

"Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life" John 8:12

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"You Are Mine"

DAVID HAAS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In this time set apart for worship, the Holy Spirit invites us:

Draw near to God, who is steady and sure.

Draw near to God, who welcomes those often overlooked.

**Draw near to God, who draws us together,
threads woven in a shared fabric of faith.**

Let us worship the Lord!

***HYMN – No. 35**

"Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

***CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have
done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light,
and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

(A time for silent confession and reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Amen.

***HYMN – No. 581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

G LORIA PATRI

***SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Beloved, let us love one another. For love is of God and God is love.

If we do not love, we are not of God and God is not in us, so

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Let us share the love of God, which is our peace.

The peace of our Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

(Time of sharing in the peace of Jesus Christ)

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

reader, Katy Manck

O God, your word says that you created the world through your Word.

Your Word is powerful! And so are our words.

They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love;
but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth.

Give us your wisdom, God of the Word, so that as a church and as individuals,
we use our words to build up and not to destroy. Open us to these holy words.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Hebrew Lesson: Psalm 1

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: Corinthians 15:12-20

The Lord bless the reading of these words.

The Lord bless the hearing of these words.

HYMN– No. 821

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27-38

And the word became flesh and lived among us.

Full of grace and truth, thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Shelia Willis

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH PC(USA)**

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 the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

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**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
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 peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

CALL TO COMMITMENT AND RESPONSE

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Generous God, we give you thanks for all your blessings to us.

**Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world,
so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace;
in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN – No. 609**

“Doxology”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***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.

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

*HYMN – No. 22

“God of the Sparrow”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“I’ll Fly Away”

I’LL FLY AWAY

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Shelia Willis** this Sunday! Rev. Willis served as Senior Pastor at Ebenezer Christian Methodist Episcopal Church for 11 years and has been a paralegal for over 30 years, currently serving at Lone Star Legal Aid. We look forward to her message and fellowship with us.

Wednesday Night Live dinner is served at 6 p.m. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. This week's menu includes chicken parmesan, a side, salad, dessert, and a drink.

A stated session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, at 4 p.m.

Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a table at the 21st Annual Unity Honors Luncheon, hosted by the city's Unity and Diversity Committee. The event will take place on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Maude Cobb. For tickets, please contact the church office.

Saturday, February 22, St. Andrew will prepare and serve breakfast at **Newgate Mission**. Please consider assisting in this ministry. Contact Steve Crane for information.

WBS will meet in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, February 25, at 10:30 a.m.

The March 1st Presbytery meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church Longview. Members may participate in "God Has Work for Us to Do" an anthem by Mark A. Miller. First Presbyterian Church has a few extra hard copies. The rehearsal is that morning at 9 a.m. We hope you can attend this special worship service!

If you would like to support **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** for wildfire relief in California, please use account number DR000165. To contribute to ongoing disaster relief efforts in North Carolina for hurricane recovery, please use account number DR000169.