



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

September 6, 2026

WELCOME

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity & Welcome

Silent Prayer

*Opening Hymn #321 v 1-3

"The Church's One Foundation"

PREPARING FOR GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness

Sung Response #447

"We Are Forgiven"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sung Response #700 v 1

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Time with the Children

1 Corinthians 2:11-12

Sung Response

"God Is Doing Something Wonderful in Me"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:16-21

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55

Sermon

"How Versus Who"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Special Music

"In Your Name"

Invitation to Communion

Communion Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Words of Institution

Serving of the Elements

Prayer

*Closing Song

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

*Benediction

*Sung Reponse #853

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

“The Church’s One Foundation”

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Forgive us for the times we have chosen efficiency over empathy. We confess we have treated people as problems to be managed, resources to be deployed, or obstacles in the way of our agendas.

We have valued smooth execution over patient presence, and predictable outcomes over genuine community.

Open our eyes to see the human beings right in front of us. Soften our hearts where routine has made us cold.

Teach us to slow down, to listen deeply, and to hold our plans loosely so we may hold each other tightly. Realign our priorities with Your heart, so that in all we build, manage, and do, people are honored, loved, and seen as Your image-bearers in this world.

“We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven; we are forgiven
Thanks be to God; thanks be to God
We are forgiven; we are forgiven
Thanks be to God; thanks be to God

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

“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: Our God, Hope of the Ages, 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.

(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.

The Apostle's Creed

We 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.

We 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.

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit, come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause

We are Your church
We pray, revive this earth
Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here, we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church.
We are the hope on earth.

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, ooo,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, ooo,
we are marching in the light of God.