

“Sunday is the best day of the week because we celebrate the risen Christ in the local church, the dearest place on earth”. - C. J. MAHANEY

June 29, 2025

WE GATHER IN HIS PRESENCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Holly K. Davis

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE “I’ll Praise My Maker” Joyce Jones
Diane Combs

CHORAL INTROIT “Psalm 150” Chancel Choir
arr. Lorraine Kingsley

*CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive

People of God, we gather today to celebrate 150 years of God’s faithfulness!
We lift our hearts to worship the Lord with great joy!
For the vision of our church founders, we are grateful.
We thank you, O God, for every pastor, every member, and every friend.
We praise you for each generation worshipping within these walls:
gathered to worship, nourished in faith, blessed in fellowship, and sent to serve.
May our lives be a grateful response to your abundant grace.
God of the ages, we honor the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to the future, trusting we are led by your Almighty Hand.

*OPENING HYMN

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” #331
1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast. Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay: thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3. From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense. Thy true religion in our hearts increase. Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day. Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we have not always been the faithful church you called us to be. We have failed to love you with our whole hearts, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for the times we have been divided, and for the times we have forgotten our purpose. Restore us, O Lord. Teach us to be more like Christ through the power of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

— A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION—

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI
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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q.54
What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic (universal) Church”?

I believe that, from the beginning to the end of the world, and from among the whole human race, the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, in the unity of the true faith, a congregation chosen for eternal life. Moreover, I believe that I am and forever will remain a living member of it.

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God, we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God’s command to love and forgive one another.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM “O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink” Joel Lillethun
Chancel Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 150
NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 12:1-2

SERMON “Indeed, By Faith” General Presbyter Rev. Dr. Byron Wade

:: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::

THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #475

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Chimes Interlude

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Joel Raney
Sarah Cifani, flute Diane Combs, piano



***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN** **"God of Our Life"** **#686**

1. God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

2. God of the past, our times are in thy hand.
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.
Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

3. God of the coming years, through paths unknown
we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.
Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
"Go in the Grace of the Lord" James Barnard

Go in the grace of the Lord.
Walk in the way of His Word.
Stand in the strength of his promises,
and believe in your heart they are true.

Sit at the feet of the Savior.
Pray in the power of the Spirit.
Rise and run the race with patience
and go in the grace of the Lord.

***POSTLUDE** Recessional on "Hymn To Joy"
 Diane Combs arr. Matthew Corl

* Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.



*We are delighted to welcome
Rev. Dr. Byron Wade
to the pulpit on this special day for
First Presbyterian of Waynesville.*

Byron is the General Presbyter of the Presbytery of
Western North Carolina.
Previously, he served as pastor of the Davie Street
Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC for 24 years.

A native of Los Angeles, he is a graduate of the
University of Redlands (B.A.), Presbyterian School
of Christian Education (M.A. Christian Education),
Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (M.Div.),
and McCormick Theological Seminary (D. Min.).

He is married to Regina Fleming Wade and they
have one son, Andrew.

*Flowers in the sanctuary today are the gift of
Judy Bryson & Bob Beard
in honor of their wedding anniversary June 25th .*

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