

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. 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
6:00 PM	Service @ WRPC

Sunday School

Adults - The Westminster Confession (Pipa)
Secondary - Implementing God's Word (Colvin/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 6:00 PM
Mark Kuo Ordination Tonight at 6:00 PM
Woodruff Road PCA (Simpsonville, SC)

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 "Chip" Bennett, PhD – Ruling Elder, Providence PCA
Dr. E. Todd Buchner, DMin – Teaching Elder, Reidville PCA
Mr. Richard "Rik" Hollifield – Ruling Elder, Roebuck PCA
Pastor Zachary Groff – Teaching Elder, Clerk of Session
Mr. William "Bill" Johnson – Ruling Elder, Woodruff Road PCA
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., PhD – Teaching Elder, Moderator of Session
Mr. Theodore "Terry" Richards – Ruling Elder, Fellowship PCA

Church Staff

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

Worship at Antioch

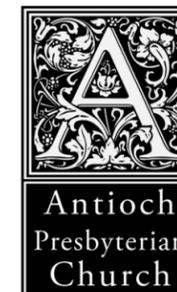
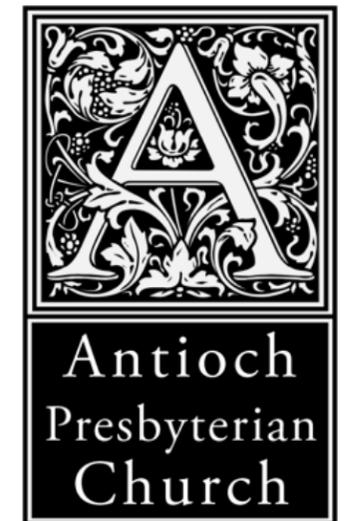
The worship of the one true and living God is mankind's highest duty and greatest delight. Through Christ the living Word and by the call of the Holy Spirit, individual believers and societies of men, women, and children (i.e., churches) approach God the Father in devotion and praise. The Father seeks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

September 25, 2022



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Lord's Day Morning Worship

September 25, 2022 | 9:30 AM

Meditation

Lamentations 3:22, 23

22 The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

*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. 219

O Worship the King
LYONS

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

Revelation of God's Will

Deuteronomy 5:1-21

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, Redeemer of Your people, we bow in humble confession of our sins because You have promised to forgive us on the merits of Christ, Your only Son, the Lamb of God who covers our iniquities. You alone know how often we have offended You and injured others. Forgive us, O Lord, for every irreverent thought, for every untrue word, for every unkind act, for our neglect of prayer, for every selfish use of money, and for forgetfulness of our sacred vows. O God, have mercy upon us and heal us, and enable us by Your Holy Spirit to walk after the example of Christ, our Lord and King. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6, 7

6 Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Offering

No. 245

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
FAITHFULNESS

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

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

Hymn of Preparation

No. 86A

Hear Me, O LORD, and Answer Me
(stanzas 1-6)
LLEF

*Prayer for Illumination

*Scripture Readings

Hebrews 4
Job 10:1-7

*Congregational Response

Faith comes by hearing,

And hearing by the Word of God!

Sermon

"Seeing God's Tender Kindness"
Job 10:1-7

*Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response

No. 86A

Hear Me, O LORD, and Answer Me
(stanzas 7-12)
LLEF

*Benediction

*Doxology

No. 234

The God of Abraham Praise
(stanza 6)
LEONI

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

Presbyterianism & the Regional Church

Why are we attending an ordination service at another church tonight?

By Pastor Zachary Groff

What makes this church over here Presbyterian and that church over there Episcopalian or Lutheran or Congregational or Baptist or Pentecostal or Anglican or Independent? In other words, what's in a name? From where do we derive the nomenclature which we have adopted to describe various expressions of Protestant Christianity? The answer is not simple, but the question is certainly worthy of our attention.

Whereas several denominational names refer to historical origins (e.g., Lutheran and Anglican), and some names express theological distinctives (e.g., Pentecostal and Baptist), others communicate something about the form of ecclesiastical polity or government operative in their respective bodies (e.g., Episcopalian, Congregational, and Independent). Our own designation of Presbyterian falls into the latter of these three broad categories.

A Presbyterian church is governed by a session (or board) of elders (i.e., presbyters, derived from the Greek word *πρεσβύτερος*, as used in Acts 20:17, Jas. 5:14, and elsewhere). However, the word "Presbyterian" is more closely related to the term used to describe the regional body that oversees the ministry of local congregations. This regional body is called a "presbytery" (derived from the Greek word *πρεσβυτέριον*, as used in 1 Tim. 4:14).

Simply put, the presbytery in a given geography is made up of elders drawn from the various local churches located therein. Beyond the regional presbytery exists the national presbytery, which in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) is known as the General Assembly.

Unlike in denominational associations or conventions, both the regional presbytery and the national General Assembly are expressions of the Church within its defined geographical bounds. When the presbytery meets, the Church within a particular region is called to worship and deliberation. When the General Assembly meets, the Church within a particular national geography is called to worship and deliberation.

Every local church is connected to every other local church in a given denomination as various expressions of the national Church in which they maintain membership. The closest connections between congregations exist within the various presbyteries that constitute a national denomination. Thus, when we read of "three thousand souls" being added to the Church rolls in Jerusalem in Acts 2:41, we understand that to mean that three thousand individuals were baptized and then distributed among several congregations that were forming at that time in Jerusalem and its vicinity, creating what we might call the "Presbytery of Jerusalem."

Local church sessions, regional presbyteries, and the national General Assembly function as graded courts or jurisdictions of church business from one geographical level to the next. The PCA's Book of Church Order (BCO) expresses well this gradation, "The Session exercises jurisdiction over a single church, the Presbytery over what is common to the ministers, Sessions, and churches within a prescribed district, and the General Assembly over such matters as concern the whole Church" (11-4). The higher church courts oversee and review the ministry of the lower courts within their jurisdictions as they examine records (i.e., sessional minutes and presbytery records), hear appeals in cases of church discipline, and give guidance on the best course of action for cooperative ventures in foreign and domestic missions, Christian education and publication, and diaconal relief and philanthropy.

One of the great joys of Presbyterianism as described above is the practical outworking of regional connectionalism when ministers are ordained and installed. The presbytery appoints commissions made up of presbyters for the purpose of conducting the worship services that formally mark the ordination of men to specific works within the bounds of that presbytery (see 1 Tim. 4:14 for biblical precedent). In the past, ordination and installation services took place on weekdays to allow for travel and participation by presbyters and church members from across a presbytery's bounds. Today, if a church is hosting an ordination and installation service, it is appropriate for other churches within the presbytery to make reasonable accommodations for their members to participate.

In conclusion, Presbyterianism is a system of ecclesiastical polity that structures the governing bodies of the Church in local, regional, and national levels (presbyteries) populated by elders (presbyters). This arrangement is not merely useful and practical, but also eminently biblical and doxological, exalting the glory of God. We read in Revelation 4:9-11, "And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 'Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.'"

This month, we are "moving" our evening service on two occasions in order to participate in local installation services, one of which will involve ordination of a man to the ministry. Please join us tonight at Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church for the ordination of Mr. Mark Kuo to the work of foreign missions in Taiwan.

* Congregation standing, unless physically hindered