



CHARLOTTE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

"Lord...grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." – Acts 4:29-30

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 25, 2026 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)

PRELUDE

"Variations"

Thomas Arne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER (*adapted from Psalm 27:1-9*)

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
I will seek to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

For he will hide me in his shelter in times of trouble;
he will set me high upon a rock.
I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

*HYMN #804

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you are the rock of our salvation, yet in moments of crisis, we fail to stand with you. We are indifferent to the needs of the poor. We turn a blind eye to cruelty in our streets. We are willfully passive in our search for the truth. We normalize hate and tolerate injustice. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the will to respond to the needs of the world. Raise us up to be your servants, that we may empower our communities with strength and hope in your name.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #581 “Glory Be to the Father”

*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.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 30:15-21

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Mark Hayes

*Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past,
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.
Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee.
Leave, O leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.
Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness.
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee.*

*Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity!
Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 6:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Group Therapy”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from, *The Larger Catechism*

of the Westminster Confession, 1649 – Q. 67

Q. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God’s almighty power and grace, whereby (out of his free and especial love to his elect, and from nothing in them moving him thereunto) he doth in his accepted time invite and draw them to Jesus Christ, by his Word and Spirit; savingly enlightening their minds, renewing and powerfully determining their wills, so as they (although in themselves dead in sin) are hereby made willing and able, freely to answer his call, and to accept and embrace the grace offered and conveyed therein. Amen.

THE AWARDING OF THE TITLE OF PASTOR EMERITUS to REV. JOHN N. CAUSEY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

*Response: Hymn #606 “Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow”

*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 of Dedication

*HYMN #826

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFIER

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Mike Clawson, Patsy Calhoun, Wayne Rowell & Scott Taylor

Greeters: Erskine Blount, Linda Rowell, & Carol Vealey

Welcome Table: Bart Norwood

Liturgist: Rev. Bill Young

Acolyte: Steven Vattimo

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in recognition of, and appreciation for, the many years of service by Rev. John and Margaret Causey to Shallotte Presbyterian Church.

As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone before our worship service begins..

SPC CHURCH OFFICERS

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Class of 2026: John Cardwell, Kim Smithwick, Steve Wingfield, Lynne Young

Class of 2027: Patsy Calhoun, Mike Clawson, Eric Lehmann, Mac Warner

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Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.

