

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 *Prelude and Fugue in g minor*
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Matthew S. Brown

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INTROIT *Give Praise to the Lord* C. Hubert H. Parry

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116) Rev. Diane Giannola

One: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Many: **The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

One: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

Many: **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

All: **Let us worship the Lord!**

* HYMN *For All the Saints* No. 526

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *a prayer by Thom Shuman*

We come to you, Listener of our broken lives, with our hands soiled with the pain we have caused, with our ears stuffed with the words of those who speak falsely, with our hearts stained with those lusts and hungers we would be embarrassed for others to know. Forgive us and have mercy on us, Wiper of our tears. As we seek to journey from the baptismal waters towards the feast you prepare in glory, may we turn our faces toward you in every moment, listen to your words in the depths of our hearts, and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way. Hear, O Lord, the silent confessions of our hearts . . . (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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

ANTHEM *Within These Walls* Stephen Caracciolo

“ . . . the sound of praises, radiant alleluias rise.

Ceaseless prayer and hymn ascending,

sweet as incense to the skies.

Holy, holy, holy God, all glory.

**Please stand as you are able.*

*Saints on earth and above join to bless the Lord of love.
Within these walls, a meal for sharing, tender alleluias rise.
Bread and wine for celebration, hymns to praise the Crucified.
Holy, holy, holy God, all glory.*

*Saints on earth and above join to share this feast of love.
Within these walls, a faith confessing, joyous alleluias rise.
Songs of hope and revelation, God's own word and sign inspire.
Holy, holy, holy God all glory.*

*Saints on earth and above speak of promise, sing of love.
Within these walls, yet far beyond all, wondrous alleluias rise.
Word and song and all creation praise the Son of God, Most High!
Holy, holy, holy God, all glory.*

Saints on earth and above join to bless the Lord of love.”

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

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

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT
2 Kings 5:1-15a Pew Bible p. 336

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT
2 Corinthians 3:3-6a Pew Bible p. 180

SERMON **Incidental Ambassadors** Dr. Brown

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

OFFERTORY *In His Presence* Dick & Melodie Tunney
Collin Sinclair

Online giving option: As an alternative to the traditional offering plate, you may support SMPC using your mobile device by texting SMPC to **73256** or give online at www.SMPChome.org/Giving.

* 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Nicene Creed

Rev. Giannola

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE INVITATION

Rev. Giannola

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .**

“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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Giannola

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Receiving of the Elements by Intinction. You are invited to come to the table (see diagram on back), take a piece of bread, dip the bread into the cup, and return to your seats. If you are not able to come forward, you will be served at your seat. We offer gluten-free elements and servers are located at the back of the Sanctuary and behind the sound booth in the balcony.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Now to Your Table Spread

John Ireland

Chancel Choir

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN

Baptized in Water

No. 492

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

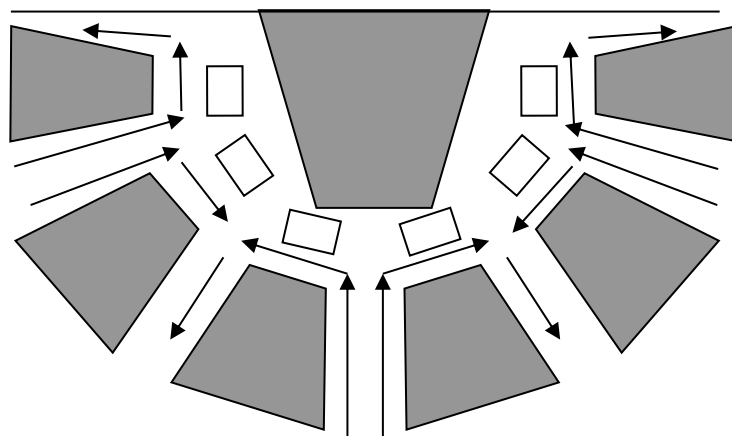
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G Major

Francois Couperin
(1668-1733)

Communion Diagram



Main Floor: Ushers will dismiss by row. Please follow the arrows for traffic flow.

Balcony: Communion stations available. Ushers will dismiss by row.

The Worship Service Notes

Leading Worship this Morning

Dr. Matthew S. Brown, Pastor
Audrey McConnell, Director of Music

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God.

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

Interested in joining South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church? The Session of South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church will welcome new members Nov. 18 at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel. If you have interest in membership, speak to one of the pastors or with Nancy Metzler, Director of Hospitality & Connection, Nancy@smpchome.org, 704-544-0404, ext. 103, following today's service.

Worship Teams

Deacons/Elders: Don Ayers, Brenton Hartman, Curtis Ireland
Ushers: Michael Zagora, Head Usher, Mick Hunt, Vicki & Ronny Barton, Bob Williamson
A/V: Bruce Kroeschell

Hospitality Teams

Coffee Grounds Host: Kathleen Bearse
Connection Center Host: Kim Dracon
Greeters: Lansie & Kevin Colin, Kim Dracon
Lemonade Host: Dean Elledge

Congregational Notes (as of October 31, 2018)

Remember in Prayer

- Mark Forwerck as he receives treatment for throat cancer
- Our grieving neighbors in Pittsburgh following the mass shooting at Tree of Life synagogue
- The Butler High School community after this week's tragic events
- Our partners in ministry in Bayonnais, Haiti

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



**South
Mecklenburg
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

A Service of Worship

**24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 4, 2018**

10:10 a.m., Sanctuary

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Our Mission . . . to seek God's will for our lives,
joyfully responding to the Good News of Jesus Christ
with Love and Grace.