

First Fruits

PREPARING THE FIELDS

September 22, 2024



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

There is a place for you at Northside Church to know the love of God, to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to go into the world to serve others.

† Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PRELUDE | Processional in E Flat | *David Johnson*

Mr. Joshua McClure

THE WELCOME

8:30AM | Rev. Angela House
11:15AM | Rev. Douglas Herlong

THE CHORAL INTROIT | Let the Whole Creation Cry | *Mark Thallander*

Chancel Choir

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth awake and sing, "God is good and therefore King!"
From the north to southern pole, let the might chorus roll:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord, glory be to God alone!"

—words by S.A. Brooke

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

8:30AM | Rev. House
11:15AM | Rev. Herlong

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We come to prepare ourselves for God's Word.

People: **We come to till the soil of our hearts.**

Pastor: Let us be like the good soil, ready to receive.

People: **Let us worship and bear fruit for God's kingdom. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | Hymn 89: all stanzas | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Mr. Michael J. Devine

**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;
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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. Amen.**

† THE GLORIA PATRI | Hymn 70

**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. Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

8:30AM | Rev. House
11:15AM | Rev. Herlong

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM | 8:30AM

Dr. Bill Burch

Moira-Frances Anne

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that [name], surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

THE BAPTISM RESPONSE | Child of Blessing | 8:30AM

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign.
With this water God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.**

THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING OF PRAISE | O Sing Unto the Lord | 11:15AM

K-2nd Choir;
Ellen LeSaicherre, director

O sing unto the Lord, O sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing praise to the Lord and bless his name, O sing the whole day long.
Give honor to his name, give majesty and power.
O worship him in holiness throughout this sacred hour.

-based on Psalm 96; arr. Michael Bedford

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Rev. Sara Maughan

We invite all children to come to the chancel steps for a message from Rev. Sara.

THE MINISTRY MOMENT | Childcare Development Center

Mrs. Susie Riddick

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE STUDENT MINISTRY DIRECTOR | Mr. Daniel Moye

8:30AM | Rev. House
11:15AM | Rev. Herlong

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:30AM | Rev. House
11:15AM | Rev. Herlong

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION | Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let me heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be
good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der- stood. When my heart is hard,
break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost,
lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

† THE SCRIPTURE | Luke 8:4-15

Dr. Burch

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | Hymn 127: all stanzas | Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

8:30AM | Rev. House
11:15AM | Rev. Herlong

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THE OFFERTORY | The Lord Is Good | *Gale Jones Murphy*

Chancel Choir

Our God is merciful, slow to anger. Our God is powerful; He cannot fail.
Our God is wonderful, perfect in all His ways, but most of all, the Lord is good.

He is Rest for the weary, defender for the weak,
He's Salvation, Righteousness, our Hope, Joy and Peace!
Hallelujah! He is everything we need.

The Lord is good! The Lord is good! So good!

—based on 2 Chronicles 5:13

† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Rev. House
11:15AM | Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | Hymn 672: stanza 1 | God Be with You Till We Meet Again

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

THE POSTLUDE | Fanfare Postlude | *Douglas E. Wagner*

Mr. McClure

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God:

By Angie Giles, in honor and memory of her husband, Alan R Giles, and her son, Alan P Giles.



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