

--Order of Worship--

Bell of Invitation  
Welcome & Announcements

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

Call to Worship

Leader: Here, God speaks to us;  
God's voice sounds in our hearts:

**People: calling us to acts of generosity, to share the gifts we have been given.**

Leader: Now, our God speaks to us;  
God's voice sounds in our land:

**People: calling us to acts of generosity, to open our hearts to all in need.**

Leader: In every place, in every moment, God speaks to us;  
the voice of God sounds in all creation:

**People: calling us to acts of generosity, to stand with God's people: the least, the lost, the little, the last.**

\*Hymn #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by those unlike us on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. (Time for silent prayer) Amen**

\*Words of Assurance

\*Sung Response - Hymn #39

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

**HEARING OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Psalm 15

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Table of Plenty" Dan Schutte

Second Scripture Reading – James 1:17-27

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Do The Right Thing" Rev. David Bowman

\*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 living 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.**

\*Hymn #708 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" SCHUMANN

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayers of the People

Call for Offering & Offertory

\*Doxology (#606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #532 "Sheaves of Wheat" UNA ESPIGA

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise....**

*(Prayer continues)*

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*(Please hold the elements till all partake together at the instruction of the officiant.)*

Prayer after the Meal *(unison)*

**Christ our Lord, at this table you have given us a taste of the joyful feast you promise to your blessed ones. Let this meal strengthen us for the work of discipleship, and let us serve you in all that we do for the least of these our sisters and brothers. Amen**

\*Hymn #308 "O God in Whom All Life Begins" NOEL

\*Charge and Benediction

## DEPART TO SERVE

*\*Those who are able may stand.*

**Welcome** to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you will feel very welcome and you will stay following the service for refreshments and conversation.

*The Peace Candle in the Chancel is lit to remind us of the gift of Christ's peace and our call to be peacemakers.*

## Announcements

**Christ's Ministers in the World:** All members of the church

**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. David Bowman

**Director of Music:** Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

**Liturgist:** Tara Perigny

**Communion Servers:** Elder Mark Thomas, Deacon Sandra Thomas

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The **choir** rehearses each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Bible Study** group will meet on Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The link is in the Saturday announcements email.

The **Sunday School program year for children and youth** will begin on September 8th at 9:15 a.m. with a kick off meeting of children, youth, parents and the volunteers who will be leading the Church School, Middle School and Senior Youth groups. Parents are asked to be present for this meeting to hear about the plans that are in place for the 2024-25 year. The curriculum for the various programs will be introduced.

Following worship on September 8, on the lawn behind the church parking lot, there will be a **picnic** to kick off the new program year. Hot Dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

The **Property & Finance Committee** will meet following worship on Sunday, September 8.

The **Adult Forum** will resume on September 15th at 9 a.m. The year will begin with a study of the book entitled “The Year of Living Biblically,” by the author A.J. Jacobs.

**Those people remembered in the morning prayer last week are:**

Gianna, Sharon, Michael, Jonathan, Samantha, Jillian, Jim, John, Ben, Marilyn, Mylan, Theresa, MaryBeth, Francine, Shelley, Coy, Joan, Yvonne, Jasmine & Sonny, Peggy, Brian & family.

**Slackwood’s Mission & Vision Statement**

Slackwood Presbyterian Church is a diverse, caring Christian community:

guided by scripture  
committed to loving God,  
loving our neighbors as we love ourselves  
and sharing Christ’s love with all people.

**Vision Statement**

We envision glorifying and serving God by being an example to each other, the community, and the world through:

vibrant worship  
faithful prayer  
relevant study  
joyful fellowship  
compassionate service.

We strive to build a safe community that embraces:

all ages  
people of color  
the LGBTQIA+ community  
people with disabilities  
other marginalized people.