

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 14, 2021

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

*The Gift to be Simple*

arr. Dale Wood

INTROIT

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ST. COLUMBA

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 12:29-31

Leader: Hear, O Israel

**Congregation: the Lord our God, the Lord is One.**

Leader: Which is the greatest commandment in God's Law?

**Congregation: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul  
and with all your strength  
and with all your mind'**

Leader: The second is?

**Congregation: Love your neighbor as yourself.**

Leader: All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

**Congregation: There is no commandment greater than these.**

+\*HYMN 63

"The Lord Is God"

AZMON

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord our God, the one and only, we confess before You our lack of love. We have not loved You as we should. We have not loved others as we love ourselves. We have been self-centered and self-satisfied. Yet out of Your eternal love for us You sent Your son to show us how to love and to reunite us with You. We pray You would fill us with Your Holy Spirit. May we truly love and serve You, loving others as You have loved us. May we love not just those who love us, but those who count us as enemies. Through Your reconciling love forgive us and help us to forgive others. Write these laws of love upon our hearts. Amen.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR JAMES CALHOUN PRUITT IV AND WHITLEY HARRIS PRUITT

Janice Finein, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

*The Apostles' Creed*

Hymnal, p. 35

Prayer and the Act of Baptism  
Greeting a Child of God

**Leader:** James Calhoun Pruitt IV and Whitley Harris Pruitt are now identified as children of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Calhoun and Whitley to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Jay and Margaret as they nurture their children and assist them to be faithful disciples.

**People:** **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Calhoun and Whitley into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.**

\*HYMN 488 "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" WATERLIFE

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Presentation of Bibles to Third Grade Students  
*It is our tradition here at SAPC to present our third graders with Bibles. This is an exciting time for these children, their parents and this community of faith. We wish to congratulate these young people and their families at this important step in their faith journey.*

*Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, elementary children are invited to the Chapel.  
Younger children are invited to the Chapel with a parent anytime.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Mark 12 (select verses), pew Bible, p. 162 and 923

SERMON "Heart, Soul, Strength, Mind" Lori Archer Raible

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS Text to Give 704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Come Home" Craig Courtney  
Ivey Cherry, baritone; Gay Pappin, piano

\*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER DEDICATION (Unison)

**Forgiving God, people give for so many reasons; guilt, joy, obligation, gratitude, obedience, hope, control, thankfulness. Everything we have; including our money and possessions are really gifts from You. You call us to use them wisely, to share them openly, and to give them generously. Thank You for this celebration of giving. As we act in love for our neighbors, receive this offering and release us from the foolish temptation to believe that it is best spent on ourselves. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" CHEREPONI

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE "Go with Us, Lord" TALLIS Canon

\*POSTLUDE *Let All Creation Dance* arr. Michael Burkhardt

\*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshippers

## SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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