

# Wake Forest Presbyterian Church

Rooted in Christ | Growing together in faith | Reaching out to others

November 20, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

**The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

The reign of Christ is from everlasting to everlasting.

**We serve One who came to serve us.**

His kingdom shall have no end, and all are called to peace in it.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*OPENING HYMN #336

“We Gather Together”

*We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, we confess we simply don’t trust you with our lives, and the lives of those we love. We confess our unbelief of the promises in your Word that your grace is really sufficient for us. We confess our sins, the times we have willingly gone against your good will for our lives, choosing that which is wrong. We confess that there are times we ignore the promptings of your Spirit, and fail to do the good deeds you have prepared for us to do. Forgive us, Lord, and continue to shape us by your grace.**

*(time of silence)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer, Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

SUNG RESPONSE #188 v1

"Jesus Loves Me!"

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Give Thanks"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 4:11-13

Mark 13:24-27

SERMON

"The Cosmic Reign of Christ"

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #274

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

*You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.*

*You, Lord, are both price and slave.*

*You, peacemaker and sword-bringer  
of the way you took and gave.*

*You, the everlasting instant;  
you, whom we both scorn and crave.*

*Clothed in light upon the mountain,  
stripped of might upon the cross,  
shining in eternal glory,  
beggared by a soldier's toss,  
you, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are both gift and cost.*

*You, who walk each day beside us,  
sit in power at God's side.*

*You, who preach a way that's narrow,  
have a love that reaches wide.*

*You, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are our death and life.*

*Worthy is our earthly Jesus!  
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy your defeat and victory;  
worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant;  
you, who are our death and life.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Prayer Time”

\*DOXOLOGY #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty power has made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
within the kingdom of God's might,  
lo! All is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord is never far away,  
but through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful  
song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!*

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION #543 v4

“God, Be the Love”

*Walking behind to hem my journey,  
going ahead to light my way,  
and from beneath, above, and all ways:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

POSTLUDE



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