

November 17, 2024  
10:30 a.m. | Chapel  
26th Sunday after Pentecost

*Gathering Around the Word*

Lighting of the Candles

Jesus is the Light of the World!

Prelude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

*As the Friendship Folder is passed in your pew, please record your attendance in worship today.  
For our guests, please enter your name and contact information so we may welcome you.*

✦ Call to Worship *(responsively)*

*inspired by Psalm 16*

Reed Maurer

Come, bless the Lord,  
in whom we find our refuge and safety.

**You are our God; all the good things come from You alone.**

Come, bless the Lord,  
who gives us a rich inheritance,  
and surrounds us with abundance.

**You are our God; our lives are in your hands.**

Come, bless the Lord,  
who guides us on the path to eternal life,  
whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

**You are our God; we will not be shaken.**

Let's worship God together!

✦ Opening Hymn 39

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

✦ Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Please silence your cell phones during worship.*

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**

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### *Being Renewed in Grace*

#### **Call to Confession**

*Hebrews 10:22-23*

Rev. Rachel Mulgrave

Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith,  
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience  
and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,  
for the one who has promised is faithful.**

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

#### **Prayer of Confession**

*Mark 13*

Gracious God, we confess that we are often led by fear and guided by our own desires. We happily live in our own worlds, unconcerned about the well being of our neighbor. We build great fortresses and we take pride in our earthly accomplishments, as if we can earn our way to holiness. Forgive us, Lord, for the times that we are led astray. Forgive us for when we choose to despair over hope, and for when we do not trust that you are with us. Help us to see you in our neighbors, and teach us to live by your mercy. Amen.

#### **✦ Assurance of Pardon**

*Psalms 16*

The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup.  
God binds us in, counsels our minds and instructs our hearts.  
God helps us to stand firm for justice, mercy and peace.  
When we fall, God lifts us up, forgives us,  
and remembers our sins no more. Amen.

#### **✦ Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

#### **✦ Sung Response 582**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. (Repeat)**

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## **Anthem**

*My Lord, What a Morning*  
The Chancel Choir  
Samantha Heuwagen, soloist

Arr. by Robert A. Hobby

My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;  
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the Christian shout to wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

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## ***Proclaiming the Word***

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Reed Maurer

We come to you, O Holy Lord, trusting that your Word has something to say to us this day. Open our hearts as we listen to the Scripture, so that our lives may reflect your love in this broken and sinful world. Amen.

### **Reading from the Epistles**

*Hebrews 10:11-25*

Reed Maurer

*And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,*

*"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:*

*I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"*

*and he adds,*

*"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."*

*Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.*

*Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

God's word for God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

Mark 13:1-8

*And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."*

*And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains."*

The Gospel of our Lord and Savior.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*"It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)"*

Rev. George Tatro

***Responding to the Word***

♠ **Hymn 840**

*When Peace Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul)*

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

**Refrain: It is well with my soul;  
It is well; it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)**

**He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)**

**Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

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**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; 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 living 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.**

**Offering Invitation**

*Psalm 24*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. let us now return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

**Offertory**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Arr. by Richard A. Nichols

✠**Doxology** (*all singing*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠**Prayer of Dedication**

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
**Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Rachel Mulgrave

We pray for the world, our community, the church, and each other saying:  
Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Bearing and Following the Word Into the World*

✦ **Sending Hymn 192**

*Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)*

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)**

**Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)**

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✦ **Charge and Benediction**

Go out into the world and shine for Jesus! Fill this land with the Father's glory! And as you gaze upon the Lord's brightness, may your faces display God's likeness, ever changing from Glory to Glory nearer here may our lives tell his story, Amen!

