



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of the North Georgia Mountains

Rev. Susan L. Haynes, Pastor

October 25, 2026

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday**

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

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

Robert Reed, Director of Music

WELCOME and CHURCH NEWS

Greg Duncan

Worship & Discipleship Elder

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) based on Psalm 121

Sylvia Goodyear

Leader: We lift up our eyes to the hills— from where will our help come?

People: Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: Let us worship the LORD who is our keeper and redeemer.

***HYMN #1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

NICAEA

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God,

**you promise that all who faithfully confess to you
will be forgiven and preserved from trouble.**

**Trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the harm that we have done,
and the good we have failed to do.**

Forgive us, we pray;

**guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go,
that we may love and serve you well.**

In the name of Jesus we pray. 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

Sylvia Goodyear

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Sylvia Goodyear

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Page OT 157/ Page 204 OT large print

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

ANTHEM

“Be Unto Your Name”

DeShazo/Sadler

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

Page 76 NT / Page 99 NT large print

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SERMON

“Justified”

Rev. Andy Casto-Waters

General Presbyter

Cherokee Presbytery

***HYMN #687**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

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

2027 Stewardship ~ *Faithful Pathways to the Future*

Steve Williamson

Offertory

“Agnus Dei”

Smith

***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)**

Sylvia Goodyear

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**

0—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 The Scots Confession Sylvia Goodyear

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. When the fullness of time came God sent the Son, the substance of God’s own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman by means of the Holy Ghost. That same eternal God and Father, who by grace alone chose us in his Son Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world was laid, appointed him to be our head, our brother, our pastor, and the great bishop of our souls. Our faith and its assurance are the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; whom we confess to be God, equal with the Father and with his Son, who sanctifies us. May God be blessed, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, with all honor and glory, now and ever. Amen.

***HYMN #353** “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” SOLID ROCK

***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 “Soon and Very Soon” Crouch

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Susie and Bob Wasielewski
in celebration of their third grandchild, Louie Iebra.*