Clifton Presbyterian Church is a welcoming Christian Community driven by compassion, generosity, resilience and service to others.

Breath Prayer:
INHALE: **O God of Song,** *EXHALE:* **sound out in me.**

A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Words in ***BOLD*** *indicate the congregation reading together. Words of the worship leader are in* PLAIN *type. An asterisk * indicates that the congregation may stand, as you wish.*

Gathering Song GtG 392 ***Jesus, We Are Here***

Jesus, we are here. Jesus, we are here.
Jesus, we are here, we are here for you.

Savior, we are here… **Spirit, we are here…**

Time of Prayer and Care

Prelude

* Call to Worship

One: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
All: We have gathered together to celebrate and sing.
One: Let the waters roar, and the forests resound with song.
All: Let the wind whisper, and the creatures sigh.
One: Let the thunder roll, and the wolves howl.
All: Let the crickets chime, and the soft rain fall on the leaves.
One: Let everything that breathes praise God!
All: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
One: Let us worship God!

*Presbyterian Hymnal 469 Morning Has Broken *vv 1, 3*

Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation;
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!

Prayer of Confession

One: The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Confident of God's love, let us confess how we are caught up in the ways of our sinful world. Let us pray.
All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend

what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: The Apostle Paul writes, "If anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation."

All: We trust that we have been made new and long to share that freedom with others. Thanks be to God!

Sing Glory GtG 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs of reconciliation and peace. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

Those in the sanctuary are invited to greet those around you.
Those on zoom are invited to offer greetings in the chat.

Offering our Gifts to God

For those who would like to make a physical offering, the offering plates are available in the middle of the sanctuary. Donations can also be made online. www.cliftonpc.org

One: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Let us pray.

All: We give thanks to you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination PH 339 Be Thou My Vision *v.2*

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:18b-20 (NRSVUE)

18b be filled with the Spirit, 19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

One: God be in our listening, God be in our understanding.
All: Amen.

Anthem

Second Scripture Reading Psalm 100 (NRSVUE)

1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.
3 Know that the LORD is God.
It is God who made us, and we are God'S;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
4 Enter God's gates with thanksgiving
and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to God; bless God's name.
5 For the LORD is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever
and God's faithfulness to all generations.

One: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **A Chorus of Generosity** *Diane Walton Hendricks*
Making Some Noise

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND ARE SENT TO THE WORLD

***Hymn GtG 15 All Creatures of Our God and King vv 1, 4, 6**

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Affirmation of Faith**

One: O Church, who is Jesus?

All: We believe Jesus is the unseen love of God made known; a kind friend who calls us by name and offers outstretched hands whenever there is need; gifting us with the Holy Spirit who never leaves us.

One: Family of faith, what is the church?

All: We believe the church is called to be a space of gentleness where you can breathe: like a clearing where you can hear the birds, feel the breeze, and smell the fresh air, away from pressure, commotion and noise. In this place of gentleness, we belong. In this place of gentleness, we can find courage to be vulnerable and honest with ourselves, God, and one another; we can offer our gifts in service of the common good; and be strengthened to bear this hope to the world.

One: People of God, what is the gospel?

All: We believe that we are compelled to share this space of gentleness to those who are alone in the world. We will listen to the needs of those who live beyond the gentleness. We will honor what they share, and respond with love, trusting God to bring out what is good. This is gospel - good news.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Minute for Ministries

Sharing Our Stories: Karen Williams

Ringing of the Bell

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response GtG 543

O Christ, Surround Me *vv 1, 4*

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We can be reached at office@cliftonpc.org

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