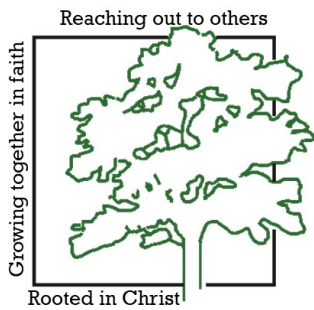




WAKE FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 9, 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY & WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

*OPENING HYMN #817 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

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

*SUNG RESPONSE #591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SUNG RESPONSE

"God Is Doing Something Wonderful in Me"

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-4, 16-20

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be Thou My Vision"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"Engaging the Process"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CENTERING MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING SONG

"Trading My Sorrows"

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE #526 V 1

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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.

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 .

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spoke:
“My peace be with you here.”

We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice
and cry, “My Lord and God!”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Prayer of Confession

One: Lord, when sudden storms hit and unexpected news breaks, our minds freeze. Shock settles into our bones, and we feel paralyzed, unsure of how to move or what to do.

All: **In the stillness of our shock, Lord, we look to You.**

One: When the weight of the moment makes the path ahead look dark and impossible, help us not to fixate on the chaos around us, but to lift our eyes to Your constant presence.

All: **In the shadow of our fear, Lord, Your light guides our eyes.**

One: We do not need to see the whole journey today; we only need the grace for this moment. Grant us the courage to unclench our hands, take a breath, and trust You with what comes next.

All: **Focusing our eyes on You, Lord, we take our next step in faith.**

One: In this moment of silence, we listen for God to speak, showing us one place where we are frozen.

(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!

"Trading My Sorrows"

I'm trading my sorrows,

I'm trading my shame,

I'm laying them down

for the joy of the Lord.

I'm trading my sickness,

I'm trading my pain,

I'm laying them down

for the joy of the Lord.

We say, yes Lord, yes Lord,

yes, yes, Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord,

yes, yes, Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord,

yes, yes, Lord. Amen!

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen!

I'm pressed but not crushed,
persecuted not abandoned,
struck down but not destroyed.
I am blessed beyond the curse,
for His promise will endure
that His joy's gonna be my strength.
Though the sorrow may last for the night,
His joy comes in the morning.

I'm trading my sorrows,
I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness,
I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord.

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen!

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord.
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen!

"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!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the word around; loaves abound!