

# Welcome to Antioch!

The most important items in this bulletin are the orders of worship which you will find printed on the inside panels. These two outlines of this week's worship services will guide you in our corporate devotion to God. To help you get to know us, we have included a clear statement of our vision, mission, and primary areas of focus as a church. For more information about our church history, theology, and leadership, please visit [antiochpca.com](http://antiochpca.com). Be sure to spend some time visiting with us after the service. We are looking forward to getting to know you!

## This Lord's Day at Antioch

9:30 AM	Morning Worship
10:45 AM	Fellowship Time
11:15 AM	Sunday School
4:30 PM	Kingdom Prayer
5:00 PM	Evening Worship

## Sunday School

Adults - The Westminster Confession (Groff)  
Secondary - Implementing God's Word (Cook)  
Primary - Investigating God's Word (Marcus)  
Pre-School - Learning to Love Jesus (Benson)

## Children in Worship

We believe that the children of believers are not only a heritage from the Lord and a special gift to parents, but also members of God's covenant community. Therefore, we enthusiastically involve children as participants in corporate worship. The children of believing parents are to be students of the Christian Faith – even baptized disciples – from infancy, and thus are not to be excluded from the assembling together of the saints. However, until such a time as they are able to examine themselves of their being in Christ, such members of the church are to refrain from taking the Lord's Supper. If you are visiting today and not accustomed to the sometimes-disruptive sounds of covenant children in the worship service, we thank you for your understanding and patience. If you are here today with your young children, please exercise courtesy and consideration by taking advantage of our childcare space in the fellowship hall behind the pulpit area as your little ones become particularly noisy. Thank you!

## Announcements

Prayer Meeting this Wednesday @ 6 PM  
Community Outreach: 12/18 @ 3 PM  
Refreshments Management Next Week: Benson

## 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 eight 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, PhD – Ruling Elder, Providence PCA  
Dr. E. Todd Buchner, DMin – Teaching Elder, Reidville PCA  
Mr. Richard Hollifield – Ruling Elder, Roebuck PCA  
Mr. W. Tosh Groce – Ruling Elder, Blue Ridge PCA  
Pastor Zachary Groff – Teaching Elder, Antioch PCA  
Mr. William Johnson – Ruling Elder, Woodruff Road PCA  
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., PhD, DD – Moderator of Session

## Church Staff

Mr. Zachary Groff – Pastor  
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr. – Pastor  
Mr. Timothy Cook – Pastoral Intern

## Worship at Antioch

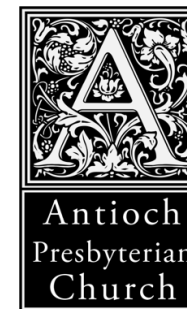
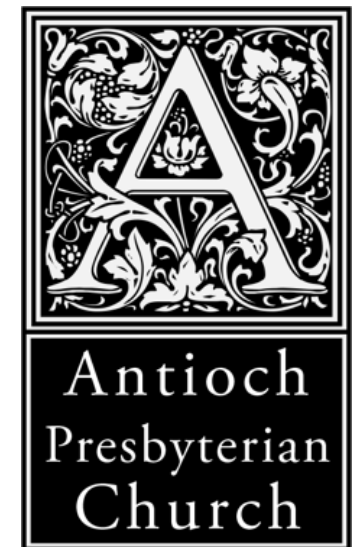
The worship of the one true and living God is mankind's highest duty and greatest delight. Through Christ the living Word and by the call of the Holy Spirit, individual believers and societies of men, women, and children (i.e., churches) approach God the Father in devotion and praise. The Father seeks those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. To participate rightly in this holy service of worship, you must consider yourself as more than a mere spectator to a performance. Rather, be a worshipper. Join with the congregation in the singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (even if the songs are unfamiliar). Pray along with the elders, adding your "Amen" to the statements of adoration, confession, supplication, and thanksgiving. Give joyfully to the work of the Lord in the corporate offering as an act of worship. Listen attentively to God speaking in and through the reading and preaching of His inspired Word. May God the Father receive an acceptable sacrifice of praise through Christ the Son as we actively worship Him by the Holy Spirit.

