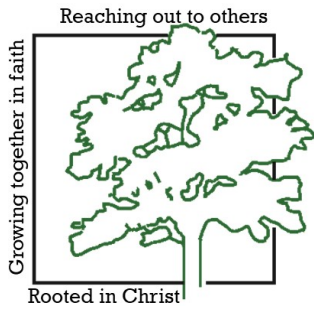




WAKE FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

August 2, 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY & WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

*OPENING HYMN #418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SUNG RESPONSE #110 v. 3

"Love Has Come"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

*SUNG RESPONSE #591

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SUNG RESPONSE

"God Is Doing Something Wonderful in Me"

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 31

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:1-9

SERMON

"Naming the Ache"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Just as I Am, I Come"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE #113 (refrain only)

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

COMMUNION PRAYER CONTINUES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING SONG

"Worn"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE #526 v. 1

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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Invites our children down front. They may then rejoin their parents or move to the Children's Corner/Big Kids' Zone.

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.
“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, “O sinner, come home!”

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?
“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, “O sinner, come home!”

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.
“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, “O sinner, come home!”

Prayer of Confession

One: God of our weary bones and heavy hearts, You know the weight we carry before we even speak it.
You see the places where grief lives in us— the quiet ache, the sudden tears, the heavy silence.
We admit that we do not always know how to sit with our loss.

All: **We confess that we are afraid of our own sorrow.**

One: When the ache becomes too sharp, we run. We hide behind busyness and endless distraction.
We numb ourselves with noise, work, and control, hoping to outrun the emptiness inside.

All: **We build walls around our hearts and call it strength. We pretend we are fine when we are falling apart.**

(following is sung)

**Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.
Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.**

“Love Has Come”

Love has come and never will leave us!

Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us.

Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.

Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

“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!

Communion Prayer

One: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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(following is sung)

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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One: Honoring your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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.

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence 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 life everlasting. Amen.

“Worn”

SOLO:

I'm tired, I'm worn.

**My heart is heavy
from the work it takes to keep on breathing.**

I've made mistakes,

I've let my hopes fail.

**My soul feels crushed
by the weight of this world.**

**And I know that You can give me rest,
so I cry out with all that I have left.**

ALL:

**Let me see redemption win,
let me know the struggle ends;
that you can mend a heart
that's frail and torn.
I want to know a song can rise
from the ashes of a broken life;
that all that's dead inside can be reborn,
'cause I'm worn**

SOLO:

**I know I need to lift my eyes up,
but I'm too weak, life just won't let up.
And I know that you can give me rest,
so I cry out with all that I have left.**

ALL:

**Let me see redemption win,
let me know the struggle ends;
that you can mend a heart
that's frail and torn.
I want to know a song can rise
from the ashes of a broken life;
that all that's dead inside can be reborn,
'cause I'm worn**

SOLO:

And my prayers are wearing thin,
and I'm worn even before the day begins.
Yeah, I'm worn, I've lost my will to fight.
I'm worn, so heaven come and flood my eyes.

ALL:

**Let me see redemption win,
let me know the struggle ends;
that you can mend a heart
that's frail and torn.
I want to know a song can rise
from the ashes of a broken life;
that all that's dead inside can be reborn,
Yeah, all that's dead inside will be reborn
Yeah I'm worn**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again;
earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around:
loaves abound!