

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

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “He Is Exalted”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jan Taylor

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God’s name.

People: Tell of God’s saving power from day to day.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy spender.

Tremble before God, all the earth.

***HYMN** “O Worship the King” #10

Verse 1 — O worship the King, all glorious above,

And gratefully sing His wonderful love;

Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Verse 2 — O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,

Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,

And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Verse 4 — Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,

In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:

Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,

Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

CALL TO CONFESSION

**please stand as you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer “Be Still and Know”

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your Grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Job 37:1–5

GOSPEL READING John 12:20–29

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Sir, We Would Like To See Jesus”
Reverend Jerry Blacklaw

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** “In My Life Lord, Be Glorified” #204

Verse 1 — In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Verse 2 — In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.

Verse 3 — In Your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In Your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

***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.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Missions

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 "I Love You, Lord"

***RESPONSE** "Doxology" #625
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

SENDING

***HYMN** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" #335
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Repeat

***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** "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Please join us
for a time of fellowship
immediately after worship.



in happy moments,
PRAISE GOD
in difficult moments,
SEEK GOD
in quiet moments,
TRUST GOD
in every moment,
THANK GOD

Sena Cooper, Office Assistant
Stephanie Craft, Office Assistant
Jenni Cain, Pianist
Jessica Hammontree, Preschool Director

Welcome to Swift Church

October 22, 2023

Striving to bring God joy!



We proclaim Christ's love and
grace through serving and nurturing
body, mind, and soul.

Swift Presbyterian Church
23208 Swift Church Road
Foley, AL 36535

swiftpc@gulftel.com

(251) 943-8367

www.swiftchurch.org