

Wycliffe

November 15, 2026

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Preparation for Worship *May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on this road. May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve. May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love, and may you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet.*

Let Us Worship

"Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow" *(stand in body or spirit & sing)*

Psalm 118 *(all read the bold)*

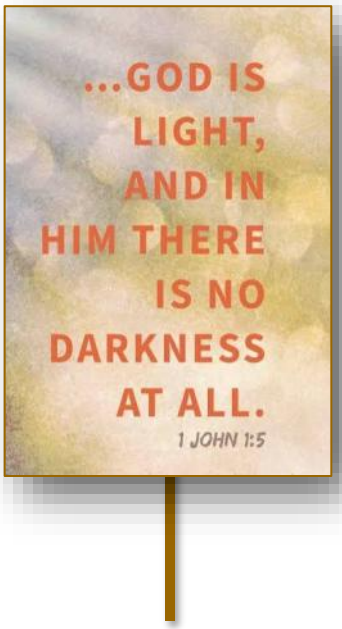
> *The Lord is my strength and my might;*
> **he has become my salvation.**
> *There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous*
> *for the right hand of the Lord is exalted.*
> **I shall not die, but I shall live,**
> **and recount the deeds of the Lord.**
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> *Open to me the gates of righteousness,*
> *that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.*
> **This is the day the Lord has made;**
> **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Hymn 611 **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"** *(stand in body or spirit & sing)*

Share the Peace of Christ with those around you

Welcome & Announcements

Here these words from John's first letter to the early Christians *(1:3-7, NIV)*



We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we've heard, what we've seen, and what we've looked at and touched with our hands.

This is the message we have heard and proclaimed: God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie; but if we walk in the light as he is light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

"Amazing Grace"
arr. D. Funderburke
Marla Robinson (flute)
John Holman & Steve Barcynski (violin)
Greg Sowell (string bass)

". . . how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; once lost, now found; 'twas blind but now I see . . ."



Scripture - Luke 24:13-27
A Reflection ~
Dr. Antipas Harris

Hymn 252 "Day of Arising" *(sing v. 1 & 2, seated)*

A Time of Confession *(all read the bold together)*

Jesus Christ, by your mercy that loved those whose eyes were closed to you,
be merciful to me when I am slow to believe.

By the compassion that led you to seek out those who were sad,
console me when I'm not yet ready to rejoice.

By the blessing in which you made yourself known to your disciples,
open my eyes to see every act of yours as sacrament.

Hymn 252 continues *(sing v. 3 & 4, seated)*

The Assurance of God's Grace & Pardon . . . *And all say* **Thanks be to God.**

From the Gospel of Matthew *(25:44a)*
"Lord, when did we see you?"



Sweeping *(Steve Garnaas-Holmes)*
We're all looking, aren't we?
Sweeping the house with the broom of indulgence,
the whisk of duty, poking under every chair leg
with a vacuum of desire. And finding nothing.

Or studiously avoiding what we seek, desperately averting our eyes.

Didn't anyone tell us? It's here! And never left the house of our heart.
For once we've let go of all we are fond of
we'll be empty enough to see the presence that only absence can reveal.
Our whole life is the sound of God sweeping the world for us.

A Reflection *~*

Hymn 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" *(seated, sing v. 1 only)*



The Prayers of the People
followed by **The Lord's Prayer** *(screen)*

We Affirm Our Faith

People of God, in whom do you believe?

We believe in God who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus: Word made flesh,
who works in us and others by the Spirit to rescue & redeem.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.

***Hymn 837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"** *(stand in body or spirit)*

***The Benediction**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)
to greet Dr. Harris and enjoy coffee & conversation

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Mark Via
in loving memory of his parents

This Week

Nov 15 *(Today, 1-3:00pm): Youth Pickleball @Palace of Pickleball*
Nov 16 *(Mon, by 3:00pm): Foods & funds for Thanksgiving meal baskets due*
Nov 17 *(Tues, 12n): Ladies' Lunch at Back Bay Gourmet*
Nov 17 *(Tues, 6:30pm): Bunco! (Lisa Peck's home)*
Nov 19 *(Thurs, 3:30pm): Grief Support Group (rm 207)*

Looking Ahead

Nov 26-27 *(Thurs-Fri): Church office closed for Thanksgiving*
Nov 29 *(Tues): Poinsettia orders due (all white; $20 each, sign-up in narthex)*
Dec 5 *(Sat, 9:00-11:00am): "Deck the Halls" ~ all welcome to help decorate the church!*
Dec 5 *(Sat, 9:00-11:00am): Kids' Club (preK-4s– 5th gr) - Crafts, decorate, FUN!*
Dec 6 *(Sun): Angel Tree Gifts due (please wrap & attach the 'ornament' label to the gift)*
Dec 7 *(Mon by 3:30pm): Christmas Basket Foods and/or funds due*
Dec 12 *(7:30am): Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Sunrise Café)*
Dec 13 *(5:00pm): Family Christmas Caroling to the homebound*

Service & Mission Opportunities

Angel Tree *~To give a local child a merrier Christmas, choose an "ornament" and purchase the item listed, wrap it & return to the tree by Sunday, Dec 6 WITH THE ORIGINAL REQUEST TAG. In these challenging economic times, you'll find many tags listing clothing or similar items requested by VB Social Services, as shared by the families.*
Questions? See Ashley Miller



We welcome Rev. Dr. Antipas Harris to the pulpit today - *Theologian, pastor, author and educator, Harris has over 30 years of ministry and leadership experience, and is known for bridging faith, education and social justice. With degrees from LaGrange College (BA), the Candler School of Theology at Emory University (MDiv), Boston University (DMin), and St. Thomas University (PhD), he is founder of Norfolk's Urban Renewal Center through First Presbyterian-Norfolk, and is a prolific author. His most recent book,* ***"The Christ We Miss,"*** *is available to purchase in the fellowship hall after today's service.*

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