



July 12, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC *Merideth Sanders*

“Our God Is an Awesome God” Rich Mullins
Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love;
Our God is an awesome God! (3x)

“We Are God’s People” Bryan Leech
We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” Lanny Wolfe
Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place (2x)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Ron Tingle
“Minute For Mission”
After Care Boxes—Haywood Pathways—Paul Koptak

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE **“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”**
Arr. Rick Heffler/Haydn
Signature Winds

CALL TO WORSHIP, *responsive*
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
Do not put your trust in princes,
In mortals, in whom there is no help.
God is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea,
and everything in them—
The Lord remains faithful forever.
The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion,
for all generations. Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #39**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassion they fail not.
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.

[Refrain] Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *[Refrain]*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *[Refrain]*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *in unison*
I confess that I have often loved being right more than I have
loved listening to those around me. I have insisted on correct
doctrine, using it as a weapon rather than a tool to serve and up-
lift my neighbors. I have too often failed to consult the way of
Christ and the Fellowship of the Spirit. Soften my rigidity and
help me to follow you, prioritizing people over arguments.

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION & PRAYER ::

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Psalm 89*
We can sing of the Lord’s great love forever!
With our mouths, we will make known his faithfulness to all.
His love is firm forever!
He established his faithfulness in heaven itself.
God made a promise to David.
A covenant that lasts to all generations.

***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 A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of
our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One
of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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 people 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 noth-
ing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

:: 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 “My Dancing Day”
arr. Robt. Puff/ old Cornish carol
Signature Winds

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 6:13-18 *Lolly Kreider*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 22:1-14

SERMON: “God’s Limit” *Rev. Tempe’ Fussell*

:: 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

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"
Hymnal, #59

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY

"Largo" G. Tartini
Signature Winds

***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**

"Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil" #750

Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
Life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.
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***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" #541 Vs.1

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

***POSTLUDE**

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"
B. Marcello/arr. Edwin Childs
Signature Winds

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

Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are
the gift of Pat and Stan Briggs
from their summer garden.



We are delighted to have this talented group with us today!

Signature Winds Ensemble

Melony Boldon, clarinet
Sabah Cifani, flute
Stephanie Lyon, French horn
Jennifer McHenry, oboe
Craig Summers, bassoon



Our Church Elders

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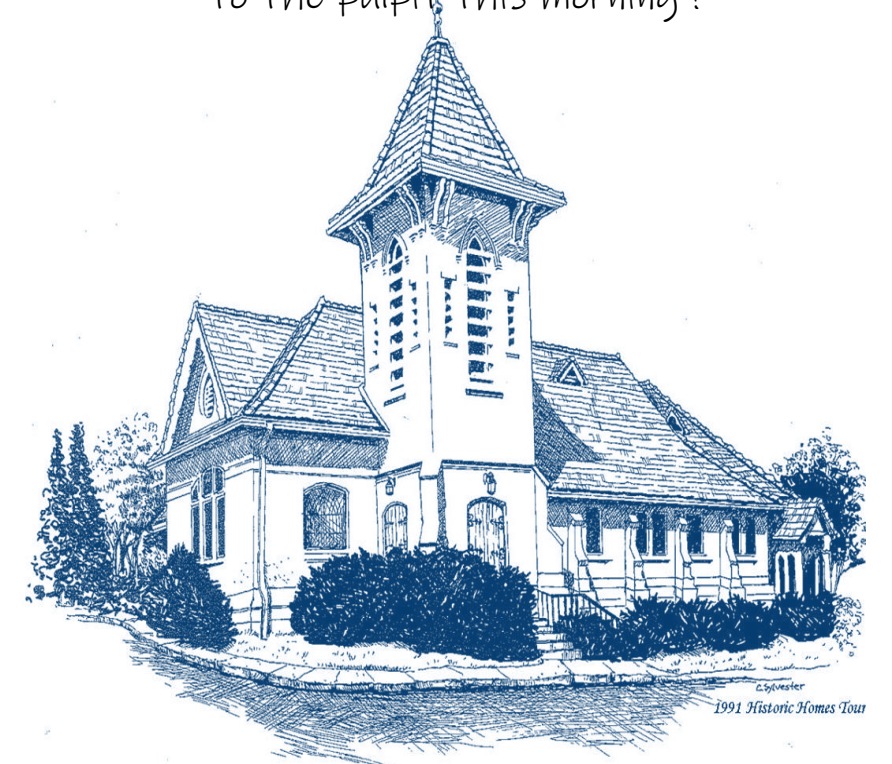
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*We welcome Rev. Tempe' Fussell
to the pulpit this morning!*



*"We love because he first loved us."
— 1 John 4:19*

WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

*If you are visiting today, we're delighted to have you!
Please stay on after worship for
coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.*

