

MORNING WORSHIP

January 18, 2026

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Those who are able, please stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

African American Spiritual

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 49:1-7)

Leader: Listen, all you people! Hear this, all who dwell near and far:

The Lord who formed us and called us by name speaks life and purpose into the world.

People: God made our lives a testimony of grace and shaped us for love beyond ourselves.

Even when we feel weary or small, the Holy One declares:

You are my servant; in you I will be glorified.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who gathers the scattered.

People: Let us sing to the One who makes light rise in the shadows.

*HYMN 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Faithful and patient God, we have not always waited for You.

When the path has felt long, or the answers have not come quickly-

People: We have rushed ahead, trusting our own strength and relying on voices louder than yours.

Leader: You have drawn us up from the pit of fear and despair,

People: Yet we return there willingly- clinging to habits that bind us, silences that protect us, and excuses that keep us from Your love.

Leader: You have put a new song of praise in our mouths,

People: But often we choose tired refrains of complaint, cynicism, or even resignation.

Leader: You desire truth, not empty offerings or careful appearances.

People: But our lives do not always reflect our words, and our choices do not always reflect our worship.

All: Do not remember our sins, O God. In Your mercy, lift us again. Set our feet upon the rock of Your grace, that we might sing a new song marked with notes of justice, a melody of compassion, and a harmony of hope. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends believe the good news of the Gospel

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Nine O'Clock

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:35-42, (pew bible p. 92)

SERMON

"What are you Looking For?"

Rev. Dr. Lori Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 35 hymnal)

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"If I Can Help Somebody"

arr. David L. Brunner

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. drew on the text of "If I Can Help Somebody" in the closing of his final sermon at Ebenezer Baptist Church on February 4, 1968, just two months before his assassination. He quoted the hymn's opening stanza and refrain to describe how he hoped to be remembered — not for acclaim, but for service.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

To give: Text QUAILHOLLOW(no space) to 73256

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Holy and Living God, before we knew Your name, You named us. Before we sought You, You were seeking us. In gratitude for this grace we cannot earn, we place before You these gifts and the offering of our lives. Let this return become a witness, a sign that invites others to dwell where love takes flesh and mercy abides. Take what is small and shape what is broken, that through Your Spirit we will become faithful followers who listen and learn to recognize Your voice in the midst of this noisy world You love so much. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are a guest today, we're happy you're here!

Please complete a welcome card so we can reach out to you in a more personal way. Scan the QR code for an online welcome card or use the card in the pew. Children are welcome in worship! If you prefer, childcare is available in the room off the Narthex for children 5 and under.



Online Welcome Card

Make Checks Payable As you continue to faithfully give toward the mission and witness of Quail Hollow as "one" with Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, please make all checks payable to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church - Quail Campus or SAPC-Quail Campus. **All giving specified for the Quail Campus will be used for our campus.** If you are giving primarily by bank check or gifts of stock, please contact the church office for new deposit information. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Nomination for Church Elders We need your suggestions for Church Elders to begin serving in the spring of 2026. If you like, you may give reasons why the people you are suggesting will make good officers (past service to this or other churches; spiritual leadership, etc.). Elders must be active members for at least a year. You may submit suggestions by returning this form to the church office, use the link in the weekly email, or email your nomination to marshac@selwynpres.org where it will be passed to the Nominating Committee. Please submit your suggestions by the end of January 2026. Nominations for Elder (3 year term) Nominations for Youth Elder (1 year term).

2026 STEWARDSHIP Annual stewardship packets have been mailed. **These cards are specific to Quail Hollow for 2026. Pledges made are for use on the Quail Campus and for the Quail Budget planning.** Your estimate of giving for the new year can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office at 8801 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28210. If preferred, please email the church bookkeeper, Cindy Walker, at Cindy@qhpc.org.

Room In The Inn - Selwyn will try to host each Monday evening through Tuesday morning, through March. This requires the coordinators to procure two overnight hosts for each week. Additional opportunities include providing dinner, breakfast, lunch, and set-up. Sign up through the link in the weekly email.

Save the date: APRIL 24-26, 2026 - ALL CHURCH SPRING RETREAT All members are invited to attend the 2026 Congregational Retreat at the beautiful Montreat Conference Center. More details and the registration link are available in the weekly eblast.

We've made online giving even more convenient!

Scan the QR code to go straight to the giving page.

Portions of today's liturgy were adapted from the Presbyterian Outlook.



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