



North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church



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SERVICE OF WORSHIP • TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 5, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: Our merciful God, maker of us all,
pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.

All: **Let us open our hearts to demonstrate God's grace
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Hymn (#610)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of favor,

We have not been true to you.

**You have chosen the poor in the world,
but we have dishonored them.**

**You plead the cause of the afflicted,
but we crush them.**

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have favored the rich and despised the poor.

We have dismissed the needy with empty words.

Soften our hearts and make straight our ways.

Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. (Silence)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

One: The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment
through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ,!

Many: **Christ who has pleaded our cause, forgiven our sin,
healed our sickness, and delivered us from evil.,**

One: Sisters and Brothers, believe the good news!

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

James 2:1-17

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

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Special Music

Second Lesson

Mark 7:24-37

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

Sermon

Changed

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Responsive Prayer of Dedication

One: Generous God, thank you for the gifts we bring from your abundance.

Many: Bless gifts and givers to show your love to all those in need.

One: Through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ:

Many: Healer of the sick, advocate of the afflicted, provider for the poor,
One: In his name we pray.
All: Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please rise in body or spirit.