

*North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church*



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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP • THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**November 14, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Call to Worship**

- One:** Let our hearts exult in the Lord!  
**Many:** **Our strength is exalted in God!**  
**One:** Let our mouths be ever fixed with praise!  
**Many:** **God has given us the victory!**  
**One:** There is no Holy One like the Lord!  
**All:** **There is no Rock like our God! Let us praise the Lord!**

**Hymn (#357)**

*The Days Are Surely Coming*

**WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O God, who is faithful and just,  
We have failed to help those who have little while we have much.  
We are boastful and haughty,  
and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given.  
Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way.  
Forgive us, Merciful God,  
and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. (Silence)**

**Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

- One:** People of God! Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and of all,  
forgives and saves.  
**Many:** **Therefore, let us be reconciled to one another;  
let us hold fast to the confession of our hope;  
let us receive the mercy of God.**  
**One:** Let us proclaim the Good news of the gospel:  
**Many:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson**

**1 Samuel 1:4-10**

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

**Sharing Faith with God's Children**

**Special Music**

**Second Lesson**

**Mark 13:1-8**

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

**Sermon**

**Birthpangs and Beyond**

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: Loving and blessing God, we offer these gifts back to you.**

**Many: And we offer ourselves to you.**

One: Multiply the gifts of our hearts so that they might help build your kingdom on earth.

**Many: Multiply the works of our hands so that all people might experience your grace.**

One: Multiply the best of our intentions so that anyone and everyone, anything and everything might know of your goodness and love.

**All: All glory, praise and honor are due to you,  
Now and forevermore. Amen.**

### **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

## The Days Are Surely Coming 357



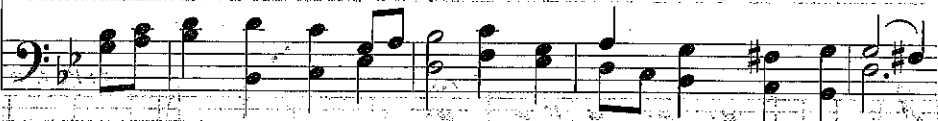
1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,  
 2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom - ised one,  
 3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last



when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.  
 when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun,  
 the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.



My right - eous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land  
 Though earth and heav - en trem - ble, stand up and do not fear,  
 Then right - eous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land



and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand,  
 for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.  
 and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.



This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Matthew 24:29-36/Mark 13:24-32/Luke 21:25-36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ's second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.