



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.

10:00 am Service September 17, 2023

PRELUDE

INTROIT

“Glorious”

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,

but in the last days he has spoken to us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the reflection of God’s glory, and he sustains all things in the world by his powerful Word.

Therefore we will proclaim God’s name. In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God!

*OPENING HYMN #317

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

*In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate’er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(time of silence)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer, Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

SUNG RESPONSE #853 V1

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

we are marching in the light of God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Breathe"

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:13-16

SERMON

"The Holy Risk of Welcome"

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

"This Little Light of Mine"

*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 #435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

There's a wideness in God's mercy,

like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,

which is more the liberty.

*There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.*

*For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.*

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

POSTLUDE