

Wake Forest Presbyterian Church

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

September 25, 2022

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 85

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.
**Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord, and God's
glory will dwell in our land.**

*OPENING HYMN #300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting Lord, we confess how quickly we tire and how frustrated we become with being disciples. The work never ends and the laborers are few. We focus on lack, division, and scarcity, disbelieving your promise of abundant life. Help us, Lord. We need the ears to hear and the eyes to see the seeds you planted sprouting

here today, and the prayers answered that keep us working for your kingdom. We pray this trusting in the mercy and forgiveness of your love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“You Make Beautiful Things”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Kings 17:7-16

Luke 11:5-10

SERMON

“Parable of the Friend at Midnight”

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #301, v 1,2,4,5

“Let Us Build a House”

Let us build a house where love can dwell

and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell

how heart learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak

and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek

to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness

and as symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where hand will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and vision heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING

*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 #306 V 1-4

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.*

*We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.*

*When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.*

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #543 V4

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

*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