



# CHARLOTTE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

*"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' – Matthew 18:14*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

PRELUDE

*"Andantino"*

Edward Elgar

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 112*)

Happy are those who fear the LORD,

    who greatly delight in his commandments.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

    they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

    who conduct their affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved;

    they will be remembered forever.

**Their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD;**

**they will not be afraid; in the end they will triumph.**

\*HYMN #314

*"Christ Be Our Light"*

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Judge of All, you demand justice; you demand hospitality; you demand freedom, yet we confess our failure to listen. We accept lies as truth. We a quick to violence and slow to show mercy. We treat our neighbor with contempt and close our hearts, eyes, and ears to the suffering of the innocent. Lord, have mercy. Show us a better way. Bless us with the joy and peace of true belief, so that all of your children may know true compassion, mercy, and love.**

## 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: Jeremiah 7:3-11

## TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

### ANTHEM [11:00]      “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

John Purifoy

*Guide Me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv'rer, Strong Deliv'rer, be now my strength and shield.  
Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Song of praises, song of praises, I will ever give to Thee.  
Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Guide Me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me til I want no more.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Get a Grip, America”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

## WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

What do we believe?

**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.**

## 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 #35

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

## \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

Ushers: [8:30] Dick Wilson [11:00] Laura Thompson & Lynne Young  
Welcome Table: Eric Lehmann  
Greeter: Jeanne McLeod  
Acolyte: Declan Smithwick  
Liturgist: Barbara English

*The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Jack and Bonnie Treadway  
in loving memory of our parents and grandparents.*

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

## SPC CHURCH OFFICERS

### Elders

**Class of 2026:** John Cardwell, Kim Smithwick, Steve Wingfield, Lynne Young  
**Class of 2027:** Patsy Calhoun, Mike Clawson, Eric Lehmann, Mac Warner  
**Class of 2028:** Sandy Lacy, Mac McCall, Jeanne McLeod, Laura Thompson  
Jenny Meekins – Clerk of Session

### Deacons

**Class of 2026:** Lurae Albert, Leslie Claiborne, Tobin Henry, Susan Lehmann  
**Class of 2027:** Linda Black, Sarah Braddock, Sarah Cook, Bart Norwood  
**Class of 2028:** Paul Marlow, Tim Owens, Joanne Prettyman, Tom Tart  
Tobin Henry - Moderator

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**Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.**

