

## A Parish Church for Our Community

Though our labors together as a mission work of Calvary Presbytery are in their early stages, Antioch Presbyterian Church has ministered to Upstate South Carolina since the mid-nineteenth century. We are building on an inspiring heritage and rich legacy of gospel ministry in historic Cashville and Woodruff from our strategic location at the intersection of SC-101 and SC-417. What will the ministry of Antioch Presbyterian Church look like in the days ahead?

First, Antioch Presbyterian Church will be a worshipping community united around the Good News of Jesus Christ. This means that we are committed to upholding Antioch's long history of faithfulness in preaching the Word of God. We are committed to blessing every man, woman, and child in our community with the message of God's saving grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. As the community immediately surrounding Antioch Presbyterian Church grows, we hope to hold out the light and love of Christ in ministry founded on the Bible as our sufficient rule of faith and practice (including worship).

Second, Antioch Presbyterian Church will be a parish church committed to loving our neighbors. This means that we are committed to serving our neighbors in any way the Lord allows. Whether in day-to-day discipleship, week-to-week worship, or in crisis situations, we wish to be a resource of spiritual support and diaconal assistance. Above all, we desire to bring God's message of reconciliation in Christ to all those who will hear. We look forward to rejoicing in the triumphs, and comforting through the trials of our neighbors as we labor together for the sake of Christ's Kingdom.

Third, Antioch Presbyterian Church will be focused on the spiritual mission of the church. We endeavor to let nothing distract us from the spiritual goal of glorifying God by thought, word, and deed in all that we do. Specifically, we are committed to expository preaching, biblical worship, parish evangelism, pastoral care, and discipleship. The Bible is our ultimate standard for teaching, preaching, and the care of souls. The Westminster Standards of historic Presbyterianism will aid us "for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12).

Fourth, Antioch Presbyterian Church will be a loving church. All who are in need of rest in Christ we be welcome to "taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8) in our assembling together. In decades past, the officers of this church have ministered to rich and poor, bond and free (as reflected in the historic churchyard adjacent to the church). As we look ahead to decades to come, we long for the Spirit of God once again to draw many people of diverse backgrounds into the Kingdom of Grace through our efforts. We know "that the kindness of God leads you to repentance" (Romans 2:4), and so we seek to show forth His kindness in our love for one another, our families, our neighbors, and our friends.

## Announcements

- Prayer Meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- To volunteer to help clean the church property, please speak with Mrs. Pipa or contact the church at [info@antiochpca.com](mailto:info@antiochpca.com).

## Vision

**Our vision** is to see the historic Antioch Presbyterian Church revitalized as a worshipping community to be a blessing to every man, woman, and child in the growing residential hub west of Woodruff and south of Reidville, to the glory of God.

## Mission

**Our mission** as a parish church at the crossroads of Greenville and Spartanburg Counties is the gathering and perfecting of God's people through biblical worship, evangelism, and pastoral care.

## Areas of Ministry Focus

*Expository Preaching*  
*Biblical Worship*  
*Parish Evangelism*  
*Pastoral Care*  
*Discipleship*

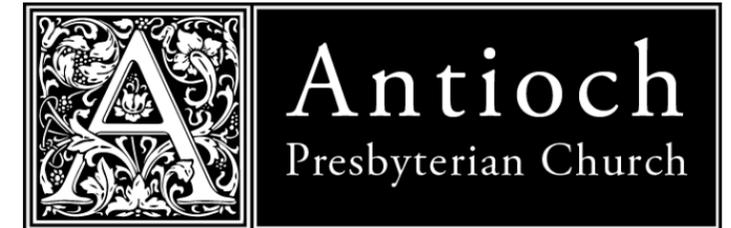
## Leadership & Accountability

As a *mission work*, Antioch Presbyterian Church (PCA) is governed and overseen by a *provisional session* of elders serving as a *commission* of Calvary Presbytery. The six men appointed to the *provisional session* are active elders within the bounds of Calvary Presbytery, and they have graciously agreed to serve "above-and-beyond" to encourage the revitalization of Antioch. They include:

Dr. Chipley Bennett, Ph.D. – Ruling Elder, Providence Presbyterian Church  
Dr. E. Todd Buchner, D.Min. – Pastor, Reidville Presbyterian Church  
Mr. Richard Hollifield – Ruling Elder, Roebuck Presbyterian Church  
Mr. William Johnson – Ruling Elder, Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church  
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., Ph.D., D.D. – Professor of Systematic & Applied Theology, President Emeritus, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary;  
Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church  
Pastor Richard Thomas – Senior Pastor, Mount Calvary Presbyterian Church;  
Clerk of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church

## Church Staff

Mr. Zachary Groff – Ministerial Assistant  
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr. – Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session



The Lord's Day  
September 27, 2020

"The Gospel of Grace  
in the Dust of Nations"

*Jeremiah 46:25-28*

Mr. Zachary Groff

Worship – Sunday, 5:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting – Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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# The Lord's Day

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## Meditation

*Colossians 1:13, 14*

<sup>13</sup> For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins..

## \*Call to Worship

## \*Congregational Commitment

**Minister: Congregation, in whom is your confidence?**

Congregation: Our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made the heavens and earth.

## \*Salutation

## \*Hymn of Adoration

**No. 147B**

*O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good*  
MINERVA

## \*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

## \*Revelation of God's Will

*Matthew 22:34-40*

## \*Confession of Sin & Supplication for Grace

Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your Name for the greatest and most perfect Gift: Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid. Oh Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and to serve our Savior King. We praise You that He was born like us that we might become like Him.

## \*Assurance of Pardon

*Luke 1:68, 69; Matthew 1:21*

<sup>68</sup> Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people. <sup>69</sup> And He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant.

<sup>21</sup> You shall call His Name Jesus, for it is He Who will save His people from their sins.

## Offering

**No. 185**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*  
SCHUMANN

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

*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.

## Hymn of Preparation

**No. 233**

*O Father, You Are Sovereign*  
ST. THEODULPH

## \*New Testament Reading

*Ephesians 2:11-22*

## \*Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 46:1-28*

## \*Prayer for Illumination

## Sermon

“The Gospel of Grace in the Dust of Nations”  
*Jeremiah 46:25-28*

## Prayer of Application

## \*Hymn of Response

**No. 110A**

*The LORD Said to My Lord*  
ST. THOMAS (Williams)

## \*Benediction

## \*Doxology

**No. 567**

*Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*  
OLD HUNDREDTH

## \*Silent Prayer

## “The Gospel of Grace in the Dust of Nations”

*Jeremiah 46:25-28*

## Main Proposition

God Who is sovereign over all nations is sovereign over your salvation.

## Outline

- I. God is sovereign over all nations (vv. 25-26)
  - A. In Judgment (vv. 25-26a)
  - B. In Mercy (v. 26b)
- II. God is sovereign over your salvation (vv. 27-28)
  - A. In Deliverance (v. 27)
  - B. In Communion (v. 28)

*\*Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*