



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 1, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.**

Words of Welcome

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: I looked and heard the voice of angels,
thousands and thousands around God's throne, singing:

Many: **Worthy is the lamb who was slain
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!**

One: Then I heard every creature on earth,
and under the earth, and in the sea, singing:

All: **To the one who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!**

*Hymn (#314)

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Lord God,

**In the light of your glory we see the evil we have done,
the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.**

**Heal us of our sin,
wash us in your mercy,
and feed us with your grace,
so that we may follow your way
and tell the good news of the gospel. (Silence)**

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***Congregational Response (#240, Refrain)**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. (Sing Twice)*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

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

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Anthem

Second Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-31

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

Sermon

Believing Is Seeing

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 is seated 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.

***Hymn (#828)**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Congregational Response (#606, Alternate Tune—#15)**

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

One: Worthy are you, O God, to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing.

All: Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise
and use them for your glory
and the good of your people;
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn (#720)

Jesus Calls Us

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

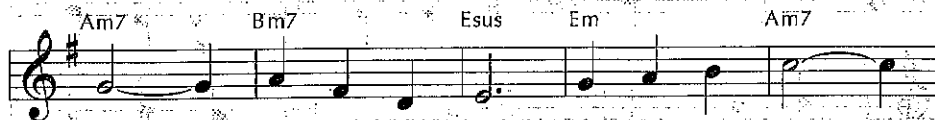


Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



fruth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

828 More Love to Thee, O Christ

1 More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
 3 Then shall my lat-est breath whis-per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend-ed knee.
 Now thee a-lone I seek; give what is best.
 this be the part-ing cry of my heart shall raise.

This is my ear-nest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
 This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee, more love to thee!

Jesus Calls Us 720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.