

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	Evening Worship @ <i>Roebuck PCA</i>

Sunday School

Adults – *Precious Remedies against Satan's Devices* (Colvin)
Secondary - Implementing God's Word (Marcus)
Primary - Investigating God's Word (Tunnell)
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 training room and childcare space in the fellowship hall as your little ones become particularly noisy. Thank you!

Announcements

5th Sunday Joint Evening Service – 7/30 @ 6 PM
Roebuck Presbyterian Church | Roebuck, SC
Session Meeting – 8/14 @ 6:30 PM
Seth Jernigan Music Concert – 8/24 @ 6:30 PM
180th Anniversary Celebration – 9/16 @ 10 AM

Vision

Our vision is for the historic Antioch Presbyterian Church to be a worshipping community that blesses 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. They include:

Dr. Chipley "Chip" Bennett, PhD – Ruling Elder, Providence PCA
Dr. E. Todd Buchner, DMin – Teaching Elder, CTC
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

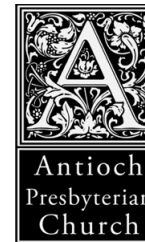
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Worship at Antioch

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 (i.e., churches) of men, women, and children 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.

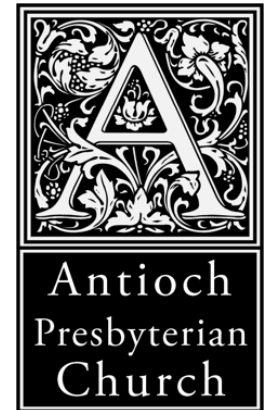


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The Lord's Day

July 30, 2023



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Lord's Day Morning Worship

July 30, 2023 | 9:30 AM

Meditation *Colossians 3:3, 4*

For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

***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. 72B**
Hail to the Lord's Anointed
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***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

Revelation of God's Will *Exodus 20:1-17*

Confession of Sin

O Holy Father, often do we approach You with our mouths and with our lips when our hearts are not in worship. We offer to You that which costs us little. Though You are a great King, we often bring to You the leftovers of our time, energy, and worship. We have neglected Your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored Your law where it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and we have wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father have mercy on us! Forgive us our debts! Cleanse us and give to us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In His name do we come to you. Amen!

Assurance of Pardon *Isaiah 57:15*

Offering **No. 252**

This Is My Father's World
TERRA BEATA

***Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication**
conclude with the Lord's Prayer (see back of bulletin)

Hymn of Preparation **No. 13**
How Long Will You Forget Me, LORD?
MEDITATION

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Readings** *Micah 7:1-8 (p. 835)*
Matthew 10:16-33 (p. 872)

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

Sermon
"The Kingdom's Growing Pains"
Matthew 10:16-33

***Prayer of Application**

***Hymn of Response** **No. 255**
Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment
BLOTT EN DAG

***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**

Westminster Larger Catechism *On the Lord's Supper*

As we prepare this week to observe the Lord's Supper, take some time to review the Westminster Larger Catechism's teaching on the Lord's Supper. To find the passages of Scripture to which these questions and answers make reference, visit antiochpca.com/about and look for the link to "Part 2" of the Larger Catechism. Or, contact Pastor Groff at zack@antiochpca.com.

What is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the appointment of Jesus Christ, His death is showed forth; and they that worthily communicate feed upon His body and blood, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace; have their union and communion with Him confirmed; testify and renew their thankfulness, and engagement to God, and their mutual love and fellowship each with other, as members of the same mystical body.

How do they that worthily communicate in the Lord's supper feed upon the body and blood of Christ therein?

As the body and blood of Christ are not corporally or carnally present in, with, or under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, and yet are spiritually present to the faith of the receiver, no less truly and really than the elements themselves are to their outward senses; so they that worthily communicate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, do therein feed upon the body and blood of Christ, not after a corporal and carnal, but in a spiritual manner; yet truly and really, while by faith they receive and apply unto themselves Christ crucified, and all the benefits of his death.

How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?

They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation, and fervent prayer.

May one who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation, come to the Lord's Supper?

One who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account has it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity:

in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labor to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's Supper, that he may be further strengthened.

May any who profess the faith, and desire to come to the Lord's Supper, be kept from it?

Such as are found to be ignorant or scandalous, notwithstanding their profession of the faith, and desire to come to the Lord's Supper, may and ought to be kept from that sacrament, by the power which Christ hath left in his church, until they receive instruction, and manifest their reformation.

What is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the time of the administration of it?

It is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, that, during the time of the administration of it, with all holy reverence and attention they wait upon God in that ordinance, diligently observe the sacramental elements and actions, heedfully discern the Lord's body, and affectionately meditate on his death and sufferings, and thereby stir up themselves to a vigorous exercise of their graces; in judging themselves, and sorrowing for sin; in earnest hungering and thirsting after Christ, feeding on him by faith, receiving of his fullness, trusting in his merits, rejoicing in his love, giving thanks for his grace; in renewing of their covenant with God, and love to all the saints.

What is the duty of Christians, after they have received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

The duty of Christians, after they have received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, is seriously to consider how they have behaved themselves therein, and with what success; if they find quickening and comfort, to bless God for it, beg the continuance of it, watch against relapses, fulfill their vows, and encourage themselves to a frequent attendance on that ordinance: but if they find no present benefit, more exactly to review their preparation to, and carriage at, the sacrament; in both which, if they can approve themselves to God and their own consciences, they are to wait for the fruit of it in due time: but, if they see they have failed in either, they are to be humbled, and to attend upon it afterwards with more care and diligence.

* Congregation standing, unless physically hindered