

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

November 8, 2026

WELCOME

Prelude
Chiming of the Trinity & Welcome
Silent Prayer
*Opening Song — "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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
Veteran's Recognition
*Prayer of Thanksgiving
*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 6:9-10
Sung Response — "God Is Doing Something Wonderful in Me"
Scripture Reading — Matthew 8:1-4
Special Music — "Give Us a Song"
Scripture Reading — 1 Kings 3:4-28
Sermon — "Solomon's Wisdom"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Centering Music
Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer
*Closing Song — "Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"
*Benediction
*Sung Response #853 — "We Are Marching in the Light of God"
Postlude

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow.
Though none go with me, still I will follow.
Though none go with me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and listening God, you offered Solomon whatever he might ask, and he asked for a heart that could discern what is just. We confess that we have not always asked the same.
We seek comfort, security, and success, and do not stop to ask who pays the price.
We listen to the voices that flatter us and overlook the ones that unsettle us: the poor, the stranger, the worker, the child.
We have benefited from systems we did not question, stayed silent when silence was easier than truth, and called our convenience justice.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Give us listening hearts, that we may weigh our choices by their effect on our neighbors, notice who is missing from the table, and use whatever power we hold to protect, to restore, and to make room.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

"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!

Prayers of the People

One: ... God of wisdom,
All: give us listening hearts.

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.

“Act Justly, Walk Humbly, Love Mercy”

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things
Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You, God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly
With You, God

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
Oh, the truth will set us free.
Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You, God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly
With You, God

It’s beauty for ashes
It’s mourning to dancing
It’s closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven
Beauty for ashes
It’s mourning to dancing
It’s closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we’ll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows
Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You, God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly
With You, God
Walk humbly with You, 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 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.