



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of the North Georgia Mountains

Rev. Susan L. Haynes, Pastor

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion 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

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

BREAD OF LIFE

Robert Reed, Director of Music

WELCOME and CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Susan Haynes

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Terri Charron

Leader: Across every land and language, God prepares a table of grace.

People: We come to taste and see that the Lord is good, trusting in the love that binds us together.

Leader: God has heard our cries, seen our tears, and invites us to a rich banquet of mercy.

People: We come carrying hope and longing, believing again in belonging.

Leader: In Christ, strangers become siblings, and distant neighbors become one body.

People: We gather with the church around the world and here in this place, one Spirit, one faith, one Lord.

All: Let us worship the One who welcomes, remembers, and feeds the whole world with hope.

***HYMN #375**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

HANSON PLACE

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (Refrain)

3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (Refrain)

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

**We confess that we have turned away from our neighbors in need,
choosing comfort over compassion, and self-interest over sacrificial love.**

**We have spoken words that wound, harbored thoughts that divide,
and ignored the cries of those who suffer injustice, hunger, and war.**

**We confess that we have not always welcomed the stranger,
nor listened to the stories of those who are different from us.**

**We have failed to see your image in every person,
and we have resisted the costly work of reconciliation.**

Forgive us, Lord, and show us how to be your peaceful Kingdom. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE

Hymn #444 v. 4

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

DETROIT

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.

Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Terri Charron

A READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 19:1-10

Terri Charron

Page 472 OT /Page 613 OT large print
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Sending"

Hall, Nockels, Townend

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Page 187 NT /Page 242 NT large print
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SERMON

"Limping In or All In?"

Rev. Susan Haynes

OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

"Season of Life-Let the River Flow"

Evans-Kingsley-Reed

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Terri Charron

*HYMN #509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

HOLLY MANNA

1 All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (sins/sinners)

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Bread: “Christ’s body broken for you.”

The cup: “Christ’s blood shed for you.”

Music during Communion

“In Christ Alone/How Deep the Father’s Love for Us/Let Us Break Bread Together”

Getty-Townend/Tonend

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer after Communion

***HYMN #649**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

AMAZING GRACE

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

***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

“I Come with Joy”

Wren-Lovelace