

**PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
JANUARY 30, 2021**

**Greetings and announcements**

**Call to Worship**

*Leader: Give thanks to God with your whole heart.*

*People: Great are the works of the Lord.*

**Hymn**

**Call to Confession**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

*God our God: we fill our souls with the empty sounds of our culture, and wonder why we are so empty when we need words of hope, of grace, of comfort. We are careful to follow the prescriptions our doctors give us, yet pay little heed to your hopes for us. We puff out our chests over what good people we are, yet do not notice how our pride trips those who seek to follow Jesus. Forgive us, Holy One, and be gracious to us. Astound us with your words, so we may learn your ways. Nourish us with your mercy, so we may be filled with life. Enter our empty souls, till they overflow with praise for your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading – Mark 1:21-28**

**Sermon**

**Communion**

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving including the Necrology

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, who with your Word and Holy Spirit created all things and called them good.

In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Through Jesus' suffering and death  
you took upon yourself our sin and death  
and destroyed their power for ever.

You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory,  
and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,  
making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death

Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to the disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts,  
that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine  
we may know the presence of the living Christ  
and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world,  
redeemed by Christ's blood,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at your table for ever.

## **Reading of the Necrology**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Wine**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Hymn**

**Charge and Benediction**