✦ **Postlude**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Arr. by Brant Adams

*The ushers this morning are Lynn Gantt and Marion Vinson.*

*The greeter this morning is Zach Myers.*

*The Stephen Minister this morning is Chris Irwin.*

**The Worship Leaders this morning are:**

*Rev. George Tatro, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Rachel Mulgrave, Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship*

*Heidi Chinnock, Director of Music Ministries and Organist*

*Amy Noel Welch, Collaborative Pianist*

*Ross Johnston and Steve Navarro, guitarists*

*Guest Musician - Jay Hanselman, French horn*

*Reed Maurer, Liturgist*

**Today's Guest Musician, Jay Hanselman**

*Jay received a Bachelor of Music Ed degree from Florida State University in 1981 and his Master of Music Performance at Georgia State University in 2004. He served as Adjunct Professor of Horn at Georgia State from 2005 - 2012 and at Mercer University School of Music in Macon, Ga. from 2009 - 2022. Jay currently teaches private students from all around the Atlanta and Macon areas, and he conducts horn and brass clinics at schools all around the state of Georgia. In addition, he is currently Principal Horn with the Gwinnett Ballet Theater Orchestra and Johns Creek Symphony. He has also performed with the Columbus Symphony, Carroll Symphony, The Macon Pops Orchestra and the Savannah Philharmonic. Jay has recorded with Indy Rock Band "Cartel", R&B Grammy Winner Jennifer Holliday, and performed live with Barry Manilow, Gloria Estefan, Josh Groban, Evanescence, Sarah MacLachlan, Sarah Brightman, Il Volo, Il Divo, The Indigo Girls, Edwin McCain, and Jo Dee Messina. Jay has been with JCPC Academy of Fine Arts since 2013, and we are blessed to have him sharing his talents in our worship service today.*

**Upcoming Events at JCPC**

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2024-2025 Open Enrollment for Preschool is underway | [jcpcusa.org/preschool](http://jcpcusa.org/preschool)

**Text/Email Scam Alert**

Please be aware that none of the church staff will ask you for money or gift cards.  
If you receive this message from anyone, please delete it and do not act upon it.

**Wednesday, November 20 | 6:30 p.m. | The Great Hall**

Giving Thanks Dinner

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CAFAA2EAAFF2-52570496-giving#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4CAFAA2EAAFF2-52570496-giving#/)

Or sign-up sheets in the welcome center

**Bashor Men's Shelter**

November 22 | Dinner, breakfast, and lunch to go | Men to stay overnight

**Amani Women's Center**

There are two plastic tubs in the Welcome Center. One is for sewing material and the other is for sewing notions. These will be taken to The Amani Women's Center to help with their work with west African women.



## Session Elders

### Class of 2024

Aisha Furtado (Youth Elder), Education Ministry Team  
Dawn Melin, Mission Ministry Team  
Zach Myers, Connecting Ministry Team  
Rich Shuler, Stewardship Ministry Team  
Tom Traylor, Clerk of Session and Stewardship Ministry Team and Personnel

### Class of 2025

Roy Davey, Worship Ministry Team  
Marilyn Davis, Worship Ministry Team  
Debi Doverspike, Mission Ministry Team  
Vivek Furtado, Youth Ministry Team

### Class of 2026

Craig Cunningham, Youth Ministry Team  
John Gutekunst, Education Ministry Team  
Alice Ann Nilsen, Caring Ministry Team  
Jim Pope, Stewardship Ministry Team and Personnel

## Name Tags for Sundays

*Please check on the round table in the Welcome Center for your name tag either before Sunday School or Worship. They will be in alphabetical order. If you don't have one, there are adhesive name tags you can use. There will be a clipboard with a list where you can add your name, and a name tag will be available for you the following Sunday. Please return your name tags to the table before leaving the church today.*

## Special note about our cameras

Welcome to worship! For many years, JCPC has recorded its worship services for those who are homebound or absent from worship. We are now able to Livestream the service from the worship hour. The worship leaders and the first few rows of the worship space are visible in these videos. The back rows are not visible in the Livestream or recording. Thank you for being with us this morning, and we hope you'll watch online when you can't be with us in person.

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