

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“Be Thou My Vision”*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 1* Cathy Rogers

Leader: If it had not been for God, who was on our side, we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us; we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

People: Blessed be the Lord, our protector!

Leader: God has broken the snare that took away our freedom. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: Blessed be God’s holy name!

***HYMN** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #1*

(Vs. 1) Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory,
Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the
sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of
doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

(Vs. 2) All thy works with joy surround thee; earth
and heaven reflect thy rays;

stars and angels sing around thee, center of
unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow,
flashing sea;

chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice
in thee.

(Vs. 3) Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning
stars began,

Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s
plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst
of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

**God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move
between inclusivity and exclusivity. We often move
toward the latter, trying to oust from our circles those
who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us.
Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the
lookout for those things that make us different. Give
us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows unconditional
love and compassion and sees us all as one, for it is in
his name that we pray. 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

**please stand as you are able*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 124:1–8

SECOND READING James 5:13–20

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Pray Fervently”*
Rev. Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** *“When We Are Living”*

(Vs. 1) When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we’re dying, it is in the Lord.

Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God;
we belong to God.

(Vs. 2) Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to
God; we belong to God.

(Vs. 3) ’Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love’s embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God;
we belong to God.

(Vs. 4) Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

***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.

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

Offertory "Wonderful Words of Life"

***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** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Refrain:

*Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.
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(Vs. 1) I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home?

A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. *(Refrain)*

(Vs. 2) If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home, tell all my friends I'm coming, too, coming for to carry me home. *(Refrain)*

(Vs. 3) The brightest day that ever I saw, coming for to carry me home, when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home. *(Refrain)*

(Vs. 4) I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, coming for to carry me home, but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. *(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

"O How I Love Jesus"



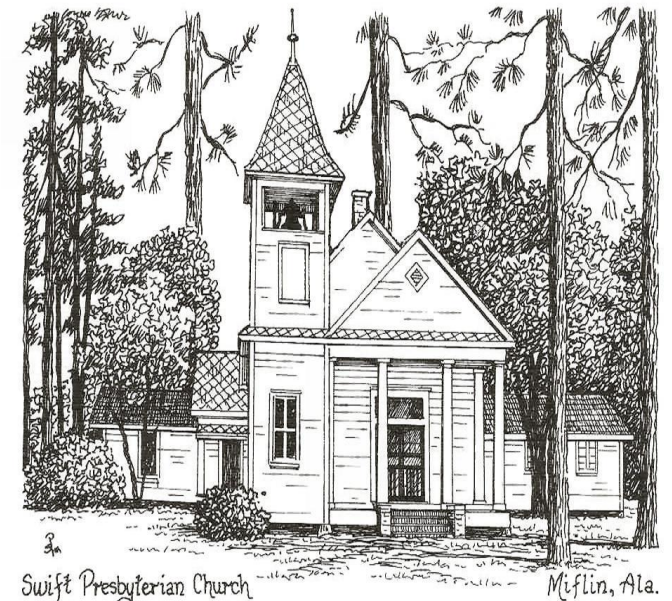
Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments immediately following worship!

Music is licensed through CCLI.

Welcome to Swift Church

September 29, 2024

Striving to bring God joy!



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