

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we *gather* as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.

PRELUDE *Rhosymedre*
Welsh/John David Edwards (1805-1885)
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Rebecca Guzman

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INTROIT *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Wesley

* CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Jessica Tidwell-Weinzierl

One: With our whole selves—our hearts, minds, soul, and strength –

Many: **Let us love and praise God!**

One: Let us praise God with all parts of our lives!

Many: **We will sing praises to God for as long as we live.**

One: For God is faithful, walking with us always.

All: **Let us sing out our praise – praise God, the Maker of heaven and earth!**

* HYMN *O Lord, You Are My God and King* No. 252

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Tidwell-Weinzierl

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) Rev. Tidwell-Weinzierl

God of truth and love, when we yearn for certainty in an uncertain world, remind us that we only can see from our own perspective. Only you see everything. When we long for others to see things our way or pass judgment on the thoughts and actions of others, remind us that we are all still in need of wholeness and grace. When we seek to impose our own ways upon others, remind us that we have failings of our own. Draw near to us, and call us again to draw near to you, you who are our rock and our salvation. Breathe your mercy and grace into our hearts so that we might find healing, and then, be your hands that help others find healing, too. (silence)

Leader: Trusting your mercy, we lift these prayers to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Gloria Patri* No. 567

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

We *listen* for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching.

ANTHEM Write Your Blessed Name K. Lee Scott

“... O Lord, upon my heart,
there to remain so indelibly engraved
that no prosperity, that no adversity
shall ever move me from your love.
Be to me a strong tower of defense,
a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress,
and a faithful Guide to the courts of heaven
through the many temptations and dangers of this life.
O Jesu, my only Savior! Amen.”

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Rebecca Guzman

As the children four years old through third grade gather and recess to the Chapel for Children's Worship, the congregation is invited to join in singing:

***What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.***

Congregation: **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Children: **And also with you.**

***What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.***

The children will return to join their families at the Doxology.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Dr. Matthew S. Brown

READING FROM THE GOSPELS
Matthew 7:24-29 Pew Bible p. 7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **Site Solutions** Dr. Brown

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

We *respond* to the hearing of God's word through affirmation, offering, and prayers.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) **The Confession of 1967, 9.32**
Rev. Whitney Bayer

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service

to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison) Rev. Bayer

. . . **“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.**

OFFERTORY *Jazz Alleluia* Craig Curry
Chancel Choir

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* DOXOLOGY No. 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Brown

Creator God, Giver of life and blessing, how shall we live? May our gratitude be reflected in word and deed, both today and every day for the sake of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD

* HYMN *All Praise to God for Song God Gives* No. 328

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Dr. Brown

Annual meeting of corporation Mary Elledge, Clerk of Session
Report from Nominating Committee Michael Zagora, Co-Chair
Report from Funds Management Committee Frank Graham, Chair
Report from Personnel Committee Janet Morgan, Chair

* CLOSING PRAYER Mary Elledge

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. Amen.***

POSTLUDE *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* 18th C. Austria
arr. Baron Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

The Worship Service Notes

Leading Worship this Morning

Dr. Matthew S. Brown, Pastor
Rev. Whitney Bayer, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care
Rebecca Guzman, Director of Spiritual Formation
Audrey McConnell, Director of Music
Rev. Jessica Tidwell-Weinzierl, Director of Youth Ministry

Please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed. To update contact information in our database, contact: SMPCoffice@SMPCHome.org

Note to Parents. We offer childcare for infants through kindergarten during the 10:10 a.m. Worship Service. Questions, contact: Rebecca Guzman, Director of Spiritual Formation, Rebecca@smpchome.org.

Interested in joining South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church? The Session will welcome new members February 24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel. If you have interest in membership, speak to one of the pastors after worship today or contact: Nancy Metzler, Director of Hospitality & Connection, Nancy@smpchome.org, 704-544-0404, ext. 103.

Worship Teams

Elders/Deacons: Curtis Guy, Greg Hobby
Ushers: David Gilleland, Head Usher; Vicki & Ronny Barton, Elizabeth Neligan, Craig Parrish, John Sandeen
A/V: Brad Alford

Hospitality Teams:

Coffee Grounds Hosts: Julie & Greg Hobby, Ron Morgan
Connection Center Host: Sally Jones
Greeters: Roberta Cianfrone, Barb & Pat Malo

Congregational Notes (as of February 6, 2019)

Remember in Prayer

- Our mission partners in Bayonnais, Haiti.

To join the prayer chain or send a prayer request:
prayer@smpchome.org

Deacons

Moderator: Jeana Lee
Secretary: Tricia Gosnell

Class of 2019: Kay Dano, Dick Engle, Joyce Highsmith, Jeana Lee, Jim Loftus, Lori Schellin

Class of 2020: Brad Alford, Kathy Gahagen, Tricia Gosnell, Brenton Hartman, Curtis Ireland, Carol Palmgren

Elders

Clerk of Session: Mary Elledge
Recording Clerk: Gary Rawls

Class of 2019: Maria Davis, Kim Dracon, Jerry Hawver, Gary Rawls

Class of 2020: Mary Elledge, Guy Gosnell, Greg Hobby, Melissa White

Class of 2021: Meghan Bartholomew, Jack Fuller, Curtis Guy, Nancy Parrish, Doug Rhodes

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South Mecklenburg PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Worship

5th Sunday After Epiphany
February 10, 2019

10:10 a.m., Sanctuary

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joyfully responding to the Good News of Jesus Christ
with Love and Grace.