



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 2, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.**

Words of Welcome

Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Amanda Horan

One: In the midst of war and division, we wait for God:

**Many: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.**

One: Be joyful in God, all you people!

**Many: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.**

One: Bless our God, all you people!

**All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end,
they are new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness, O God!**

***Hymn (#853)**

We Are Marching in the Light of God

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God,

We confess that the world suffers because of our sin.

We use power against others for our own benefit.

We misuse the natural resources of the earth in carelessness and greed.

By our habits and apathies, others are subjected to desolation, even despair.

Forgive us for making enemies and exiles

of those you call us to love and serve.

Forgive us for laying waste to the landscape of creation.

**Forgive us for being complicit in causing others to grieve
and to wander without rest.**

We wait on you, O God. We hope in you.

You alone can restore all things, even us.

We pray in Christ's name. (Silence)

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: God, in Christ Jesus, grants us grace, mercy, and peace.

Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith:

that God has the power to save us

and has given us grace through all the ages.

**All: We receive the treasure of faith entrusted to us,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Thanks be to God!**

***Congregational Response (#581)**

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be

World without end. Amen, amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Habakkuk 1:2-4; 2:1-4
(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Anthem

Second Scripture Lesson 2 Timothy 1:1-14
(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon Guarding the Standards Rev. R.C. Griffin

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith *Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Congregational Response (#606)**

Doxology

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Invitation**

***Great Thanksgiving (Hymn #508)**

Come to the Table

One: And to that end, we join our voices with disciples around the globe,
Praying the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

All: **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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer of Gratitude

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#742)**

We Will Walk with God

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

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

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

We are march-ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

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oo

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march-ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing

742

We Will Walk with God

Sizohamba naye

We will walk with God, my broth-ers; we will walk with God.

Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



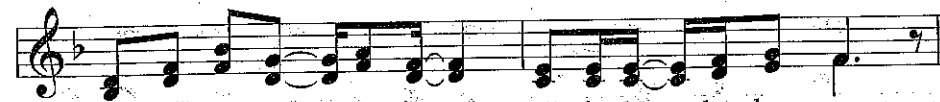
We will walk with God, my sis-ters; we will walk with God.

Si - zo - ham - ba na - ye, wo wo wo, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.

Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.



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Ngom-hla wen - ja - bu - la, si - zo - ham - ba na - ye.

With its themes of commitment and sending, this energetic song from Swaziland works well for ending a time together, either an occasion of worship or some other gathering. The simple tune does not require supporting instruments but invites percussion and improvisation.