Presbytery of Charlotte 172nd Stated Meeting
Order of Service
October 24, 2026

Prelude

Welcome Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

***Call to Worship (from Matthew 5:3)**
People of God, Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God." Let's take a deep breath, give thanks, and open our hearts and minds to worship God together.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER (from *Guerillas of Grace by Ted Yoder)* Annabelle Beavers
God grant us your sense of timing to submit gracefully and rejoice quietly in the turning of seasons. In the season of shorter days and longer nights,

Teach us the lesson of endings; of children growing, of friends leaving, of loved ones dying, of grieving done, grudges ended, blaming over, excuses no more.

God grant us a sense of your timing. In the season of days growing longer and nights growing shorter,

Teach us the lesson of beginnings; that waitings and endings may be a starting place, a planting of seeds which bring to birth what is ready to be born- something new and right and just and different- a new song, a deeper relationship, a fuller love- in the fullness of your time.
God grant us a sense of your timing. **Amen**

Hymn #216** ***"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Call to Reconciliation (from Matthew 5:6) Rev. Jasmine Evans
Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let's pray together:

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, in Jesus you don't call perfect people, but imperfect people to repentance. We know we're likely to take the easy way out, to speak too quickly and act too slowly. We choose profit over justice and comfort over peace. Lord forgive us. Guide us by your Spirit toward the way of love and life, through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ. Amen.
Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (from Mathew 5:7)
Jesus said. "Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy." People of God we have received the grace of mercy of God more fully than we could begin to imagine. This is the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen

***Gloria Patri #581**

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Delton Farmer

Lord, as we open our hearts and minds to hear your Word, let your Spirit move in the space between the page and our hearing, and stir within us. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, that in Your light we may see light, in Your truth find freedom, and in Your will discover Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Scripture Reading: John 11:1-7, 11, 20-23 Rev. Alyssa Mitchell

Anthem: ***"Trust in God"*** (Lake, Brown, Wong)

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:21–43 Rev. Delton Farmer

Sermon ***"The Pace of Christ"*** Rev. Daniel Heath

Hymn #735** ***"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Albert Moses

Offertory

***Doxology #606**

Prayer of Dedication

Special Musical Selection ***"May I Be Filled"*** (Mark Miller)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Rev. Dr. Allysen Schaaf and Rev. Serenitye Taylor

Invitation to the Table

The 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

**Please come forward to receive the elements.*

***Hymn #450** *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Benediction Rev. Daniel Heath

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Worship Participants

Rev. Jody Moore, Pastor, Providence Presbyterian Church

Annabelle Beavers, Pastoral Resident, Myers Park Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jasmine Evans, Pastor, C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church

Rev. Alyssa Mitchell, Chaplain, Novant Health

Rev. Delton Farmer, Pastor, First United Presbyterian Church

Rev. Daniel Heath, Assistant Chaplain, Davidson College

Rev. Albert Moses, Pastor, Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church

Rev. Allysen Schaaf, Associate Pastor, Sardis Presbyterian Church

Rev. Serenitye Taylor, Associate Pastor, Covenant-Charlotte Presbyterian Church

Alexandra Sims, Director of Music, Providence Presbyterian Church

Rowena Lewis, Minister of Music, Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church

Combined Choirs of Providence and Matthews-Murkland Presbyterian Church

Elders from our Host Congregations Serving Communion

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