

# 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

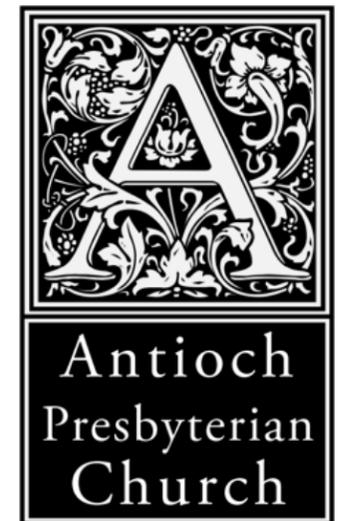
The worship of the one true and living God is mankind's highest duty and greatest delight. Through Christ the living Word and by the call of the Holy Spirit, individual believers and societies of men, women, and children (i.e., churches) approach God the Father in devotion and praise. The Father seeks 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 26, 2021



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# Lord's Day Morning Worship

December 26, 2021 | 9:30 AM

## Meditation

Luke 2:14

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.*

## \*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. 150B

*Praise the LORD God in His Temple*  
WYCLIFF

## \*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

## Revelation of God's Will

Exodus 20:1-17

## Confession of Sin

Be gracious to me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Thy compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, and done evil in Thy sight. So that Thou art justified when Thou dost speak, and blameless when Thou dost speak, and blameless when Thou dost judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part Thou wilt make me know wisdom. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, I pray. Amen!

## Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18

*Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love.*

## Offering

No. 89B

*My Song Forever Shall Record*  
(stanzas 1, 2)  
MARYTON

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

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

## Hymn of Preparation

No. 300

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
HYFRYDOL

## \*Prayer for Illumination

## \*Scripture Readings

Revelation 19:11-21  
Isaiah 9:1-7

## \*Congregational Response

**The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord,**  
As the waters cover the sea!

## Sermon

*"The Messianic King"*  
Isaiah 9:6

## \*Prayer of Application

## \*Hymn of Response

No. 72A

*O God, Your Judgments Give the King*  
(stanzas 1-4)  
OSTEND

## \*Benediction

## \*Doxology

No. 72A

*O God, Your Judgments Give the King*  
(stanza 8)  
OSTEND

*Now blessed be the LORD our God, the God of Israel,  
for He alone does 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.*

## \*Silent Prayer

*\* Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*

# Lord's Day Evening Worship

December 26, 2021 | 5:00 PM

## Meditation

Mark 1:15

*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.*

## \*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. 303

*All Praise to You, Eternal Lord*  
CANONBURY

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

## Confession of Faith

WCF 7.3

Man, by his fall, having made himself incapable of life by the covenant of works, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace; wherein He freely offereth unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ; requiring of them faith in Him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life His Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe.

## 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. 142

*I Cry for Mercy to the LORD*  
ROCKINGHAM OLD

## \*Prayer for Illumination

## \*Scripture Readings

Hosea 14  
Mark 2:1-12

## \*Congregational Response

**The grass withers and the flower fades,**  
But the Word of our God stands forever!

## Sermon

*"Christ's Authority to Forgive"*  
Mark 2:1-12

## Prayer of Application & Dedication

## Dedicatory Offering

*silent prayer*

## \*Closing Hymn

No. 308

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*  
IN DULCI JUBILO

## \*Benediction

## \*Doxology

No. 567

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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*