

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of the North Georgia Mountains
Rev. Susan L. Haynes, Pastor
November 15, 2026
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship begins with the prelude.
Please listen in silence as we prepare our hearts for the worship of God.
*Please stand in body or spirit.

PRELUDE "Lead Me Lord" Wesley
Robert Reed, Director of Music

WELCOME and CHURCH NEWS Rev. Susan Haynes

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Bob Elwell
Leader: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
People: Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
Leader: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
People: Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
Leader: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
People: Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
All: Let us worship together this day.

***HYMN #43** "On Eagle's Wings" ON EAGLE'S WINGS

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God,
you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us.
We have so many blessings for which to be grateful.
Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you.
We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough.
We become focused on protection
rather than your call to welcome and love others.
We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn #215 verse 1 "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Bob Elwell

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 142 Bob Elwell

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "O Happy Day" Hawkins

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 22:1-5

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SERMON "Unexpected People" Rev. Susan Haynes

HYMN #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

…*forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us…*

THE OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Minute For Mission Fannin Children's Fund Tara Cantrell

Offertory "Work Thru You, Work Thru Me" Kingsley-Reed

***CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE TO THE OFFERING**

Hymn #710 "We Are an Offering" OFFERING

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours:
we are an offering, we are an offering.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison) Bob Elwell

Gracious and Generous God,
We thank You for our many blessings--the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given. We acknowledge that all we are and have comes from You. You have entrusted each of us with time, talents, treasure, and opportunities--not for our own sake, but for the building of Your Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. Teach us to recognize these gifts, to nurture them faithfully, and to return them generously. Let our hands serve others with love, our words speak truth and kindness, and our hearts always open to Your call. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From a Declaration of Faith Bob Elwell

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God has already demonstrated his judging and saving work. We are warned that rejecting God's love and not caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from him and them. Yet we are also told that God loves the whole world and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ. We live in tension between God's warnings and promises. Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ, we urge all people to be reconciled to God, not exempting ourselves from the warnings. Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not exempting the most unlikely from the promises. Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are sure that God's future for every person will be both merciful and just. Amen

***HYMN #8** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

***DEPARTING SONG** "Go Now in Peace" Besig/Price

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

POSTLUDE "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" Rankin-Tomer

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Treva and Bud Wheatley to the glory of God and in memory of Treva's mother, Helen McGregor on her birthday, and in honor of Rev. Susan Haynes' birthday.