

MORNING WORSHIP

August 31, 2025

Half past Ten O’Clock

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE “Praise the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Bish

WELCOME AND NOTICES

GATHERING PRAYER

INTROIT “Come, All Servants of the Lord” By Stan Pethel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength!
People: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
Leader: O that God’s people would listen!
People: We yearn to walk in God’s ways!

*HYMN 396 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” HOLY MANNA
Verses 1 and 4 - Everyone
Verse 2 - Women Only
Verse 3 – Men Only

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we hear Your call to care for those in need, but we worry about the risk. We isolate ourselves with donations, drop-offs, distance. We keep the poor, the homeless, and the prisoner at arms distance. We rarely visit prisons, break bread with the hungry, give cool water to the sojourner, invite the lonely to our home or table, or touch the sick. Help us to see that empathy invites us into contact, and that Your call is beyond rescue into relationship. Invite us, empower us, and accompany us into deeper relationships with those in need, making us one in You.

(moment of silence)
Leader: In Jesus’ name we pray.
All: Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is that Christ came not to condemn, but to restore us in relationship to one another and reconcile us to God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and renewed.
People: Thanks be to God!
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ester 1

SERMON “So Sassy” Amanda Shanks

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles 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 “I Love to Tell the Story” arr. Greg Gilpin

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
To give: Text QUAILHOLLOW to 73256

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God of calling and promise, receive these gifts and the dedication of our hearts to serving the vulnerable and most in need. Bless our faithful response and send us to love your people. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 351 “All Who Love and Serve Your City” CHARLESTOWN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “ Rigaudon“ Andre Campra

*Those who are able, please stand

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. After the Children's Message, **children through 5th grade** are invited to leave the sanctuary and go to their own worship time, and will return during the benediction.*



Online Welcome Card

Next Week We will have a joint worship at Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian. There will be no worship on the Quail Campus.

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!



Online Giving

Our next Habitat building project is coming up soon. We will be working with CPP again this year on a 1-story house in a new development off Peachtree Rd. in north Charlotte. Our scheduled task is “framing punch”, a day with numerous different odd-jobs that get the house ready for inspection and installation of drywall in the following weeks. We will need at least 12 volunteers, plus someone to coordinate lunch for our crew and the Habitat supervisory staff. Please put the date on your calendar and see the sign-up on the weekly eblast. Questions? Email Dick Metzler at dndmetz@mac.com

Sign up in the narthex to help Janet Stephens with the children's worship time. We are in need of assistants! Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

New Worship Time Beginning September 14th, we will worship at 9 am on Sundays with learning and fellowship following worship. Please plan to join us for our first 2nd Sunday on the 14th.

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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