



# Wycliffe

**August 23, 2026**

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*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to whoever will come - this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## LET US WORSHIP

**\*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW** (*stand in body or spirit & sing*)

**\*PSALM 138** (*all read the bold*)

*We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole heart;*  
**we bow down and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.**

*On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.*  
**We shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.**

*The Lord will fulfill his purpose for us.*  
**The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever!**  
**Praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN 694 "GREAT GOD OF EVERY BLESSING"** (*stand in body or spirit & sing*)

*Share the Peace of Christ*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Children's time with the Pastor*





**Hear these words from Matthew's Gospel** (10:8-13, NCV)

When Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They answered, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

All sing **"Lord, Have Mercy"** (screen, or p.579-hymnal)  
Sing verse 1 twice

**A TIME OF CONFESSION** (all read the bold)

God you have given each of us many gifts. **Sometimes we cannot recognize what gift we have to share, so we hide it under a bushel.**

God you remind us that all gifts are needed. **Sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts are more special than others.**

God you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body. **Loving God, we confess that we can live only by your grace, and that we desire to live only by your ways.**

In the mercy that Christ has shown us, forgive us, restore us, and return us to your life-giving Presence, that we may live by your grace alone.

All sing **"Lord, Have Mercy"** (screen, or p.579-hymnal)

**THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON . . .**

and all say **Thanks be to God.**





SCRIPTURE ~ ROMANS 12: 1-8

THE WORD OF GOD IS OPENED TO US

Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg

HYMN 700 "I'M GONNA LIVE SO"

(remain seated & sing v. 1 & 2 only)

A TIME OF PRAYER

followed by The Lord's Prayer (screen)



WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH (*all read the bold*)

*We believe in God, who is greater than our understanding yet makes himself known through Jesus Christ.*

*We believe Jesus was as we are. He grew up in a family and society troubled by the common problems of the world. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of rejection. He prayed. He struggled with temptation. He knew anger. He was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin.*

*In Jesus, we recognize what genuine humanity is. He exposes our failure to be fully human. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him.*

*We believe in the holy spirit, who empowers believers toward maturity in Christ. We are convinced that the Holy Spirit still calls people to various offices in the church and gives diverse talents to believers. We are to use them to speak and embody plainly the gospel of Christ in the world. Love is the gift we should desire most of all.*

\*HYMN 295 "GO TO THE WORLD" (*stand in body or spirit*)

\*THE BENEDICTION

*All are welcome to the fellowship hall for our Annual Salad Bar Luncheon  
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)*

*Giving is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us.  
A basket is available on the table as you leave the sanctuary for contributions of checks  
or cash. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at  
[www.wycliffepresbyterian.org](http://www.wycliffepresbyterian.org)*



**The sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by  
Pat Carney in honor of her and Dave's wedding anniversary!**



## **Wycliffe Quick Calendar**

August 23: Blessing of the Backpacks (during worship)

September 1: (12:15pm) Pastor's Lunch @ Terrapin (3102 Holly Rd.)

September 12: (7:30am) Men's Breakfast + Bible Study (Sunrise Cafe)

September 17: (3:30pm) Grief Support (Room 207)

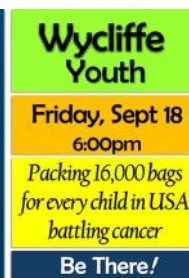
September 13: RALLY DAY!!

September 18: Ready Bag Rally @ Norfolk Scope (meet at church @ 5pm)

September 22: (7:15pm) Langley Winds Dectet Concert (Sanctuary)

September 25: (5:30-7:30pm) Kids Club! (PreK4s — 5th grade)

September 25: (5:30-7:30pm) "The Middle" (during Kids Club, 6th-8th graders)



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