

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. Please visit 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
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting
11:15 AM Sunday School

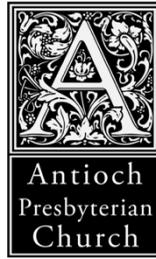
No Kingdom Prayer

6:00 PM Evening Worship
Mount Calvary Presbyterian Church, Roebuck, SC

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 churches approach God the Father in devotion and praise. The Father seeks those who will worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Do not content yourself with spectating, but rather join with the congregation in the singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Pray along with the elders, adding your "Amen" to the prayers. Give joyfully to God in the corporate offering as an act of worship and sanctified self-denial. 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.

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 church. Therefore, we involve children as participants in worship. The children of believing parents are to be students of the Christian Faith – even baptized disciples – from infancy, and they are not to be excluded from the assembling together of the saints. However, until such a time as they can 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 children in the worship service, we thank you for your understanding and patience. If you are here today with young children, please exercise courtesy by using our training room or our childcare space as needed.



Upcoming Events

Joint Evening Worship Service: 3/29 @ 6:00 PM
Mount Calvary Presbyterian Church | Roebuck, SC
Lord's Supper & Fellowship Meal: 4/5 @ 9:30 AM
Lord's Supper: 4/19 @ 5:00 PM
Calvary Presbytery 169: 4/23 @ 9:00 AM
Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church
Music Fellowship w/ Tyler Somers: 4/28 @6:30 PM

Vision & Mission

Our vision is for the historic Antioch Presbyterian Church to be a worshipping community that blesses every family in the growing residential hub at the crossroads of Greenville and Spartanburg Counties, to the glory of God. **Our mission** is the gathering and perfecting of God's people through biblical worship, evangelism, and pastoral care.

Areas of Ministry Focus

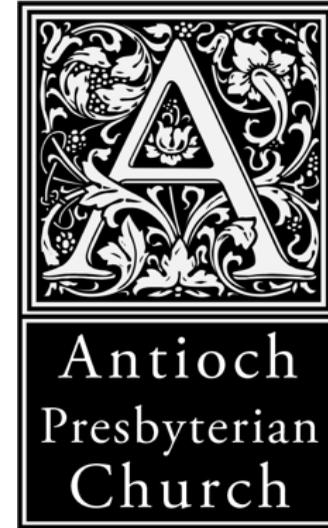
Expository Preaching | Biblical Worship
Parish Evangelism | Pastoral Care | Discipleship

Leadership & Accountability

Mr. Jeffrey A. Danes, Ruling Elder
Pastor Zachary Groff, Teaching Elder
Mr. J. Richard Long, Ruling Elder
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., PhD, Teaching Elder

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

March 29, 2026

3600 Old Antioch Church Way (SC-417), Woodruff, SC 29388
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Lord's Day Morning Worship

March 29, 2026 | 9:30 AM

Meditation *Galatians 3:26*
For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

***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. 22B**
All You That Fear Jehovah's Name
PARK STREET

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

Revelation of God's Will *Hebrews 12:4-17*

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 *Hebrews 12:18-24*

Offering **No. 461**
Blessed Are the Sons of God
ROSEFIELD

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

Hymn of Preparation **No. 462**
Behold the Amazing Gift of Love
ST. STEPHEN

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Readings** *Galatians 4:1-7*
2 Samuel 9

***Congregational Response**
Your earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord,
As the waters cover the sea!

Sermon
"The Gospel of the Covenant"
2 Samuel 9

***Prayer of Application**

***Hymn of Response** **No. 190**
Thus Saith the Mercy of the Lord
I DO BELIEVE

***Benediction**

***Doxology** **No. 117B**
Praise the LORD God, All You Nations
REGENT SQUARE
*Praise the LORD God, all you nations;
all you peoples, sing His praise.
For His truth endures forever,
and His steadfast love is great.
He is faithful! He is faithful!
Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!*

***Silent Prayer**

** Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*

Calling an Associate Pastor in the PCA

How does a church call an associate pastor to serve as a church-planter in the Presbyterian Church in America?

Over the past several years, Antioch has enjoyed steady growth in attendance and church membership. However, we do not presently have the means to dramatically expand the capacity of our limited parking lot and facilities in a timely way to accommodate the continuing growth. At the same time, several supporting churches and individuals have expressed interest in Antioch taking the lead on planting a daughter church mission work in the western part of Spartanburg County, north of I-85 (i.e., in the Inman/Boiling Springs area). Therefore, your Session is proposing that the congregation elect the Session to serve as a pulpit committee to search for an Associate Pastor.

In the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), the Presbytery may establish a mission work (i.e., church plant) in one of several ways, including by responding "to the initiative of a Session of a particular church" (BCO 5-2.1.ii). In establishing a mission work, the Presbytery may "cooperate with the Session of a particular church in arranging a mother-daughter relationship with a mission church. The Session may then serve as the temporary governing body of the mission church" (BCO 5-3.b). Finally, "Pastoral ministry for the mission church may be provided by a minister of the Presbytery called by Presbytery to serve as pastor" (BCO 5-4.a). It is the Session's plan to present a qualified candidate to the Antioch congregation for consideration to serve as an Associate Pastor on the Antioch Session. We will then work with that man and Calvary Presbytery to establish a mission work with him serving as the pastor, in partnership with the Antioch Session and congregation.

In the PCA, "the various pastoral relations are pastor, associate pastor, and assistant pastor" (BCO 22-1). While assistant pastors are "called by the Session" (BCO 22-3), "the pastor and associate pastor are elected by the congregation" (BCO 22-2). God's Word makes clear in Acts 14:23 that men who

serve as elders (including as pastors) in Christ's church are called by God through the means of popular elections by congregations rather than imposed from above. Thus, your Session has decided that the way we will explore the establishment of a church plant is by conducting a search for an associate pastor. In other words, your Session has decided to move forward with the congregation's input, assent, cooperation, and partnership. Insofar as Antioch takes part in a church plant, we will do so as a church family working together.

So, what does that look like?

Before the church can elect either a pastor or an associate pastor in any circumstance, it must conduct a search by a pulpit committee elected by the congregation at the suggestion of the Session. "The Session shall call a congregational meeting to elect a pulpit committee which may be composed of members from the congregation at large or the Session, as designated by the congregation" (BCO 20-2). Once that committee is formed, then the real work begins. After careful "consultation and deliberation," the committee shall "recommend to the congregation a pastoral candidate who, in its judgment, fulfills the Constitutional requirements of that office (e.g., BCO 8, 13-6 and 21) and is most suited to be profitable to the spiritual interests of the congregation" (BCO 20-2). That recommendation will be presented to the congregation at a duly called congregational meeting once the search has been concluded, and there will be plenty of advance notice and relevant information shared about the candidate when the time comes. While the Session has some ideas of possible candidates to approach, the search itself will commence only if and after the congregation votes to form a search committee. The search shall be conducted carefully, earnestly, and deliberately.

The call for today's meeting, issued by the Session on March 16, 2026, is as follows:

"to call a congregational meeting for March 29, 2026 for the purpose of recommending that the congregation designate the Session to serve as a search committee for an Associate Pastor (BCO 20-2, 25-2)"