



WAKE FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To follow Christ by welcoming all as we seek to listen, understand, and learn how to serve our church and community with love and hope.

May 24, 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY & WELCOME

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

*OPENING HYMN #408

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

*OPENING SONG

“Let It Rise”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SUNG RESPONSE #591 refrain only

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*DOXOLOGY #609

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN’S TIME

SUNG RESPONSE

“God Is Doing Something Wonderful in Me”

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 104:24-34, 35^b

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Fill-a-Me Up!”

SCRIPTURE READING

John 16:1-15

SERMON

“An Unexpected Advantage”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

CENTERING MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #692

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE #741 v. 1

“Guide My Feet”

POSTLUDE

We’re glad you’re here! Please sign in on our friendship pads as they come down your row, and pass them back again after all have signed.

Responsive liturgy and music will be displayed on the screen.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body and/or spirit.

CHILDREN’S TIME
Invites our children down front. They may then rejoin their parents or move to the Children’s Corner (K-2nd) or the Big Kids’ Zone (3rd-5th).

Please be courteous to those around you. If you need to leave the sanctuary, you can hear the service in the narthex (lobby). If needed, professional nursery care is available for infants through preschoolers.

Prayer of Confession

God, you invite us to wonder. We confess we find more comfort in the mundane. We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing as suspicious or even threatening. We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain, and we're willing to give up joy in exchange.

Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God.

Awaken our senses to your wondrous work in the world, and give us the courage and will to follow you.

Words of Forgiveness

One: The psalmist writes,

All: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

One: When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

All: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

One: It is through this same creative, renewing Spirit we experience God's grace.

All: We give thanks as a renewed, forgiven people!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

***There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expression on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.***

***Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.***

***There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”***

***Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.***

“Let it Rise”

Repeat
three
times

***Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.
Let the praises of the King rise among us.***

Let it rise.

***Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.***

Let the joy of the King rise among us,

Let it rise.

Oh.....let it rise

Oh.....let it rise.

Let it rise, let it rise.

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, halleluhah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“God Is Doing Something Wonderful in Me”

God is doing something wonderful in me!

God is doing something wonderful in me!

Something awesome and incredible

and only God can get the glory.

God is doing something wonderful, incredible, and awesome.

God is doing something wonderful in me!

“Guide My Feet”

Guide my feet while I run this race;

guide my feet while I run this race;

guide my feet while I run this race,

for I don't want to run this race in vain!

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

**God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.**

**All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.**

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

**Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.**

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

**May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.**

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**