



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

October 18, 2026

WELCOME

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity & Welcome

Silent Prayer

*Opening Hymn #753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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

*Liturgy of Commitment

*Sung Response #700 v1

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Time with the Children

Matthew 22:1-14

Sung Response

"God Is Doing Something Wonderful in Me"

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:1, 4-9

Special Music

"The Church's One Foundation"

Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-20, 30-55

Sermon

"Healthy Disputes"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Centering Music

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Song

"Oh, How Good It Is"

*Benediction

*Sung Response #853

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Postlude

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“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, you pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, every joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Prayer of Confession

One: Gracious and Merciful God, You have called us to be a people of reconciliation, bound together in peace, forgiveness, and Christlike love. Yet we confess that we often choose the path of distance over the hard work of devotion.

People: **We confess that when relationships become painful, messy, or broken, we are quick to retreat. We have abandoned those You placed in our lives, walking away instead of seeking peace.**

One: Forgive us for the silence we have maintained when holy conversations were needed. Forgive us for guarding our own pride, nurturing our resentment, and writing off brothers and sisters in Christ. We have allowed division to take root in our homes, our friendships, and our church.

All: **We have chosen comfort over covenant. We have given up on people whom You have not given up on. In our fear of conflict and discomfort, we have left wounds unaddressed and relationships shattered.**

One: Lord, You restored us to Yourself while we were still distant, crossing the divide through the cross of Jesus Christ. Forgive our lack of mercy toward others when You have shown endless mercy toward us.

All: **Cleanse our hearts, Lord. Heal our defensiveness, soften our bitterness, and grant us the humility to seek forgiveness and extend grace.**

One: Lord God, wherever reconciliation is possible, give us the courage to step forward in faith. Where relationships remain broken despite our efforts, give us Your peace and guard our hearts against bitterness. Teach us to love as You have loved us.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, our Peace and Redeemer, Amen.**

“We Are Forgiven”

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

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Liturgy of Commitment

One: Gracious God, all that we have comes from You, and from what you’ve provided we give back to you

All: **We offer our time, acknowledging that every breath and every hour is a gift from Your hands.**

One: We dedicate our talents—our skills, passions, creative gifts, and energy—to serve Your church and love our neighbors.

All: **Use our hands, our minds, and our voices to bring Your hope and justice to the world.**

One: We offer our treasure—our financial gifts and material abundance—as an act of gratitude and trust in Your provision.

All: **May these gifts sustain our shared ministry, care for the vulnerable, and spread the light of Christ.**

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One: Where we feel fear about the future, grant us trust. Where we are tempted to hold back, grant us open hands. Mold us into a people defined by radical generosity, reflecting the heart of Jesus Christ.

All: **Take our lives, Lord, and use them for Your glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.**

“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!

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.

“Oh, How Good It Is”

Oh, how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

So with one voice we’ll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we’ll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come

For He dwells in the presence of His people

Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people

"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.