

MORNING WORSHIP

May 31, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Trinity Sunday

*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 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" HALLE, HALLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world of scattered lights and uncertain roads, we gather to seek the steady presence of God.

People: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Leader: When the road bends through grief or fear, God still leads with mercy and truth.

People: Teach us, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and we will walk in Your life.

Leader: Blessed are those whose way is guided by God's light of truth and whose hearts are turned toward justice, compassion, and peace.

People: Open our eyes, that we may behold the wonder of Your presence among us.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

People: In Christ, we do not walk alone.

All: Let us worship God, whose word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

+*HYMN 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Leader: Merciful God, our hearts are troubled. How quickly we lose our way.
You call us into lives marked by trust,

People: Yet fear so often governs our choices.

Leader: You invite us into the way of Christ,

People: Yet we resist the path of humility, mercy, and love.

Leader: You promise life abundant and eternal,

People: Yet we settle for what is shallow and fleeting.

Leader: Forgive us for the ways we wound one another,

People: For the burdens we fail to carry together.

Leader: For the strangers we refuse to welcome.

People: And for the quiet places in our hearts where compassion has grown tired.

All: Lord Jesus, You are the way when we are lost, the truth when we are divided, and the life when hope feels distant. By Your grace, may our lives bear witness to Your peace, mercy, and love. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 14:27

Leader: Friends believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR REYNOLDS KACIE COOK

Mike Bolewitz, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Reynolds Kacie Cook is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Reynolds to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Ben and Hannah as they nurture Reynolds and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Reynolds 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 482

"Baptized In Water"

BUNESSAN

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14 (selected verses), pew Bible p. 982

SERMON

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Ashley Ellis and Liza Macholz

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE ELDERS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Leader: Do we, members of the church, accept these women as Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: **We do.**

Leader: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

People: **We do.**

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE LORDS PRAYER

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Alleluia"

Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Faithful God, thank You for meeting our many questions not with shame, but with a bold promise. We are not abandoned. Love is stronger than fear. In Your house there is enough room for all Your children. Your grace and salvation do not depend upon our ability to fully understand. Receive these gifts as we pursue the way of Christ; the way of trust, compassion, courage, and hope. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

AR HYD Y NOS

*POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. Healey Willan

*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). New members and 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 always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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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