

MORNING WORSHIP

September 27, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Eighteenth 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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT

"A Grateful Heart"

ROCKINGHAM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121

Leader: We lift up our eyes to the hills from where will our help come?

People: Our help comes from the Lord who made Heaven and earth.

Leader: The One who keeps us will not slumber.

People: The One who keeps us will keep our life.

Leader: God watches over our coming and going, both now and forevermore.

All: We trust in God's constant care. Come, let us worship God! Amen.

+*HYMN 12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we struggle to trust Your hand in our lives. We do not watch for Your guidance or protection. When our lives are going well, we think we are the cause of our success. When darkness surrounds us, we immediately question Your goodness. We look at the broken pieces of this world and despair, forgetting You are always at work for the good. Forgive us for doubting Your sovereignty. Help us let go of the myth of control, as we put our trust in You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:8,10,12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR MONROE GRACE WILKE-NADLER

Katie Koppelman, 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: Monroe Grace Wilke-Nadler is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism God has put His seal upon Monroe to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Kevin and Karley as they nurture Monroe and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Monroe 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 488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

WATERLIFE

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.
When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.
Should you find someone to share your time and join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 6:25-32, pew Bible p. 882

SERMON

"Is God In Charge of Everything?"

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 "God Who Sees Us"

Gloria Fanchiang

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Sovereign God, we have so many questions. There is so much we do not understand, and so much we cannot control. Still, You are God. You hold what we cannot hold and see what we cannot see. You are at work in ways we may not yet understand. Receive these gifts of gratitude that Your love might be known, and Your will might be done 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 687

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"God Is So Good"

GOD IS SO GOOD

*POSTLUDE

How Firm A Foundation

arr. Anna Page

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshippers

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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