

"I Want to Be a Follower of Christ"

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I want to be a follower of Christ.
I want to be one of His disciples
I want to walk in the newness of life, so
Let me be a follower of Christ.

What do I have to do?
What do I have to say?
How do I have to talk each and ev'ry day?
What does it cost to carry the cross?
So Let me be a follower of Christ!

MISSION STATEMENT: Statesville Avvenue Presbyterian Church (USA), guided by the Holy Spirit, is called by God to teach, and preach God's word, to create a climate for spiritual growth, to engage in mission outreach, and to promote peace and justice in the world.

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SERMON NOTES:

SCRIPTURE: _____

SERMON OUTLINE: _____

CONCLUSION: _____

SERMON APPLICATION FOR MY LIFE: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023

- Thank you, Jackie Wall for the bag of "sweet treats" for our Church Families & Friends.
- Arrangements for Larry Jones, husband of Rosanna Cureton-Jones are incomplete at this time.
- Mrs. Renetta Holloway, daughter of Mrs. Elouise Ethridge, is asking the church family to take and send an individual birthday card to her mother, Mrs. Elouise Ethridge who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on August 19th. In addition, she is requesting a group picture which will be taken immediately following service (8-13-2023) in the sanctuary.
- Amelia Bailey Dunn's Baptism, Sunday, August 20th during service.
- Stewardship Committee Meeting August 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. – Zoom
- Presbyterian Men's Breakfast Meeting 8-26-23 at 9:00 a.m.
- Don't forget your Per Capita of \$30.00 per year per member.
- Treasurer Offerings online: Family let's not forget our tithes and offerings. Here's another way to give: www.statesvilleavenuepresbyterianchurchusa.org

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August 13, 2023
11:00 A.M.

11th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 14



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We Gather

**** Prelude: "There's Something About That Name"**

****Announcements and Welcome:**

Lighting of Candles:

****Introit: "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me"**

***Call to Worship:**

L: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me"

P: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!

L: "When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea"

P: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

L: God stands with you in bright sunshine and the deepest storm.

P: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

***Centering Prayer:**

****Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"**

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Call to Confession:

Lord, please forgive our weakness and our lack of trust in you. We are like the disciples who, during fears and storms, could only tremble and wonder about threatening events. Even when Jesus called the disciples, they shook with fear. But Jesus offered words of encouragement. Impulsive Peter asked Jesus to call to him and bid him to come out of the boat. Jesus complied and Peter stepped over the edge onto the waves — but fear claimed him again and he began to sink. Many of us can identify with that moment when we let go of our faith and clutch onto our fears. Help us to place our trust totally in you and your call to us. You will guide and lift us to safety — that is the promise you have given to us, and we believe it. When our faith slips, scoop us up and bring us peace. Be patient with us, for we are flawed and yet loved by you. Give us strong hearts and willing spirits to be your disciples. **AMEN.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Keep your focus on Jesus. He is your Savior and your Guide. He will never fail you. Rejoice, dear friends, you are called precious by our Lord. **AMEN.**

Prayers for the People:

Choral Response: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

****Special Selection: "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"**

The Word

Prayer of Illumination:

Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in times of strain and stress. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. **AMEN.**

Scripture Readings: OT: Psalm 85:8-13 & NT: Romans 10:5-15
Charles Sammons, Jr.

Sermon: "Get Out of the Boat!"
Matthew 14:22-33
Pastor Gary S. Blackmon

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: "I Want to Be a Follower of Christ"

Tithes and Offerings: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" #363

***Doxology:** "Glory Be to the Father" #579

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Celebration Song: "Guide My Feet" #354

***Charge and Benediction:**

Extinguishing of the Candles:

***Postlude:** "Lead On O King Eternal"/Passing the Peace

***Please stand if you are able.**
****Worshippers may enter or exit**