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

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

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A CHORUS OF GENEROSITY

November 15, 2026
25th 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

**All: Praise God in the sanctuary, and in the night sky!**
One: Praise God with trumpet sound, with lute and harp!
**All: Praise God with tambourine and dance,**
**with strings and pipe, with piano and organ!**
One: Praise God with clanging cymbals, with loud clashing cymbals!
**All: Let everything that breathes praise God!**
One: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth –
**All: Come, let us worship God!**

## *Presbyterian Hymnal 467 How Great Thou Art *vv 1, 2*

**O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder**
**consider all the works thy hands hath made,**
**I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,**
**thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**
**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:**
**How great thou art! How great thou art!**
**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:**
**How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,**
**and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;**
**when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur**
**and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;**
**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:**
**How great thou art! How great thou art!**
**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:**
**How great thou art! How great thou art!**

## Prayer of Confession

One: We are a people who wander from the ways of God. We have not loved, served, and given of ourselves as we should. We have sinned. Let us then offer our prayer of confession, trusting in our Savior's infinite grace and mercy. Let us pray.
**All: Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings to be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of God's Grace

One: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed to live as God's beloved children.

**All: 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.*

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## Cornerstone for Kids

*Elder Nikki Lehman will lead the children (preschool – kindergarten, ages 3 – 6 years) through a spiritual journey of learning by listening, reading, and discussing bible stories as well as creating fun, hands-on crafts! The children will be excused from the worship service. Children are also always welcome to remain in worship.*

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## 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 choir makes an offering to God with the songs they sing. We each make an offering when we proclaim God's grace in our words and our deeds. Your faithful generosity supports the ministry of Clifton Presbyterian Church. Thank you for continuing to give generously, so our song continues to sound.

## Offertory Anthem

## Prayer of Dedication

One: Let us pray.

**All: Blessed are 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 use what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who have himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. 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 Matthew 26:26-30** (CEB)

**26** While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take and eat. This is my body." **27** He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. **28** This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven. **29** I tell you, I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way with you in my Father's kingdom." **30** Then, after singing songs of praise, they went to the Mount of Olives.

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

**Anthem**

**Second Scripture Reading Psalm 150** (NRSVUE)

**1** Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
**2** Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
**3** Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
**4** Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
**5** Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
**6** Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

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.**

**Reflection**

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

**Hymn Sing and Returning Our Estimates of Giving**

*During the singing, you can come forward and place your pledge card in the offering plate. Or raise your hand and someone will carry it forward for you. If you have already emailed Joyce or sent your pledge card into the church, thank you. If you would like, you can come forward and touch the offering plate as a symbol of your dedication.*

**PH 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee vv 1, 3**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,**
**God of glory, Lord of love!**
**Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,**
**opening to the sun above.**
**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;**
**drive the dark of doubt away.**
**Giver of immortal gladness,**
**fill us with the light of day.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus**
**which the morning stars began.**
**Love divine is reigning o'er us,**
**joining all in heaven's plan.**
**Ever singing, march we onward,**
**victors in the midst of strife.**
**Joyful music leads us sunward**
**in the triumph song of life.**

**PH 341 Blessed Assurance**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!**
**O, what a foretaste of glory divine!**
**Heir of salvation, purchase of God,**
**born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**
**Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,**
**praising my Savior all the day long;**
**this is my story, this is my song,**
**praising my Savior all the day long.**

**PH 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing;**
**tune my heart to sing thy grace;**
**streams of mercy, never ceasing,**
**call for songs of loudest praise.**
**Teach me some melodious sonnet,**
**sung by flaming tongues above;**
**praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,**
**mount of God's unchanging love!**

**PH 122 Thine Be the Glory - Bruno Maestri**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;**
**endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**
**Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,**
**kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**
**Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;**
**endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**GtG 543 O Christ, Surround Me**

**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.**

**PH 525 Here I Am, Lord** *vv. 1-3*

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.**
**All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.**
**I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.**
**Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**
**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**
**I have heard you calling in the night.**
**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**
**I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.**
**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**
**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.**
**I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**
**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**
**I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**
**I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.**
**I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.**
**Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.**
**I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**
**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**
**I have heard you calling in the night.**
**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**
**I will hold your people in my heart.**

## 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: Evan Gass

## Ringing of the Bell

## Charge and Benediction

## Benediction Response GtG 543

**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!**

## 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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