



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 7, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.**

Words of Welcome

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

Many: **The earth declares God's beauty.**

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All: **God's word shines forth in glory! Let us worship God!**

*Hymn (#307)

God of Grace and God of Glory

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God,

**You call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need,
yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others.**

**Forgive us, we pray,
and cleanse us from these and all our offenses
through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silence)**

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: God is merciful and kind.

Many: Though our sins are like scarlet, they become white like snow.

One: Be at peace, for your sins are washed clean by the goodness of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Congregational Response (#581)**

Glory Be to the Father

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, amen.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Anthem

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 12:32-40

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

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 Al-
mighty; 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 (#362)**

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Congregational Response (#606)**

Doxology

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

***Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

One: Lord, you look down from heaven, see all humankind,
and long to call us home.

All: Accept these gifts on behalf of your people,
that they would increase faith, nurture hope,
and be reckoned as righteous in your sight. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn (#295)

Go to the World

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

Called Congregational Meeting

The Session of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church is calling for a hybrid meeting of the congregation to be held at approximately 12:00 noon after worship today, Sunday, August 7, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon a report from our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to (should the way be clear) approve Terms of Call for a new Associate Pastor.



307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhoydda Valley in Glamorgan.

362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen - ish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eye - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.

D G C G D G Em C

dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way. With - in our dark - est night, you
teint ja - mais, ne s'è - teint ja - mais. Dans nos ob - scu - ri - tés, al -

Am B Em Am B Em Am B

kin - dle the fire that nev - er dies a - way, nev - er dies a - way.
lu - me le feu qui ne s'è - teint ja - mais, ne s'è - teint ja - mais.

THE CHURCH

Go to the World!

295

- 1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
- 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
- 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
- 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.