

**Worship leaders:**

Rev. Carrie Evans, Pastor; Rev. Joanna Hipp, Pastor  
Lynette Nobles, Pianist; Kat Vigil, Interim Music Director;  
Doug Becken, Bob Prunty and Chancel Choir, Musicians;  
Susan Spencer and Candace Bland, Liturgists;  
Dakota Mehlenbacher, Jacksyn Kriner, Acolytes; Chloe Bryan, Chimes;  
McKenna Kriner, Baptismal Water;  
Julia Hill and Hillary Kriner, Nursery; Rick and Laura Cacchione, Ushers;  
Carol and Doug Morrill; Greeters; Laura Nettles, Children’s Moment;  
Martha Brown, Deacon of the Month; Laura Nettles, Elder of the Month  
Offering Our Gifts to God: Don Daily and Rita Wissinger

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 am service.

**Welcome Home!** We are so grateful that you have joined us for worship. If you are a guest or visitor, we are delighted to welcome you. So that we can connect with you, please fill out one of the Welcome Cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering box in the narthex. Please take a welcome bag so you can learn more about SPC and feel free to reach out to either pastor with questions

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Carrie’s first anniversary by PNC.**



**Offering** – In response to the gospel we offer our gifts to God. Online giving is also available on our website. Thank you for your generosity to SPC’s mission and ministry here and around the world.

Please refer to our website: [www.southportpresbyterian.com](http://www.southportpresbyterian.com) for our Calendar of Events

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*Matthew 25 and Stephen Ministry Congregation*  
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Service for Worship  
September 22, 2024 ~ 11:00 am  
*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

***GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE***

**Chimes of the Trinity**

**Greeting**

**Gathering Music**

**Call to Worship**

The disciples argued about their own importance to Jesus.

**Who would be first in His sight, they wanted to know?**

And Jesus took a small child and placed the child in their midst.

Whoever receives this child in my name, receives me, He said.

**And whoever receives the Lord, receives the one who sent Him.**

Lord, help us to open our eyes to your love.

**Opening Prayer**

**\*\*Hymn of Praise**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

No. 353  
SOLID ROCK

*RESPONDING TO THE WORD*

**Prayer of Confession**

God of patience and mercy, we come to You, offering “lip service” to serving You, but when things get difficult; when we are called to do something which is hard for us, we shy away from the duty and the opportunity. We turn our back on service out of fear of failure. Forgive us, gracious Lord. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be Your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**\*\*Peace Response:**

**“His Name is Wonderful”**

AUDREY MIEIR

His name is Wonderful, his name is Wonderful,  
his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,  
his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.  
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,  
Almighty God is he;  
Bow down before him, love and adore him,  
his name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

*HEARING THE WORD OF GOD*

**Welcome the Children**

Laura Nettles

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 9:33-37

The Word of God for the People of God; **thanks be to God.**

**Message**

“G.O.A.T.”

Pastor Carrie

**\*\*Response:**

“Seek Ye First”

No. 175  
LAFFERTY

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**\*\*Offertory**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

No. 609

LASST UNS EREFREUEN

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**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*SENDING INTO THE WORLD*

**\*\*Hymn for Sending**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 39

FAITHFULNESS

**\*\*Blessing**

**\*\*Sung Response**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

No. 541

Verses 1-2

RANDOLPH

**Postlude**

**\*\*Please rise in body or Spirit.**