



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 25, 2025

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME & CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 97

The LORD loves those who hate evil;

he guards the lives of his faithful;

he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart, rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Let us worship God!

*OPENING SONG

“Awesome God”

*Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come before you this morning confessing there are times when we have misused others to increase our wealth, our pleasure or our comfort. We have become angry when things did not go our way, even when those things benefited others. We have failed to go above and beyond what is expected and in failing, we have failed to set before others the example that Christ would have us put before them. Forgive our reluctance to live out our faith before others.

(time of silence)

Lord, in your mercy,
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:1-4

SPECIAL MUSIC

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:16-34

SERMON

"Being Free, Being Me"

* 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

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*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 #307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

***God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.***

***Grant us wisdom, grand us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.***

***Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn they Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.***

***Grant us wisdom, grand us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.***

***Cure they children’s warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
same our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.***

***Grant us wisdom, grand us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal.***

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

***Grant us wisdom, grand us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.***

***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