



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 20, 2026



The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
arr. by Espirit de Corps

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace McDowell

Come, all who have worked long hours and all who are still waiting for someone to call your name.

We come before the God who sees us fully.

Come, all who have been praised for what you accomplish and all who have wondered whether anyone notices what you do.

We come before the God who does not measure us by our usefulness.

Come, all who have enough and all who are wondering whether there will be enough.

We come to worship the God whose grace is not earned and whose love cannot be bought.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 35

“Praise Ye the Lord, Almighty”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

We live in a world that teaches us to measure people by what they produce, what they own, how much they earn, and what they can do for us. Jesus keeps asking us to see one another differently. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess the ways we have failed to do so.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

Merciful God, we confess that we are quick to decide who has earned enough, worked enough, contributed enough, or deserves enough.

We overlook work that happens quietly. We benefit from labor without always seeing the person who performs it. We confuse wealth with worth and struggle when your generosity refuses to follow our calculations.

Forgive us. Teach us to see our neighbors as people before we see what they can provide. Turn us again toward the grace of Jesus Christ, who welcomes us not according to what we have earned, but according to the abundance of your love. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Jesus tells of a landowner who keeps going back into the marketplace, looking for those who are still waiting. God does not leave us standing outside grace. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, welcomed, and loved. Thanks be to God.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jenn DiFrancesco

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grace McDowell

God of wisdom, open these ancient words to us. Help us hear what comforts us, what unsettles us, and what calls us to see our neighbors differently. By Your Spirit, give us ears to hear and courage to follow. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:21–30

Grace McDowell

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1–16

Jenn DiFrancesco

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN # 762*“When the Poor Ones”*****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jenn DiFrancesco

We join our voices with Christians across generations and around the world as we speak the Apostles' Creed. These words have been carried by people of faith through very different times and circumstances. We speak them together as part of a faith and a story larger than ourselves.

***THE 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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

What we give does not purchase God's favor. We give because we have already received grace, and because what has been entrusted to us can become food, shelter, welcome, care, and hope in the lives of our neighbors. Let us bring our gifts to God.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY

**“We Praise Your Holy Name”
by Robert G. Newton**

Chancel Choir

*O Lord of lords and King of kings we praise your holy name;
O Lord of lords and King of kings, you shall forever reign.
O Hallelujah, now our praise we sing, Hallelujah!
We praise you, we worship you, we glorify you forever.
For you O Lord, alone are most high in the glory of God the Father.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

***DOXOLOGY # 609**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

Generous God, receive these gifts and receive our lives. Use what we offer for the good of our neighbors, especially those whose work and struggles are too often unseen. Teach us to share what we have and to seek a world in which all people have enough. Amen.

***HYMN # 326**

“For All the Saints” (*verses 1 and 3*)

***BENEDICTION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“Praise to God the Father” by Franklin Ritter

Valerie Adelung

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our liturgist: Grace McDowell

Thank you to our ushers: Betty Crovo

WELCOME BACK, MUSICIANS!

We are glad to welcome back our handbell and choir members! A special shoutout to Lee Shang and Laura Ward, members of Ashland Presbyterian Church, who are joining our handbell choir again this year. We also welcome back our choir section leaders, Andrew Koch, Rebecca Petersen, and Olivia Carlton. We are grateful for all the ways these musicians share their gifts and enrich our worship.

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35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

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When the Poor Ones

Cuando el pobre

1 When the poor ones who have noth - ing share with strang - ers,
 2 When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,
 3 When our joy fills up our cup to o - ver - flow - ing,
 4 When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,

1 Cuan - do el po - bre na - da tie - ne y aún re - par - te,
 2 Cuan - do un hom - bre su - fre y lo - gra su con - sue - lo,
 3 Cuan - do cre - ce la a - le - grí - a y nos i - nun - da,
 4 Cuan - do a - bun - da el bien y lle - na los ho - ga - res,



when the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all,
 when they hope though e - ven hope seems hope - less - ness,
 when our lips can speak no words oth - er than true,
 when we learn how to make peace in - stead of war,

cuan - do un hom - bre pa - sa sed y a - gua nos da,
 cuan - do es - pe - ra y no se can - sa de es - pe - rar,
 cuan - do di - cen nues - tros la - bios la ver - dad,
 cuan - do un hom - bre don - de hay gue - rra po - ne paz,



when the crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,
 when we love though hate at times seems all a - round us,
 when we know that love for sim - ple things is bet - ter,
 when each strang - er that we meet is called a neigh - bor,

cuan - do el dé - bil a su her - ma - no for - ta - le - ce,
 cuan - do a - ma - mos, aun - que el o - dio nos ro - dé - e,
 cuan - do a - ma - mos el sen - tir de los sen - ci - llos,
 cuan - do "her - ma - no" le lla - ma - mos al ex - tra - ño,

Refrain / Estribillo



then we know that God still goes that road with us,
 va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.



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 Va Dios mis - mo en nues - tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.