

MORNING WORSHIP

October 11, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Twentieth 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

Lead On, O King Eternal

arr. David Lowe

INTROIT

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us.

People: We come not because we have earned God's love, but because grace has already found us.

Leader: Even when we were estranged from God, God reconciled us through Jesus Christ.

People: How much more, having been reconciled, shall we live by the grace of God!

Leader: So rejoice in God! In Christ we have been restored to wholeness.

All: Come, let us worship God, whose grace is greater than our sin.

+*HYMN 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 3:21-24

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified by God's grace as a gift through Christ Jesus. So we come before God not because we are without sin, but because we trust in the abundance of God's grace. With honesty and hope, let us confess our sin.

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Psalms 51

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love.

People: According to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Leader: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

People: You desire truth in the inward being; teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

Leader: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

People: Do not cast us away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from us.

Leader: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.

All: O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare Your praise. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalms 103:8-13

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR WILLIAM KENDALL HARNER

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: William Kendall Harner is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism God has put His seal upon William to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Zach and Mary Peyton as they nurture William and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome William 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 five through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:9-14, pew Bible p. 955

SERMON

"Does God Get Mad When I am Bad?"

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 GIFTS

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious God, we have so many questions. There is so much we do not understand, and so much we get wrong. Still, Your grace is more than enough. You meet us where we are, love us as we are, and give more freely than we could ever deserve or imagine. So, receive these gifts of gratitude, small signs of the abundance we have first received from You. Use them and us, that Your grace might be known on earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AMAZING GRACE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor

J.K.F. Fischer

*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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