



For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but
Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

February 9, 2025

SERVICE TIMES

8:15am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- Room 158: Ecclesiastes
- Room 167: Romans
- Room 168: Judges

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:00pm	Soli Deo Gloria
5:30pm	Meal
6:00pm	NextGen & Youth
6:15pm	Adult Choir
6:30pm	Adult Groups

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship is the heart and soul of the church; we are made for exalting Christ. We are intentional to invite everyone each Lord’s Day to encounter the living Christ in a joyful, reverent, and accessible way, receiving all the blessings of his Gospel to the praise and glory of God.

OUR IDENTITY

Vision: A community of transforming grace

Mission: Inviting everyone to love and follow Jesus

CORE VALUES

- Worship: Reverent and Relevant
- Community: Close-knit and Outward-facing
- Discipleship: Robust and Transformational
- Service: Compassionate and Bold

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

LITURGY NOTES

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column throughout the worship guide answers the "what" and "why" of the elements of our liturgy.

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, and **the part of the People will be in bold.**

This song allows us to get situated in the room and prepare our hearts for worship.

Song of Assembly:

Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand¹

Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin;
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.

What rush of alleluias fills all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!
O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes a thousandfold repaid!

O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore;
What knitting severed friendship up
where partings are no more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle,
that brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate.

Welcome & Announcements

Tucker Fleming, Youth Director

Report of the Living Church

Tim Lovelace, For The Nations Global Missions Celebration

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Hebrews 10:19-23

At God's command and invitation, we
enter his presence and respond with
worship.

Call to Worship

LEADER: Therefore, brothers [and sisters], since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

PEOPLE: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

LEADER: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

PEOPLE: For He who promised is faithful.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

Behold, the King of glory waits;

The King of kings is drawing near,
the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee,
his chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King in triumph comes!

Worship involves the whole person:
body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing
hymns and songs grounded in biblical
truth engages all our faculties in worship
together.

Reading of the Word

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love and abundant mercy. Blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and uphold us with willing spirits

...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.

PSALM 24:3-6

The Requirements to Draw Near to God

based on PSALM 51

When we confess our sins, we agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. We confess general sins together, followed by a silent moment for personal confession.

EZEKIEL 36:25-29

All who confess their sins and trust in God's mercy through Jesus Christ believe their sins are pardoned. We remember this truth with a weekly Scripture assuring us of God's willing forgiveness.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest, thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation, thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

*So lead on, O King, Lead on, O King,
Lead on, O King, Lead on.*

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Confidence

Jesus great high priest at the right hand of the Father
Interceding, praying now for us, Jesus great high priest
Your full sacrifice is finished,
Once for all our precious Lamb of God

*We have confidence to enter in the holy place
We have confidence to enter by the new and living way
We have confidence to enter in the holy place
By the new and living way*

Jesus great high priest in the presence of your people
Leading us in love to heaven's throne Jesus, great high priest
Now the veil that was between us
by your body torn forever on the cross

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Worthy, worthy, worthy
Glory, glory, glory, To our great high priest*

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Lead Me To The Cross

Savior I come quiet my soul,
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom.
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh Lead me, lead me to the cross*

You were as I tempted and tried, human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now you're risen
Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

To your heart, To your heart
Lead me to your heart
Lead me to your heart

Elders, responsible before God to care for
and lead the church, serve by giving
thanks for our blessings and praying for
our needs.

All we have belongs to God. One act of
worship is to acknowledge his generosity
through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

God promises to communicate with us
through the preaching of his Word. Our
trust is not in the preacher’s ability, but in
the Holy Spirit using the scriptures to
engage our minds and hearts.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

...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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

(Immediately following this prayer, during the 10:45 service only, 4-6 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach Me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)

His Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow
Acts 11:1-18 (Page 919)
Pastor Scott Phillips

(10:45 service)

We Respond: with the taking of vows...

Vows for the Offices of Deacon & Elder PCA Book of Church Order, §24-6

Installation to the Office of Deacon: Braden Ladner, and William Sasser

Re-Installation to the Diaconate: Deacon John Elder, Deacon James Fudge, Deacon Scott Missildine, and Deacon David Zajic

Re-Installation to the Session of DPC: Elder Jason Seale

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon & elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

Congregational Vow

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as deacons & elder, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Prayer of Installation

The Declaration

I now pronounce and declare that ... have been regularly elected and installed as deacons or elders (as the case may be) in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The Right Hand of Fellowship

A Brief Charge

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic meal to communicate his presence and fellowship with believers. It is the family meal of Christians.

To those not taking the Supper

We're glad you're here and welcome you back any time. Take this moment to reflect on the claims made in this service and consider praying to ask God if he will persuade you of how you can know him.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Elders will bring the bread and cup in trays to each row. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; simply pass the regular bread to the next person and raise your hand to signal the pastor. He will bring you the gluten free bread. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

We Rest On Thee

"We rest on Thee" — our Shield and our Defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."
Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keeping tender,
"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."

Yes, "in Thy Name," O Captain of salvation!
In Thy dear Name, all other names above;
Jesus our Righteousness, our sure Foundation,
Our Prince of glory and our King of love.
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Our Prince of glory and our King of love.

"We go" in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
And needing more each day Thy grace to know:
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
"We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."

"We rest on Thee" — our Shield and our Defender!
Thine is the battle, Thine shall be the praise;
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors — we rest with Thee, through endless days.
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
Victors — we rest with Thee, through endless days.

Benediction

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

REVELATION 1:5-6

Just as God welcomed us into his presence at the beginning, now he blesses his children as we depart. We receive this blessing in faith as we trust God to do all he says he will do.

SESSION

George Godwin	Allen Schmidt
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Mike McMahan	Blake Temple
Brian Rodgers	Andy Thompson
Connor Ross	Chip Walraven

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CHURCH STAFF

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If this is your first time joining us, we would love to get to know you better. Please use them as you are comfortable sharing. In this way, we reconnect with you and find ways that we may be able to serve you or pray for you.



CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

For the Nations: Global Missions Celebration

Join us on February 26 for a special evening celebrating God's work around the world. Enjoy a delicious meal, hear inspiring stories of our mission partners, and discover ways to engage in world missions. Meal begins at 5:30pm. Regular children's programming starts at 6:00pm.

WIC Conference

Save the date! February 28–March 1, 2025, at Decatur Presbyterian Church. Plan to join us for "A Light So Lovely: Relationships that Reflect Christ," a weekend of fellowship and encouragement. More details coming soon!

Dominican Republic Trip

Be part of what God is doing in the DR! Serve alongside our team June 3-10, 2025, as we share the love of Christ and build meaningful connections. Registration closes March 31. Register online.

Wedding Announcement

Howard Sheldon and Nora Turk are pleased to announce their engagement to be married. The wedding will be March 1, 2025 at Shiloh ARP Church in Lancaster, SC. The couple will live in South Carolina.

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