



June 28, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

You're invited to explore the hymnal before today's service to suggest songs for our gathering music this morning.

:: HYMN SING ::

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING THE TRINITY**

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Joel Ra Sarah Cifani, flute Diane Combs, piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, proclaim God's greatness; tell the nations what God has done

People: We will sing praises to God and tell of the wonderful things God has done.

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in love.

People: Be glad that we belong to our Lord; let all who worship God rejoice!

Leader: Grace to you and peace, from God our Creator, and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen!

***OPENING HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #667**

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

2. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, unison

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we may honestly admit the fullness of our lives—that which is good, and that which is hurtful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with conditions, and all too often, we judge and condemn others. We cast the first stone while ignoring the logs in our own eyes. We silently judge those around us based on appearances, social status, their politics and differences. Forgive us and free us from our sin that holds others in contempt. Make us instruments of your grace and forgiveness so that all may know of your love and care. We ask this in the name of Christ our loving Lord. *Amen.*

:: A Moment of Silence for Personal Prayer & Reflection ::

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, in unison from a Declaration of Faith**
Christ calls us to be disciples.

In forming his people and sending them into the world
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.
We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.
It is also God's demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.
Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
we strive to become more faithful and effective
In our daily practice of the Christian life.

:: 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: "Here I Am, Lord" arr. Jack Schrader
Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Exodus 34:1-7 *Stan Briggs*
SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:1-5

SERMON: "Messages from the Mountains: Judge Not, Lest . . ." *Rev. Dr. Jody Welker, Bridge Interim Pastor*

:: 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 "Help Us Accept Each Other" #754

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situation to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" arr. Mark Hayes
Diane Combs

***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**

“They Will Know We are Christians By Our Love” #300

**1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

**[Refrain] And they’ll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love; yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

**2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other’ we will walk hand in hand,
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:
[Refrain]**

**3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride:
[Refrain]**

**4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
[Refrain]**

***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

**“Trumpet Tune”
Diane Combs**

David Lasky

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

*“Thank you to all my church family and
dear friends for your care and concern,
your gifts of food and flowers,
for your cards and calls,
your visits and your prayers.
They’ve made all the difference!”
Fondly, Nink Swift*



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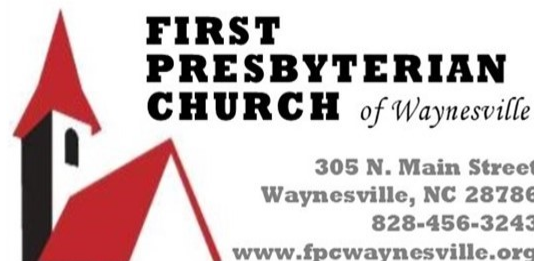
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*Mount of Beatitudes
and
Sea of Galilee*

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.”
— Matthew 5:6*

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If you are visiting today, we’re delighted to have you!

*Please stay on after worship for
coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.*