## 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.

# The Lord's Day

December 12, 2021



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# Lord's Day Morning Worship

December 12, 2021 | 9:30 AM

## Meditation

*Revelation 22:17*

*The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.*

## \*Call to Worship

## \*Congregational Commitment

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

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth.

## \*Salutation

## \*Hymn of Adoration

**No. 311**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*  
MENDELSSOHN

## \*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

## Revelation of God's Will

*Deuteronomy 5:1-21*

## Confession of Sin

Almighty and everlasting God, who orders all things in heaven and on earth, and Who made all ages a preparation for the coming of Your Son, we confess before You that we have sinned. We have not loved You as we ought. We have exercised false priorities; maintained false concepts of God; taken vows we have not kept; failed to honor Your Lord's Day. Furthermore, we have not loved one another as we ought. We have failed to give honor to whom it is due; failed to preserve life; failed in maintaining purity of heart; taken what is not ours; borne false witness to make ourselves look better; and we have entertained covetous thoughts. O God forgive our sins! We need Christ's righteousness and grace. We look to the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to wash our sins away. Grant that we may grow in true faith and obedience to the honor of Your great Name. Amen!

## Assurance of Pardon

*Exodus 34:6, 7a*

*<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; <sup>7</sup> who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin."*

## Offering

**No. 23A**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*  
CRIMOND

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

*conclude with Lord's Prayer (see back of bulletin)*

## Hymn of Preparation

**No. 395**

*O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us*  
SPIRITUS VITAE

## \*Prayer for Illumination

## \*Scripture Readings

*Isaiah 40:1-11*  
*Matthew 3:1-12*

## \*Congregational Response

**Be doers of the Word,**

And not hearers only, deceiving yourselves!

## Sermon

*"The Kingdom Herald"*  
*Matthew 3:1-12*

## \*Prayer of Application

## \*Hymn of Response

**No. 111B**

*O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise*  
GERMANY

## \*Benediction

## \*Doxology

**No. 569**

*Doxology*  
TALLIS' CANON

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## \*Silent Prayer

*\* Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*

# Lord's Day Evening Worship

December 12, 2021 | 5:00 PM

## Meditation

*Psalm 92:1, 2*

*<sup>1</sup> It is good to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; <sup>2</sup> to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night.*

## \*Call to Worship

## \*Congregational Commitment

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

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth.

## \*Salutation

## \*Hymn of Adoration

**No. 229**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*  
GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

## \*Prayer of Adoration, Confession, & Invocation

## Confession of Faith

*WLC 104*

**What are the duties required in the first commandment?**

The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify Him accordingly, by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of Him; believing Him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in Him; being zealous for Him; calling upon Him, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to Him with the whole man; being careful in all things to please Him, and sorrowful when in anything He is offended; and walking humbly with Him.

## Gloria Patri

**No. 572**

*Gloria Patri*

GLORIA PATRI (Creatorex)

*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.*

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

## Hymn of Preparation

**No. 119M**

*O How I Love Your Holy Law*  
TOULON

## \*Prayer for Illumination

## \*Scripture Readings

*Philippians 2:1-11*  
*Psalm 113*

## \*Congregational Response

**Your Word is a lamp to my feet,**

And a light to my path.

## Sermon

*"A Call to Praise"*  
*Psalm 113*

## Prayer of Application & Dedication

## Dedicatory Offering

*silent prayer*

## \*Closing Hymn

**No. 113B**

*Praise God, O Servants of the Lord*  
ANDRE

## \*Benediction

## \*Doxology

**No. 564**

*Now Blessed Be Jehovah God*  
CORONATION

*Now blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel,  
who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel;  
who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel.*

*And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity;  
the whole earth let His glory fill; amen: so let it be;  
the whole earth let His glory fill; amen: so let it be.*

## \*Silent Prayer

*\* Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*