



North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church



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SERVICE OF WORSHIP • TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 22, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.
Many: **Thanks be to God! Praise the Lord!**
One: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.
All: **Thanks be to God! Let us praise the Lord!**

Hymn (#402)

How Lovely, Lord

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of our redemption,
We confess that we have not been faithful servants.
We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your salvation.
We have forsaken you, the living God,
and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols of worldly power and wealth.
Forgive us our sin, O God.
Lead us to heartfelt repentance
that we may honor you with our lips
and serve you with our lives;
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. (Silence)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

One: Let us proclaim the good news together!
Many: **Christ himself is the word that offers eternal life to all who receive him. This proves his love for us!**
One: In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that we are forgiven!
All: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 84

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Special Music

Second Lesson

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon

Gathered

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith

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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: . . . Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: . . . Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Many: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: . . . We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
And to that end, we join our voices with disciples around the globe,
Praying the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

**All: 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer of Gratitude

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**