

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

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR FELLOWSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 104* Zoeylynn Barnwell

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

People: O LORD, my God, you are very great.

Leader: You are clothed with honor and majesty,

People: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

Leader: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

People: In wisdom you have made them all.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

***HYMN** “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful;
the Lord God made them all.

(Vs. 1) Each little flower that opens, each little bird
that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny
wings.
(Refrain)

(Vs.2) The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning light that brightens up
the sky:
(Refrain)

(Vs. 3) The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant
summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.
(Refrain)

(Vs.4) God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we
might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all
things well.
(Refrain)

MOMENT FOR YOUNG WORSHIPERS

(And the young at heart!)

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Betty Carneal

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “Lord, Listen to Your Children”

Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. 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 104:1–9,24,35c

SECOND READING Mark 10:35–45

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “For Whom It Has Been Prepared”
Rev. Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”
(Vs. 1) Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my
servant, too.

(Vs. 2) We are pilgrims on a journey; we’re together
on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile
and bear the load.

(Vs. 4) I will weep when you are weeping; when you
laugh I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this
journey through.

(Vs. 5) When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find
such harmony,
Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love
and agony.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Tristan Bowling
“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

Offertory “Living for Jesus”

***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** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” #67
(Vs. 1) Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

(Refrain) This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

(Vs. 2) Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
(Refrain)

(Vs. 3) Perfect submission — all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
(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** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**Immediately after worship, there will be
a called congregational meeting to elect
the nominating committee that will seek candidates
for church officers in the class of 2027.**



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

Music is licensed through CCLI.

Welcome to Swift Church

October 20, 2024

Striving to bring God joy!



**Educate a Child
Transform the World**

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