

Welcome to Worship with Ebenezer Presbyterian Church
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Welcome and Announcements
Prelude

“Little Prelude in F”

Bach/Smith

Gathering to Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 76

Glorious are you, more majestic than the everlasting mountains.
You indeed are awesome! Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused?
From the heavens you uttered judgment; the earth was still when God rose up to save all the oppressed.
It is good to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is seemly.
The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars, he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power. His understanding is beyond measure.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God upon the organ.

Hymn of Gathering #61 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” verses 1, 3, 4

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word,
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the times when we think we understand you and scorn those who understand you differently, forgive us, for we misunderstand you and we misjudge them. For the times when your kindness seems predictable and we imagine we can control you, forgive us. If there are times when we think our problems, our family’s problems, our community’s problems are beyond your help, forgive us. *Silent prayers of confession.*

Assurance of Pardon

Receiving the Word

Message for Youth

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 79:6-9

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Sermon

When the Bad Isn't All Bad

Rev. David Greene

Hymn of Reflection #422

“Amazing Grace!” verses 1, 2, 4

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;

‘Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and Earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Prayer of Intercession (*Offering prayers for the church, nations, community, and loved ones*)

One: ... Gracious, loving Lord, ...

All: we lift our souls to you.

Individual Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Offering and Offering Prayer

Sending the Disciples Out into the World

Closing Hymn #502

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art—

Thou my best thought, by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom and thou my true Word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;

Thou and thou only first in my heart, high King of Heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

McKinney

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PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Stacey Johnson, Sue Parrish (knee surgery), Margaret Pope (is home now), The Family of Barry Norris (Polly Stewart’s brother), Clara Barbour, The PNC members, Jimmy & Carol Byrd, Clover Clemmons (infant) Rebecca & Mickey (mom & dad) (Kevin Nelson’s great-niece born at 30 weeks and in NICU), McKinzie King (heart procedure recovery), Ricky Downing (heart catherization recovery), John & Kathi Ennis and Sheila Campbell, JoAnne Turlington, Gary Brown, Doris and John Nolan, Angie Stewart, Clara Wood, Baby Sadie Hurlocker, Sky & Malena McCallister, Terry Parker, Jude Lauder, Wyatt James (4 year old great nephew of Penny Lee -battling leukemia), Christopher Grunewald (Lec’s grandson), Tommy & Judy Ennis, Barbara Denning, Ed Parker, Betty McLaine, Kay & Kenneth Ennis, Connie Humphries, Cindy Johnson, Kaylan King, Jonathan Langston, Jr., Morgan McMurtry, Kimberly Pope, Steve Quade, Jaylen Stanley, Ellen Whittington
Military: Reid West, Michael Justin Dunn, Michael Dials & Fred Adams

Standing Ministries and Chairs

Trustees.....Doris Nolan, Tommy Ennis, H.L. Sorrell
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