



Clemmons Presbyterian Church

10:00 am Worship Service

July 31, 2022

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

WELCOME

Bill Hoyle

THE LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

Leigh Wisner

PRELUDE

Celtic Blessing
Austin Beasley

Jeff Perks

We Gather Around The Word,

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kaylee Hilston

Leader: God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears;
who rescued us from sin's slavery:

People: we are here to thank you.

Leader: God of the future, who is tearing down the old world,
and building your kingdom in our midst:

People: we are here because we trust you.

Leader: God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity,
creates us to be one people:

People: we are here to praise you.

Leader: God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

People: we celebrate your grace.

*HYMN #44

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

In our baptism we were raised to new life in Christ, but we still persist in our old ways of sin and death. Lord, forgive us, help us to dismantle the robes of fear, estrangement, and alienation, and put on new garments of love, compassion, peace, and mercy. Let our new life in Christ be a perpetual dying to self and its patterns of destruction so we might live to God and neighbor.

*TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the Good news, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,
and Christ prays for us, Christ intercedes on our behalf before God.

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has passed away, the new has come.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: Since God has opened his heart to us in Jesus Christ,
in Jesus Christ let us open our hearts to each other.
May the peace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Please greet other worshippers with the peace of God, introduce yourself
and offer personal greetings.*

***HYMN #581**

Glory Be to the Father

to Hear God's Word,

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Jane Ring, Elder

**Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to our lives: Open our
hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may
focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you
by serving the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

EPISTLE LESSON

Colossians 3: 1-11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Celtic Grace

William Baucom, Handbell Solo

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Kaylee Hilston

Jesus Loves Me

SERMON

"Vanity"

Leigh Wisner

to Respond to the Word,

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

**we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,**

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant
people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* Lloyd Larson
*DOXOLOGY #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debts/debtors...)

and to be Sent with the Word.

*HYMN #716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*BENEDICTION

*THE CHIMES

*Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
signal the end of our worship and call us forth into a new week of service.*

POSTLUDE *Allegro maestoso, with Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Jeff Perks

*Please stand as you are able.

We Welcome You in the Name of Christ - We especially welcome all our guests, and ask that you fill out the "Welcome Visitor" card you will find in the pew. We are a fellowship of prayer, worship, and service to a loving God. If you are looking for a church home, we would be delighted for you to consider membership in Clemmons Presbyterian Church.

Text-Giving - To give via smartphone, text the word CLEMMONS to 73256 and follow the instructions. We are thankful for your generous sharing!

Kid's Worship is for children ages 4 through 5th grade. Following "Time for Children," the children will be accompanied to **room 211** in the nursery wing where they will participate in exciting "hands-on" activities. All parents should meet their children in room 211 following the worship service.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by Laurie Wesely, in memory of Mike Cheston.

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