



# WAKE FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To follow Christ by welcoming all as we seek to listen, understand, and learn how to serve our church and community with love and hope.

May 18, 2025

## Order of Worship

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 118*

The LORD is our strength and my might; the LORD has become our salvation.

**Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD's doing;

**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### \*OPENING HYMN #14

**"For the Beauty of the Earth"**

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, knowing we are in a place we can think of as a temple, a place where we worship you, we pray for courage and humility. We ask that you will help us address the sin in our lives. We know that our sin hurts our relationships with you and with others. We ask for you to guide us in this time and help us to heal that we might seek your will in our lives and move us to answer your call.**

*(time of silence)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION AND CHILDREN'S TIME

### SUNG RESPONSE

*Jesus loves the little children,  
all the children of the world.  
Stranger, friend and neighbor too,  
He loves them as he loves you!  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 3:7-13

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Gloriozo"

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6:1-9

### SERMON

"Duck Church"

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH p. 35

"The Apostles' Creed"

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right Hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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

"A Joyful Excursion"

**\*DOXOLOGY #609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #69**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard by people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG BENEDICTION**

**“Shalom”**

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*The peace of Christ be with you...  
...and also with you.*

**POSTLUDE**