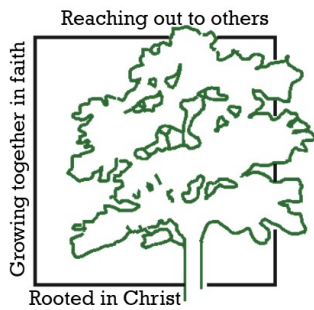




WAKE FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 23, 2026

Worship on the Water

WELCOMING MUSIC

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER

OPENING HYMNS

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving.
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

OPENING HYMNS

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken?””

I was standin’ by my window
One cold and cloudy day,
When I saw this hearse come rollin’
For to carry my mother away.

Will the circle be unbroken?
Bye and bye, Lord, bye and bye;
There’s a better home awaiting,
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.

I will follow close behind her,
Try to hold off and be brave,
But I could not hide my sorrow
When they laid her in the grave.

Will the circle be unbroken?
Bye and bye, Lord, bye and bye;
There’s a better home awaiting,
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 21:1-14

SERMON

PREPARING TO PRAY

“Down to the River to Pray”

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on brothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O mothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on mothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O fathers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray

PRAYERS OF THE 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.

CLOSING HYMN

“We Are One in the Spirit”

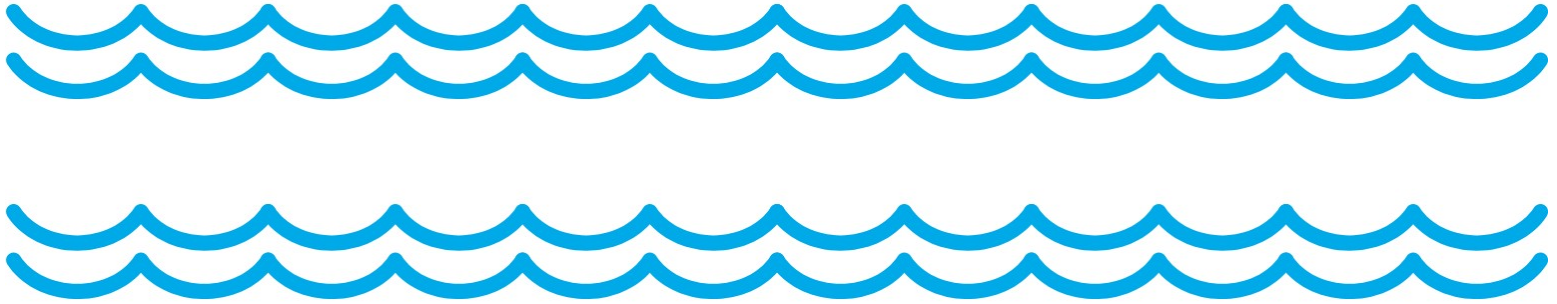
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our lands:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

CHARGE, BENEDICTION, AND BLESSING OF THE FOOD



**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY
AS WE KICK OFF OUR NEW
MINISTRY YEAR**

Come at 8:45 for a delicious breakfast catered by our very own partner ministry WARM Café! Stay for a pageant like no other... a MINISTRY PAGEANT! All you need to know about the many ministries of WFPC will be on display (with some costumes and talents to boot, it is not to be missed!) Ministry tables will also be on display in the lobby and admin wing so you can learn, gather info and explore before and after worship.

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