



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 30, 2026

WELCOME

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity & Welcome

Silent Prayer

*Opening Song

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

PREPARING FOR GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness

Sung Response #110 v. 3

"Love Has Come"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sung Response #591 (refrain)

"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

Habakkuk 3:16-19

Special Music

"This Is the Day"

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-40

Sermon

"Living Defiance"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Centering Music

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn #839

"Blessed Assurance"

*Benediction

*Sung Response #80

"You Shall Go Out with Joy"

Postlude

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“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God.
Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our hearts, soul, mind, and strength,
we gladly choose you now.

Come, just as you are.
Come, just as you are.
Come, just as you are.

Prayer of Confession

One: As the people of God, we come to this place knowing we are held prisoner.

All: **By our fear. By our anger. By our hurt. By our pain.**

One: We confess, God, we have come to trust the darkness more than the light.

All: **We build walls to protect us made from stones of busy-ness, technology, and tribal loyalty. We believe those walls will save us, but instead they lock us in.**

One: Liberating God, help us to believe enough in hope to keep singing in those lost moments.

All: **To remember your history of forgiveness and liberation.**

One: To join in the stream of those set free, from Joseph to Jeremiah, from John the Baptist to Silas, from Peter to Paul, who can testify to the power of your grace.

All: **Set us free, O God. Give us the eyes to see the light of possibilities and the open door which leads to hope.**

One: In this moment of silence, we ask you to show us one wall preventing us from living into your possibility for us:

(sung twice)

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 the 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!

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.

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field
will clap their hands;
the trees of the field
will clap their hands;
the trees of the field
will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.