



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 16, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Prelude on FESTAL SONG
Marty Franklin

George Lachenauer

Words of Welcome

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Sharilyn Owens

One: When we turn our hearts away from God and toward ourselves,
putting trust in our own strength,

Many: we become like a shrub in the desert, living in a parched, salty place.

One: When we trust in God, when our trust is God,
we are like a tree planted by water.

**Many: Our roots go deep, we are ever-green;
even in a drought we are not anxious, but bear fruit, full and beautiful,
gifts of the God who made us.**

One: Let us worship the Lord, our God!

All: Let us worship God together!

***Hymn (#815)**

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Silence)

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: Because Christ has been raised from the dead,
sin and death do not have the last word!

All: **Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.
Thanks be to God!**

***Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace**

***Congregational Response (#582, v. 1)**

*Glory to God,
Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 1

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)



Anthem *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Sebastian Temple

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 6:17-26
(*One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Many: Thanks be to God.***)

Sermon With the Crowds Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn (#457)** *How Happy Are the Saints of God (Psalm 1)*

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Call to Generosity

Sharilyn Owens

Offertory

Bicinium on SALZBURG

Janet Correll

***Congregational Response (#607, Alt. Tune #606)**

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you.

All: **Use them (and our very selves!) to bless the poor,
feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#172)**

Blest Are They

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Postlude on "Lobe Den Herren"

August Reinhard

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**



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815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. John Wesley, 1737, alt.
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1872

FESTAL SONG
 SM
 (this tune in a higher key, 744)

582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

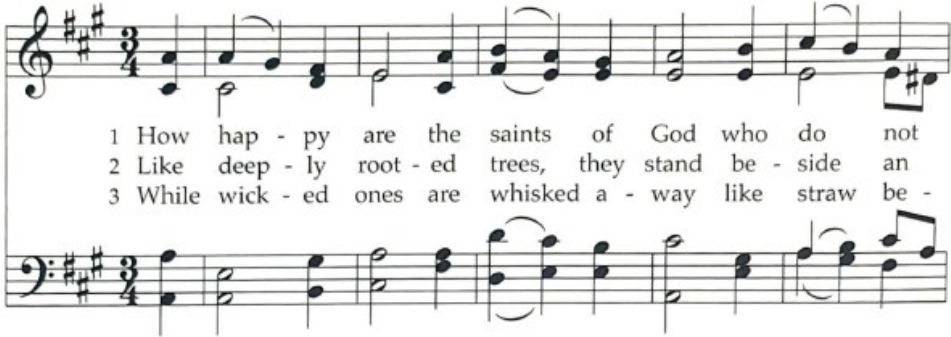
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



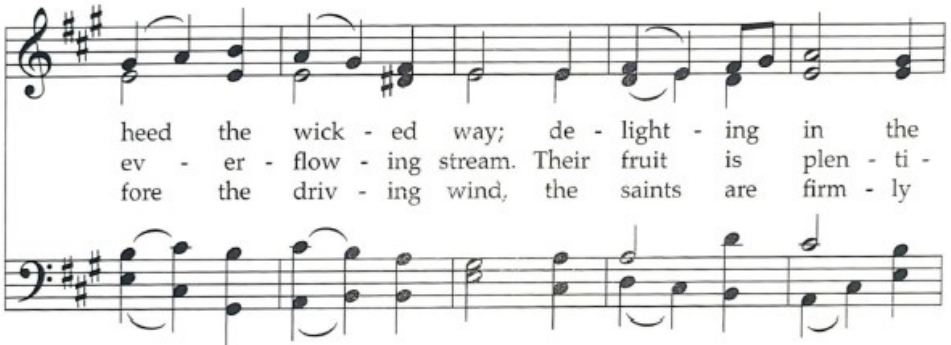
As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

457 How Happy Are the Saints of God

(Psalm 1)



1 How hap - py are the saints of God who do not
 2 Like deep - ly root - ed trees, they stand be - side an
 3 While wick - ed ones are whisked a - way like straw be -



heed the wick - ed way; de - light - ing in the
 ev - er - flow - ing stream. Their fruit is plen - ti -
 fore the driv - ing wind, the saints are firm - ly



ho - ly Word they seek God's wis - dom night and day.
 ful and good; their leaves are al - ways grow - ing green.
 plant - ed still, and God will keep them to the end.

This paraphrase of Psalm 1 celebrates the permanence of God's way in contrast with the transience of wickedness. While the wicked are dried up and scattered, the holy people of God are rooted and nourished. They bear much good fruit and are blessed with an enduring legacy.

607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody in the treble staff consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDREDTH
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here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a few rests, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

The third system concludes the doxology. The treble staff ends with a final cadence, and the bass staff provides a concluding accompaniment.

Blest Are They

172

Gsus Leader or All *G D C*

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

TEXT: David Haas, 1985

MUSIC: David Haas, 1985; arr. David Haas and Michael Joncas, 1985

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BLEST ARE THEY
Irregular