

## GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

\* Please stand if able

PRELUDE *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* George J. Webb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) *based on Psalm 146* Elder

One: God's love is utterly amazing.

**Many: We have no words to express the greatness of our God.**

One: God cares for us even when we are small and unworthy.

**Many: We praise God for all of God's blessings.**

One: Let us worship God!

\* HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (See insert)

\*PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Please be seated.) Unison

**Hear me O God, as I stand before you with my defenses down, and my neat excuses packed away. I know that I often disappoint you when I fail to accept your guidance in my life. The truth is I often disappoint myself and feel far away from you. Like King David I lie to myself saying something like, "I don't think God will mind if..." Forgive me for the lies I tell myself, and for the distance I place between me and you. Forgive me for the things both small and large that I have done that hurt others. "Create in me a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit within me." In Jesus's name, amen.**

*(A time for silent prayer.)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Rev. Dr. Dwight R. Blackstock

One: This statement is completely true and should be believed by all:

**All: Jesus Christ came into the world to rescue sinners from themselves.**

One: Believing this we can assure one another saying,

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Glory to God...* (See insert)

## HEARING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING *2 Samuel 11:1-15*

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Power of Your Love* Geoff Bullock

TIME FOR CHILDREN *(As the children come forward, please join in singing.)*

**This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.**

**Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.**

SERMON *A Royal Cover Up* Rev. Dr. Dwight R. Blackstock

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand.) Elder

One: Let us affirm our faith as followers of Jesus Christ.

**All: In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,**

**God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,**

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,**

**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

**God is faithful still. Amen.**

*—from A Brief Statement of Faith, included in the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

\*HYMN *More Love to Thee, O Christ* (See insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (For Lord's Prayer words see insert)

*(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

*As the Deer*

Martin Nystrom

\* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Tune: Old Hundredth

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dwight Blackstock

\* HYMN

*Christ of the Upward Way*

(See insert)

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Tune: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**1. *May the grace of Christ our Savior,  
The Creator's boundless love,  
And the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.***      **2. *Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys which earth cannot afford.***

POSTLUDE

*When We All Get to Heaven*

Emily Wilson

*Please come to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.*

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Pulpit Elder: Jim Niquette  
Greeter: Jeff Stimson  
Accompanist: Eunie Y. Kim  
Children's Time: Addie Crabbe

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly  
Ushers: Anne Baker & Brenda Cavanaugh  
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette  
Outdoor Setup Advisor: JoAnn Flores

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*WPC Mission Statement*

*To worship God through faith and action,  
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,  
to be an extended family to all,  
and to serve the community  
through programs, education and prayer.*

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