



North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church



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SERVICE OF WORSHIP • TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 26, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

- One:** If it had not been for God, who was on our side,
we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us;
we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.
- Many:** **Blessed be the Lord, our protector!**
- One:** God has broken the snare that took away our freedom.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- All:** **Blessed be God's holy name!**

Hymn (#803)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of unity,

**We live in a world where our lives move
between inclusivity and exclusivity.**

**We often move toward the latter,
trying to oust from our circles
those who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us.**

**Forgive our need to reject
and to always be on the lookout
for those things that make us different.**

**Give us the eyes of our Teacher,
who knows unconditional love and compassion
and sees us all as one,
for it is in his name that we pray. (Silence)**

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

One: My brothers and my sisters, if anyone among us wanders from the truth and is brought back by another,

Many: **we should know that whoever brings us back from wandering will save our souls from death and will cover a multitude of sins.**

One: Rejoice! We have been brought back by the redemption of God!

Many: **We have been forgiven through Jesus Christ our Savior!**

All: **May we live in peace.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson **Psalm 124**

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

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Special Music

Second Lesson **Mark 9:38-41**

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

Sermon

In Jesus' Name

Rev. Steve Snipes

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Responsive Prayer of Dedication

One: Blessed be the Lord, for God is good!

Many: **God's love endures forever!**

One: Our Creator, help us to mirror your goodness through this offering, in the world.

Many: **Use our gifts, use our time, and use our lives to make this world a better place for all.**

One: In the name of Jesus, we pray.

All: **Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please rise in body or spirit.**