

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

#686 AA

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer After Communion:

*Celebration Song: *"I Love You, Lord, Today"*

580AA

*Charge and Benediction:

Extinguishing of the Candles:

Postlude: *"Completely, Yes"*

551 AA

STATESVILLE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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11:00 A.M.



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Note:

AA – African American Heritage Hymnal

BB – The Presbyterian Hymn

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The Word

We Gather

****Prelude:** *"Awesome God"*

****Announcements and Welcome:**

Lighting of Candles: *"Oh, the Glory of Your Presence"* # 168 AA

***Call to Worship:**

L: Holy God, you call us to worship.

P: In your presence, we seek truth and forgiveness.

L: Holy God, you call us to worship you.

P: In your presence, we seek the grace to forgive one another.

L: Holy God, you call us to worship you, heart, body, mind, and soul.

P: So, we gather to offer you our prayer and praise with joyful thanks.

***Centering Prayer:**

****Opening Hymn:** "Praise Him! Praise Him!" # 178 AA

Prayer of Confession:

Faithful God, even though we know you are the Source of our lives, we confess we often turn our backs on you. We hear your Word but follow our ways. We see others in need but prefer to meet our own needs first. We harbor anger and say things that cause others pain. In your mercy, forgive us, and restore us to the right relationship with you and with one another. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. When we seek the mercy of God in humility, God will grant us grace. Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another. **Amen.**

***Passing the Peace:**

****Special Selection:** "Lamb of God" # 255 AA

Prayer for Illumination:

God of Word and Wisdom, send your Spirit upon us today as we hear the Scriptures read and interpreted. Help us be doers of your Word, not mere listeners so that our lives reflect the truth we meet in Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 4;1-2, 6-9

Sermon:

Mark 7:1-23
"The Guidance of God's Spirit"

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: *"Because He Lives"*

#281 AA

Prayers of the People:

Choral Response: *"Hear Our Prayer"*

658 AA

Affirmation of Faith - Unison:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Tithes and Offerings: *"Look and Live"*

503 AA

***Doxology:** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

650 AA

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

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