



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 20, 2026

WELCOME

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity & Welcome

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn #716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

PREPARING FOR GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Forgiveness

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sung Response #749 v 1

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Time with the Children

Sung Response

"God Is Doing Something Wonderful in Me"

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:1-8

Special Music

"Amazing Grace"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

"Who Let Grace Handle the Payroll?"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Song

"Cornerstone"

*Benediction

*Sung Response #853

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Postlude

Call to Worship

One: God does not measure our worth by the hours we have worked, the talents we possess, or the treasures we can give. God sees us, loves us and calls us beloved.

All: **We gather today in a world that keeps score – who worked the longest, who gave the most, who deserves the greatest reward.**

One: But we come before a God whose grace cannot be measured and whose love cannot be earned.

All: **We respond with gratitude, offering our time, our talents and our treasures as signs of God's abundant grace.**

One: So come, faithful workers and joy-filled servants.

All: **Let us worship the God whose generosity is greater than our expectations and whose grace is enough for all!**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,

and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and gracious God, we come before You humbled by Your goodness, yet we confess that our lives do not always reflect Your goodness.

Forgive us for believing that Your love must be earned. We confess that we sometimes think our faithfulness deserves more than another's, or that our sacrifices should place us ahead in Your kingdom.

We have trusted more in our own efforts than in Your grace.

We grumble when others receive the same grace we have received, forgetting that every blessing is a gift and not a reward.

We have measured ourselves against others instead of looking to Christ.

We have envied the blessings of our neighbors, grumbled when life seemed unfair, and questioned Your wisdom when Your mercy was extended beyond our expectations.

Forgive us for the times we have been envious instead of grateful, resentful instead of rejoicing, and focused on fairness instead of faithfulness.

Open our eyes to the abundance of Your mercy rather than the scarcity we imagine.

Renew our hearts with the joy of Your kingdom, where the last are welcomed alongside the first, where grace outweighs merit, and where Your generosity knows no limits.

Create in us hearts that praise You, trust You, and reflect Your compassion to all we meet.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, whose grace is more than enough for each of us. Amen.

"Come! Live in the Light!"

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

“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.

“Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly trust in Jesus’ Name.

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Christ alone, Cornerstone.

Weak made strong in the Savior’s love,

Through the storm, He is Lord.

Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,

I rest on His unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

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Christ alone, Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love,
Through the storm, He is Lord,
Lord of all.
He is Lord, Lord of all.
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Through the storm, He is Lord,
Lord of all.
He is Lord, Lord of all.

When He shall come
with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.

"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.
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