

MORNING WORSHIP

October 18, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Twenty-first 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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

arr. Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT

"He Came Down"

HE CAME DOWN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:2-7

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us!

People: Authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for His Kingdom.

People: He shall rule with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

All: Come, let us worship God!

+*HYMN 127

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ You have shown us the fullness of Your love, yet we often fail to reflect that love in our lives. We turn away from those who need compassion, and place trust in ourselves rather than You. Forgive us when our words and actions fail to bear witness to Christ. By Your grace, renew our hearts and shape our lives more fully in His likeness, that we may follow Him in faith and love. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, God has reconciled us to God and opened the way to new life. Through Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called to live in grace.

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

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age five through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

Curtis Correll

As followers of Christ, we are called to reflect Christ's compassion and self-giving in the way we live, the way we serve, and the way we care for one another. With grateful hearts, let us respond to God's grace by offering our lives, our gifts, and our resources for the work of Christ in the world.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

*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 110

“Love Has Come”

BRING A TORCH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Amen”

DANISH AMEN

*POSTLUDE

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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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