



Shallotte Presbyterian Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

12th Sunday after Pentecost | August 15, 2021

CALLED BY GOD WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Greet each other in joy. When the chimes toll, let us prepare silently for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Friends of Christ, who are we?

We are ordinary, flawed, blessed-by-God, people.

We are more. We are saints! In the eyes of God, we are holy!

Yet, we cannot do this alone.

We are called to be saints together.

**Alive and growing up in Christ together,
and living for the praise of God's glory.**

Let us answer the call to worship.

*HYMN

Come, Christians Join to Sing

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*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.)*

Come, Christians join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

***Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!***

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

***He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!***

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

God of all glory and grace,
your glory flows through all generations,
as you name every family in heaven and on earth.

Your grace is higher than the farthest star;
your peace is deeper than our greatest emptiness;
your love spans the abyss of death;
your hope stretches into all eternity.
When our lives bottom out, your grace is still our bedrock;
when our spirits run dry, you fill us with your joy;
when we falter in our faith, you strengthen us
to serve with hope and peace.

Steadfast God, forgive our immaturity:
while you make us all a "household for God," (Eph. 2:19)
we put up walls between ourselves and others;
while you make everyone a "holy temple in the Lord," (Eph. 2:21)
we note the differences between us and others;
while you make us all – even strangers and aliens –
a "dwelling place for God." (Eph. 2:22)
we run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us,
We silently confess our short-comings to you.

(Silent confession)

O God, **forgive us, and gift us again with your grace.**
Help us to grow up in Christ and walk worthy
on the road you call us to walk. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, when we are wet with the waters of baptism, we are not just washed clean, we are made new: we are God's beloved children, made saints, set free, and forgiven—and that is very good news! And remember this: even after the water dries, we remain wet because, in the eyes of God, we are:

God's beloved children, made holy, set free, and forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Come, Christians Join to Sing

MADRID

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen.

TEXT: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843 PD MUSIC: Spanish folk melody PD.

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)**

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)**

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*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING MUSIC

“Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ’ (Eph. 5:21) is the lead sentence on the practice of resurrection in household and workplace.”

Eugene Peterson



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