



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOMING • GROWING • SERVING • LOVING

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 2, 2025 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude Variations on SINE NOMINE (I & II) Robert Thompson
Marty Franklin

Words of Welcome Rev. R.C. Griffin III

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: The changing colors of leaves, the laughter of children playing dress-up, the flowers and trees that become food for foraging creatures:

Many: **Lord, your creation boasts of your goodness.**

One: The Sunday school teachers who taught us your Word, the stranger who asked us if we were okay, the parent who showed us right and wrong, the neighbor who dropped by to say hello:

Many: **Lord, your creation boasts of your love.**

One: Let us join together as a community and worship our Creator, the author of everything that is beautiful.

All: **Let us worship the Lord, our God!**

***Hymn (#386)** *Come, Worship God*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession** Rev. Amanda Horan

***Prayer of Confession**

You are righteous, O God, and your law is truth. Yet we struggle to be faithful and daily fail to live lives of justice and mercy.

(Silence)

Forgive us again, O God; keep covenant with us, as you have promised, and soothe our aching souls, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: Because we have been buried with Christ in these waters,
we are raised to new life in him.

All: **Forgiven and freed, let us live lives worthy to our call,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, seek to do good. Amen.**

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

***Congregational Response (#659)**

Know That God Is Good

Know that God is good (3x). God is good (2x).

Halle, Hallelujah (3x). Hallelujah (2x).

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination (#458, refrain)

Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet

First Scripture Lesson

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

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

Anthem

More Love To Thee

arr. Howard Helvey

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

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

Sermon

Hiding

Rev. R.C. Griffin III



WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn (#720)**

Jesus Calls Us

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Call to Generosity

Offertory

Thanksgiving Reflection on AR HYD NOS

Dennis Janzer

***Congregational Response (#647)**

Give Thanks

***Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

One: Lord, how can we thank you for such wondrous love?

All: You have covered us with blessing and sustained us with hope.

One: Most of all you have given us your very self,
for our life and the life of the world.

**All: In gratitude we bring our gifts, for the sake of those you love,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#726)**

Will You Come and Follow Me

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Variations on SINE NOMINE (III)

Robert Thompson

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



Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)

1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;
 3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;
 4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
 you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.
 o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
 Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;
 Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.
 God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.
 great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!
 trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

659 Know That God Is Good

Mungu ni mwema



1 Know that God is good. Know that
2 Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le,
Mu - ngu ni mwe - ma. Mu - ngu



God is good. Know that God is good;
hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah,
ni mwe - ma. Mu - ngu ni mwe - ma,



God is good; God is good.
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
ni mwe - ma, ni mwe - ma.

This engaging song from central Africa is based on an affirmation that recurs in numerous psalms (34:8; 73:1; 100:5; 135:3; 145:9) as well as several other books of the Hebrew Scriptures. Both the brief text (in English, Hebrew, and Shona) and the musical parts are easily learned.

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet 458

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my
path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a
light un-to my path. *Fine* When I feel a-fraid, and I
think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-side me.
Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

TEXT: Amy Grant, 1984

MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. John Sharber

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THY WORD
Irregular

Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son, And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

TEXT: Henry Smith, 1978, alt.

MUSIC: Henry Smith, 1978

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GIVE THANKS

Irregular

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.