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
11:15 AM	Sunday School
6:00 PM	Joint Worship Service

Mount Calvary Presbyterian Church

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

Joint Evening Service & Supper: 11/29 @ 6:00 PM
Mt. Calvary Presbyterian Church, Roebuck, SC
Calvary Day of Fasting & Prayer: 11/30 @ 5:00 PM
Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC
Lord's Supper & Fellowship Meal: 12/6 @ 9:30 AM

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 29, 2026

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

November 29, 2026 | 9:30 AM

Meditation *Psalm 89:1*

I will sing of the lovingkindness of the LORD forever; to all generations I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth.

***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. 105A**

O Thank the LORD, Declare His Name
BUCKLEBURY

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

Revelation of God's Will *Deuteronomy 5:1-21*

Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *Titus 3:5-7*

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. 247**

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator
KREMSER

***Prayer for Illumination**

***Scripture Readings** *Ezekiel 16:1-22*
Romans 9:1-13

***Congregational Response**

The grass withers and the flower fades,

But the Word of our God stands forever!

Sermon

"Covenant Privileges"
Romans 9:1-5

***Prayer of Application**

***Hymn of Response** **No. 246**

Though Troubles Assail Us
JOANNA (ST. DENIO)

***Benediction**

***Doxology** **No. 117A**

Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations
IN BABILONE

Praise Jehovah, all ye nations,
all ye people praise proclaim;
for His grace and lovingkindness
O sing praises to His Name.
For the greatness of His mercy
constant praise to Him accord;
evermore His truth endureth;
hallelujah, praise the Lord!

***Silent Prayer**

** Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*

The Focus of Worship

Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.

As we think about the purposes of worship, there are several important principles. First, the object of our worship is the Triune God. We worship God the Father, through Christ the Mediator, by the Spirit (Ps. 100; John 4:22-24). Hence, our worship must be God-centered and not man-centered. Is this truth not obvious? If we are to come into His special presence with the service of our worship, if we are to fasten attention on Him, to adore and praise Him, and to commune with Him, then worship must be God-centered. It is exactly at this point that many today have gone astray. There is much confusion today in worship because of the neglect of this principle. Many are asking, "What am I going to get out of it?" "What kind of buzz am I going to have?" "Am I going to leave self-affirmed, feeling good about myself?" "Am I going to be moved?" If we seek these things, we are coming for all the wrong reasons and are asking all the wrong questions. Our questions ought to be, "What glory will abound to God?", "How will His name be blessed, and His loveliness portrayed?"

When our worship is God-centered, a wonderful thing happens. We acknowledge that worship is not to be emotionless. As we fix our attention on God and seek His glory and commune with Him, we will be moved to the depth of our being; we will be exuberant; we will rejoice with trembling; we will serve the Lord with fear. Indeed, we shall be moved in the very depths of our being because we sought Him. Is not this analogous of a marriage relationship? If, in a marriage relationship, the spouse seeks his or her own satisfaction, well-being, and fulfillment, the marriage will be a wreck. But if, in the marriage relationship, the spouse seeks the well-being and satisfaction of his marriage partner, he will be fulfilled. Worship works on a similar plane. When we forget ourselves and seek God, He will be honored, and we will be blessed.

The second thing to keep in mind is that worship is by nature covenantal and not evangelistic. We are to come to God as Father. Again, the church is making the mistake of turning corporate worship into an evangelistic enterprise. This change of focus explains much of the confusion in worship. Christians wrongly are designing the worship service to be a means of reaching the lost; therefore, the worship service is structured with the unconverted in mind. No one should question the sincerity of such attempts, but I ask the very simple question: if an unconverted person comes to your worship service and leaves comfortable or feeling good, who has not been present? God! No unconverted person can come into the presence of God and feel good or fulfilled. He might leave hopeful, if he has begun to understand the hope of the gospel. But if the Holy Spirit does not work favorably, he will either be nonchalant (Matt. 13:19) or angry (Lk. 12:49-53). The Word of God suggests that people will be saved as we focus on God in our worship (1 Cor. 14:24, 25).

In May, 2004, I had the privilege of ministering in Israel. While there, I stayed with one of the families in the congregation. My first night in their home, they invited me to attend a birthday party for one of their children. I had a good time. But, you can imagine that I did not quite fit in. I do not understand Modern Hebrew, so I did not always understand what was going on, nor could I sing the songs. Some of their games were strange to me, as was some of the food. Now, imagine if, as the family thought about these cultural problems, they began to change the birthday party to suit me. That would have been great for me. But, by the time they finished, it would not have been a party for their child; it would have been a party for me.

When we change God's glorious and holy celebration into an outreach enterprise, He is no longer the center of attention. He is no longer honored and glorified in our worship. If we are going to worship well and correctly, we must recover the true purposes of worship and their attendant principles. We must understand that we serve the Lord in His special presence and we serve Him by adoring Him and giving thanks to Him, praising Him, and communing with Him. As we do so, He changes us. And thus, our worship will become increasingly God-centered and covenantal.

These principles do not give us an excuse to ignore the visitor that is unfamiliar with our worship. He will not understand what we are doing; consequently, it is incumbent on us to explain what we are doing, to relate what we do so he will understand. To return to the illustration of the Israeli birthday party, a member of the family sat with me to translate and explain the games. They made me comfortable without changing the focus of the party. When I preach in foreign countries, I need a translator. It is good to have a translator for those who visit our worship service: the one that leads worship can do that or others may sit with visitors and explain what is being done. But structure the service for God and not for men.