



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOMING • GROWING • SERVING • LOVING

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 25, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Words of Welcome

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Amanda Horan

One: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

All: **The Lord God reigns forever, for all generations.
Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!**

*Hymn (#320)

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

We have sinned, O God,
hoarding what we have, grasping for more,
and ignoring those who hunger and thirst.
We stay with our own kind;
we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress.
Forgive us; purify us; remake us,
that we might love as you love. (Silence)

***Responsive Assurance of Pardon**

One: The Lord welcomes all those who return
from the exile of greed and self-interest.

All: **May we be at peace,**
for in Christ we find our way home again
where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.
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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

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

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Anthem

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

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

Sermon

Money and Mercy

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 is seated 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 (#738)**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.*

***Responsive Prayer of Dedication**

One: We give you thanks and praise, O generous God,
For every good gift that comes from your hand:

All: **for food and clothing, for life and health, for family and friends,
and above all, for the treasure of your grace.**

**Make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share,
taking hold of the life that really is life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#542)**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again


***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

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




320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led; must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

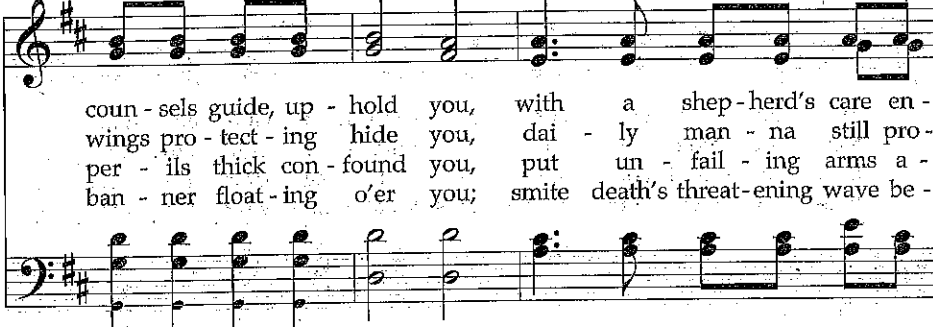
strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us.

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
 vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 round you:
 fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.