown.

3. 3 He mindful of His grace and truth
To Israel's house has been,
The great salvation of our God
All ends of earth have seen.

Music: Thomas Jarman (1776–1861)
Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973 ©

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Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD

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Psalm 98:4-9



5. 5 With harp make music to the LORD;
With harp, a psalm O sing!
6 With horn and trumpet raise a shout
Before the LORD, the King.

6. 7 Let seas in all their vastness roar,
The world, its living horde.
8 Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
Their joy 9 before the LORD!

7. Because He comes, He surely comes,
The judge of earth to be!
With justice He will judge the world,
All men with equity.

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	*The Love of God*	Stanley
Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**		*Trinity Hymnal*

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 626**	vv. 1, 5	*O Lord, by Grace Delivered*
Benediction		
Postlude	*Make the Sounds of Praise*	Hughes

**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.

626 O Lord, by Grace Delivered

I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths. Ps. 30:1



From Psalm 30
The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1990, mod.

NOEL C.M.D.
Traditional English melody
Arr. by Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

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 15
9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:45 AM Choir/Tone Chimes Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
7:00 PM Next Gen Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
8:00 AM Men's Study Group
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Fusion: MS & HS Students

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
8:00 AM Men's Study Group
9:00 AM Fall Clean Up

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
9:00 AM Christian Education
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:45 AM Choir/Tone Chimes Rehearsal

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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