

# 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 (Pipa)  
Secondary - Implementing God's Word (Groff)  
Primary - Investigating God's Word (Cook/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 at 6 PM  
Lord's Supper & Fellowship Meal: January 2

## 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

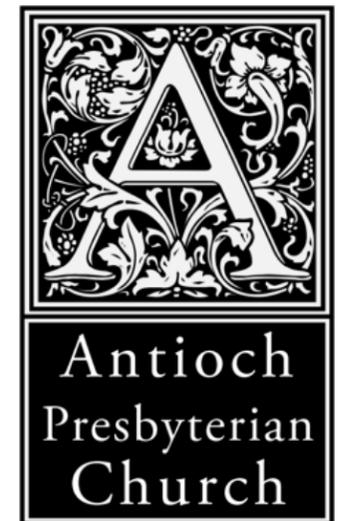
The worship of the one true and living God is mankind's highest duty and greatest delight. Through Christ the living Word and by the call of the Holy Spirit, individual believers and societies of men, women, and children (i.e., churches) approach God the Father in devotion and praise. The Father seeks 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 19, 2021



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# Lord's Day Morning Worship

December 19, 2021 | 9:30 AM

## Meditation

*Genesis 6:8*

*But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.*

## \*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. 148A**

*From Heaven O Praise the LORD!*  
ST. CATHERINES

## \*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

## Revelation of God's Will

*Matthew 7:24-28*

## Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we humbly confess our sins and seek Your forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude; our pride and willfulness; and all our other failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellowmen. Have mercy upon us, Father, and by Your great goodness grant that we may possess the fullness of the Spirit of adoption, freeing us from guilt, and causing us to pursue holiness. By Your gospel, encourage us and save sinners today. We ask expectantly through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

*Titus 3:4-7*

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, <sup>5</sup> He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## Offering

**No. 107A**

*O Thank the LORD, for He Is Good*  
(stanzas 1, 2)  
GOSHEN

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

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

## Hymn of Preparation

**No. 193**

*Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*  
NEUMARK

## \*Prayer for Illumination

## \*Scripture Readings

*Genesis 7:13-24*

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

## \*Congregational Response

**This is the Word of the Lord,**

Thanks be to God!

## Sermon

*"The Significance of Baptism"*

*1 Peter 3:21, 22*

## \*Prayer of Application

## \*Hymn of Response

**No. 190**

*Thus Saith the Mercy of the Lord*  
I DO BELIEVE

## \*Benediction

## \*Doxology

**No. 234**

*The God of Abraham Praise*  
(stanzas 5, 6)  
LEONI

*There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.  
On Zion's sacred height, His kingdom He maintains,  
and glorious with His saints in light forever reigns.*

*The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;  
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.*

## \*Silent Prayer

*\* Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*

# Lord's Day Evening Worship

December 19, 2021 | 5:00 PM

## Meditation

*Ephesians 1:5, 6*

*In love <sup>5</sup> He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.*

## \*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. 299**

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*  
ANTIOCH

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

## Confession of Faith

*WLC 48*

**How did Christ humble Himself in His life?**

Christ humbled Himself in His life, by subjecting Himself to the law, which He perfectly fulfilled; and by conflicting with the indignities of the world, temptations of Satan, and infirmities of His flesh, whether common to the nature of man, or particularly accompanying that His low condition.

## Gloria Patri

**No. 572**

*Gloria Patri*

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

*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. 292**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
PICARDY

## \*Prayer for Illumination

## \*Scripture Readings

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

*Matthew 3:13-17*

## \*Congregational Response

**Faith comes by hearing,**

And hearing by the Word of God!

## Sermon

*"Christ's Baptism in the Waters"*

*Matthew 3:13-17*

## Prayer of Application & Dedication

## Dedicatory Offering

*silent prayer*

## \*Closing Hymn

**No. 22C**

*Amid the Thronging Worshipers*  
BOVINA

## \*Benediction

## \*Doxology

**No. 117A**

*Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations*  
IN BABILONE

*Praise Jehovah, all ye nations, all ye peoples praise proclaim;  
for His grace and lovingkindness O sing praises to His Name.  
For the greatness of His mercy constant praise to Him accord;  
evermore His truth endureth; hallelujah, praise the Lord!*

## \*Silent Prayer

*\* Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*