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
11:15 AM	Sunday School

No Kingdom Prayer

6:00 PM	Installation Services

Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church (PCA)
Christ Community Church (PCA)

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.

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Upcoming Events

Equal Protection SC Meeting: 11/11 @ 6:00 PM
Fall Family Conference w/ C.R. Wiley: 11/14-15
Session Meeting: 11/20 @ 9:00 AM
Men of the Covenant: 11/21 @ 7:30 AM
Joint Evening Service & Supper: 11/29 @ 6:00 PM
Mount Calvary Presbyterian Church
Calvary Day of Fasting & Prayer: 11/30 @ 5:00 PM
Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church

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
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.

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The Lord's Day

November 8, 2026

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

November 8, 2026 | 9:30 AM

Meditation *Ephesians 2:4, 5*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).

***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. 146**

Praise the LORD! My Soul, O Praise Him!
RIPLEY

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

Revelation of God's Will *Matthew 5:1-20*

Confession of Sin

O Lord, the great and awesome God who keeps the covenant of love with all who love You and obey You and obey Your commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from Your commands and laws; we have not listened to Your Word; we are a people of unclean lips who have forgotten our Christian heritage; we live in a nation of unrighteousness, where Your children are slaughtered in their mothers' wombs for the sake of convenience. Lord, You are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve. For Your sake, O Lord, look with favor upon this congregation and the land in which we live. Send Your Spirit to turn us from our evil ways. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous but because of Your great mercy. O Lord, hear our prayer; forgive our sin; heal our land. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen!

Assurance of Pardon *Romans 3:21-26*

Offering **No. 30**

O LORD, I Will Extol You
NOEL

***Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication**

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

Hymn of Preparation **No. 429**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
NETTLETON

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Readings** *Hebrews 4:9-16*
Exodus 25:10-22

***Congregational Response**

Your Word is a lamp to my feet,

And a light to my path!

Sermon

"The Ark of the Covenant"
Exodus 25:10-22

***Prayer of Application**

***Hymn of Response** **No. 93**

The LORD Reigns over All
FESTAL SONG

***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*

Presbyterianism & the Regional Church

Why are we attending an installation 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 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 joint worship services. Please join us tonight at either Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church for the ordination and installation of a new Calvary Presbytery foreign missionary (and graduate of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary), or at Christ Community Church (PCA) in Simpsonville for the installation of Pastor Ralph Johnston as the church planting pastor of a new mission work in Fountain Inn. Pastor Groff will be chairing the Johnston Commission this evening.