

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

Breath Prayer:

INHALE: Thank you God, *EXHALE:* for your gifts of grace.



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August 2, 2026
Tenth 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 399 **God Welcomes All**

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

Time of Prayer and Care

Prelude

*** Call to Worship**

One: The world says to us:

All: Strive for more, aspire for the next new thing, judge your place in the world by your possessions, measure your success by your bank statement, prove your worth by what you have over and above your neighbor.

One: But God says:

All: Live in harmony with each other, live with justice for all God's creatures, live lightly and joyously, for this is the Way of God.

One: Let us worship God.

Presbyterian Hymnal 367 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love *vv. 1, 2, 4

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

**Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you.
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

Prayer of Confession

One: We follow Christ who washes the feet of his disciples, offering abundant love and grace before it is ever earned. In Christ, God has shown us so much love. Trusting in God's grace, let us offer our confession. Let us pray.

All: God of love, we often allow ourselves to believe that what we have is not enough. We see others with things, and want them for ourselves. We read and hear success stories and wonder why it is not us in the limelight. Lord, forgive us when envy takes over. Release us from thoughts that consume our minds with jealousy. Turn the negativity and cruelty within our hearts to peace, love, and kindness. Instead of being envious towards friend, family or neighbor, soften our hearts that we may be happy for them and encourage them. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends trust the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, you have been forgiven, loved, and freed to live in love. As forgiven people, let us hold lightly to the things of the world, and hold fast to the things of faith held securely in the love of God, today and always.

All: We trust God to work in us and through us. Thanks be to God!

Sing Praise GtG 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!

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: Christian life is a response to Christ's call to discipleship through self-offering. The gifts that we offer express our stewardship of creation, demonstrate our care for one another, support the ministries of the church, and provide for those in need. Let us pray.

All: Lord, as we give of ourselves and our possessions, may all that is done with our offerings be to your glory and to further the work of your kingdom. May we always remember that it is through your goodness that we have these gifts to share. In grateful thanks we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination 322 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Reading Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSVUE)

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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

All: Amen.

Second Reading Exodus 20:17 (NRSVUE)

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

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 The Ten Statements: Desiring God *Diane Walton Hendricks*

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

Communion Anthem

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Thanksgiving, Prayers of the People, and the Lord’s Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right... As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Hymn GtG 300 We Are One in the Spirit

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Prayer After Communion

Minute for Ministries

Ring of the Bell

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response GtG 539

We Will Go Out With Joy in the Spirit

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.**

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.**

Alleluia! We will go out with joy.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.**

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.**

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

Liturgy from Spill the Beans Worship Resources

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