



# 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    March 12, 2023

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

How good it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

**Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.**

How good it is when all of God's people live together in the love and peace of Christ.

**Though the world around us often encourages hate, let us come together in love.**

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**In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity, let us worship God who has called us together.**

### \*OPENING HYMN #415

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pity, love and power.  
I will arise and go to Jesus;  
he will embrace me in his arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.*

*Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;  
God's free bounty glorify,  
true belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh.  
I will arise and go to Jesus;  
he will embrace me in his arms.  
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*Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better  
you will never come at all.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus;  
he will embrace me in his arms.  
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*Let not conscience make you linger,  
nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth  
is to feel your need of him.  
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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient, ever-present God, we confess how many assumptions we make about others and you. We assume that you are on our side and that others should be as well. We assume that we know who others are without taking the time to be with them, listen to them, or learn from them. We then defend our knowledge as if it is the gospel truth, when it is not. Help us to let go of these conceits, O Lord. Give us the joy of discovering the amazing gifts of this world and the people in it. 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.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**"Love Comes from God"**

## SCRIPTURE READING

**John 4:5-42**

## SERMON

**"The Ministry of Presence"**

#### \*RESPONSIVE HYMN #81

**"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"**

*Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God.  
God, whose word cannot be broken,  
formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which God gives them when they pray.*

*See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age.*

#### 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

##### \*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 SONG

“Above All”

*Above all powers, above all kings,  
Above all nature and all created things;  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,  
You were here before the world began.*

*Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
Above all wonders the world has ever known;  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,  
There's no way to measure what you're worth.*

*Crucified, laid behind the stone;  
You lived to die, rejected and alone;  
Like a rose trampled on the ground,  
You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG BENEDICTION #543 V2**

**“God, Be the Love”**

*Bind to myself the Name of Holy,  
great cloud of witnesses enfold;  
prophets, apostles, angels witness:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Wake Forest Presbyterian Church**

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