

MORNING WORSHIP

July 19, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*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

Blessed Assurance

arr. Dale Wood

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory; great things He has done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

who yielded His life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give Him the glory: great things He has done!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Genesis 28

Leader: Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.

People: We do not know when and where God's glorious presence will show up.

Leader: Surely we are the Body of Christ.

People: We cannot say to one another, "I have no need of you."

Leader: Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.

People: Let us worship our unpredictable, uncontrollable God!

+*HYMN 171

"A Sower Came from Ancient Hills"

ELLACOMBE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalms 139

Before a word is on our tongue, God knows it completely. Before we ask for forgiveness,

God is at work to set things right. Let us therefore confess our sin and the sinfulness of the world together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, You have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve You by loving and serving one another, to worship You by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us.

When we go astray, call us back home. Search us O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Where can we go from God's spirit, or where can we flee from God's presence? Even if we take the wings of the morning or settle at the farthest limits of the sea, God's hand will find us and hold us fast. Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness.

Leader: Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR WELLS MATTHEW TURNER

Lee Bobbitt, 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: Wells Matthew Turner is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Wells to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Matt and Taylor as they nurture Wells and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Wells 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 250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

PROMISE

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 pew Bible p.890

SERMON

"All Tangled Up"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Our God"
Eddie Kennedy, tenor

Chris Tomlin

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious God, You have sown good seed among us. Receive now the harvest of what You have planted, the good gifts of our lives, time and resources, to further Your kingdom of heaven here on Earth. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

I will Sing the Wondrous Story

arr. Wilbur Held

*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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