

September 13, 2026

10:30 AM, **HYMN SING**

(founded by Mrs. Jean Moberg)

11:00 AM, **THE SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP**

Choral Director: Mrs. Amy Marie Young Escalante

Accompanists: Steve Sensenig, Matthew Primm

*OPENING HYMN: #77, *How Great Thou Art*

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME and RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Whitney & Charlie King (Denver, NC)

Shirley & Mike Petrolina (Blowing Rock, NC)

Jack Temple, III (Hickory, NC)

ANTHEM *They'll Know We Are Christians* (Arr: M. Hayes)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: #881, *The Apostles' Creed* (see bulletin)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER and PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Amazing Grace* (Arr. B. Harlan)

Micah Deer and Amy Walls; Matthew Primm (Viola)

*THE DOXOLOGY

SCRIPTURE LESSON *I John 4:7-12, 20-21*

SERMON (External Discipleship, part VIII)

CHERISH

Dr. Michael B. Brown

*CLOSING HYMN: #384, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE: *Go Out In Song!* (Arr.: Lloyd Larson)

POSTLUDE

The Shirley Blackwell Memorial Choir:

Micah Deer, Samantha Latino, Kenton McCollum, Madeline Phillips,

Matthew Primm, Christ Stonnell, Amy Walls, Krista Wells,

Dr. Tyler Young (Accompanist)

A *shuttle service to the church* is available from Blowing Rock Furniture (321 and Main St.) at 10:00, 10:15, and 10:30 each Sunday.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Ministry of Hospitality

Greeters/Ushers:

Mollie and Greg Bergstrom

Tent Ushers:

Virginia and Ben Powell

Today's Altar Flowers

are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Katharine and R.J. Currey, by Page and Michael Brown.

Welcome Visitors

Please sign the Attendance Register and enter contact information (including email address). If you would like to become an Affiliate Member, please fill out a Membership Card which you will find in the pew rack (including the same contact information). Thank you for being with us.

Next week we'll begin the final section of our 3-part summer sermon series: *Internal Discipleship* (thoughts about self), *External Discipleship* (thoughts about neighbor), and *Eternal Discipleship* (thoughts about God).
Next Sunday: (Eternal Discipleship, part I, "Imagine God").

Our **Regular Season** goes through Sunday, Sept. 27. This year, we will have an **Extended Season** of two additional Sundays, including October 4 & 11.