



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of the North Georgia Mountains

Rev. Susan L. Haynes, Pastor

August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

“What Is the World Like”

NEW WORLD

Dr. Phillip Mitchell, Director of Music

WELCOME and CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Susan Haynes

CHORAL INTROIT

“O God, You are my God”

STEP BY STEP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 71

Mark McLain

Leader: In you, O God, we seek refuge;

People: In Your justice, deliver us.

Leader: Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress, because You are our rock and fortress.

People: For you, O Lord, are our hope and trust.

All: Our praise is continually of You.

***HYMN #403**

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first silently, then in unison)

**Eternal God, we confess that we have praised you with our lips,
but have not glorified you with our lives.**

**Have mercy on us, we pray, for our brief faith that fades under pressure,
for our quick enthusiasms that just as quickly die,
for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.**

**Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power,
that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness
through not only our words, but how we live our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn #418-verse 3 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" SOFTLY AND TENDERLY
O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark McLain

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 71:1-6

Mark McLain

Page 503 OT /Page 654 OT large print
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Go to the World!"

Karen Marrolli

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

Page 656 OT /Page 854 OT large print
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SERMON

"*Modus Operandi*"

Rev. Susan Haynes

*HYMN #693

"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE

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
Offertory

Triple L Mission

Liz Charbonneau

*CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE TO THE OFFERING

Hymn #654 "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Mark McLain

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

Mark McLain

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

**he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***HYMN #754**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

BARONITA

***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

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

DOWN AMPNEY

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Sandy and Jim Cuppia to the glory of
God and in thanksgiving to Faith Presbyterian Church for all the prayers during Jim's
illness.*