

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 130 Betty Carneal

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

People: and in his word I hope;

Leader: my soul waits for the Lord

People: more than those who watch for the morning,

Leader: hope in the Lord!

People: For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

Leader: and with him is great power to redeem. Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “Rock of Ages” #204

(Vs. 1) Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

(Vs. 2) Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and Thou alone.

(Vs. 4) While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “If You Believe and I Believe”

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven

People: Thanks be to God!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE** “Gloria Patri” #623

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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 130:1–8

SECOND READING

John 6:35,41–51

**please stand as you are able*

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“I Am the Bread of Life”

Rev. Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

“Jesus Saves” #306

(Vs. 1) We have heard the joyful sound –
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around – Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to ev’ry land, Climb the steeps and
cross the waves;
Onward! ’tis our Lord’s command – Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

(Vs. 2) Waft if on the rolling tide – Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Tell to sinners far and wide – Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing, ye islands of the sea! Echo back, ye ocean caves!
Earth shall keep her jubilee – Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

(Vs. 4) Give the winds a mighty voice –
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice – Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free, Highest hills and deepest caves;
This our song of victory – Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

***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 Ghost, 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.**

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
Mary McNair and Monica Reilly

***RESPONSE** “Doxology” #625
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.

*PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING

***HYMN** “Love Lifted Me” #505
(Vs. 1) I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful
shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

(Refrain)

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help
Love lifted me! *Repeat*

(Vs. 2) All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing;
Love so mighty and so true, merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.

(Refrain)

(Vs. 3) Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely
saves;
He will lift you by His love, out of the angry waves;
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.
Refrain

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?
People: **Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim
Christ's love and grace through serving
and nurturing body, mind, and soul.**

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

**Back
to
School**

Please join us in the
fellowship hall for a
“Back to School” ice cream social
immediately following worship!

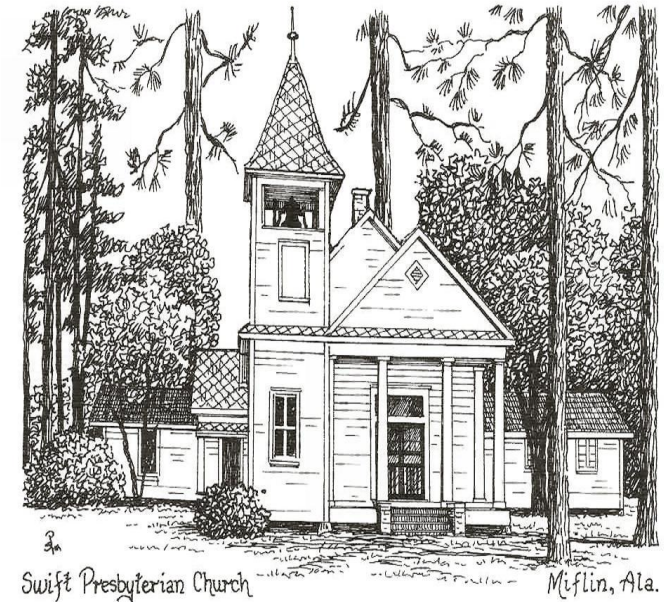
LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

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Welcome to Swift Church

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