

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Betty Carneal
Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead
Joseph like a flock!
People: Stir up your might and come to save us!
Leader: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove
out the nations and planted it.
**People: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep
root and filled the land.**
Leader: The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;
**People: It sent out its branches to the sea and its
shoots to the river.**
Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from
heaven and see.
**People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your
face shine, that we may be saved.**

***HYMN #25** “Immortal, Invisible”

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Silent Prayer
**Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always
ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward
in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar,**

**comfortable and non-controversial. You are
eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to
discern your presence in the signs of the times.
Forgive us, O God. By your grace, give us courage
to stand for what is right and good and to risk love
and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us
faithfulness and perseverance for the journey
ahead. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

***PASSING THE PEACE**
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE #623** “Gloria Patri”
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 80:1–2,8–19

SECOND READING Luke 12:49–56

RESPONSE
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Challenge of Following the Gospel”
Rev. Alexandra Hutson

***HYMN #382** “Be Thou My Vision”

**please stand as you are able*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
(From the Brief Statement of Faith)
**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the
giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by
grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor, and binds us
together with all believers in the one body of Christ,
the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the
prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in
Christ through Scripture, engage us through the
Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of
baptism, frees us with the bread of life and the cup
of salvation, and calls women and men to all
ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful
world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without
ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as
Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church
and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long
silenced, and to work with others for justice,
freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God,
empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ
in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new
earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “Amazing Grace”

***RESPONSE #625** “Doxology”
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him
all creatures here below; praise Him above ye
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING

***HYMN #443** “Give Me Jesus”

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?

**People: Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim
Christ’s love and grace through serving and
nurturing body, mind and soul.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Music is licensed through CCLI.

THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, August 17
Sunday School, 9:00am
Worship in the Chapel, 10:00am

Congregational Meeting
Immediately after worship in Chapel

Church Officers Retreat
2:00–5:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 20
Prayer Group, 9:00am
Food Pantry, 10:00–11:00am

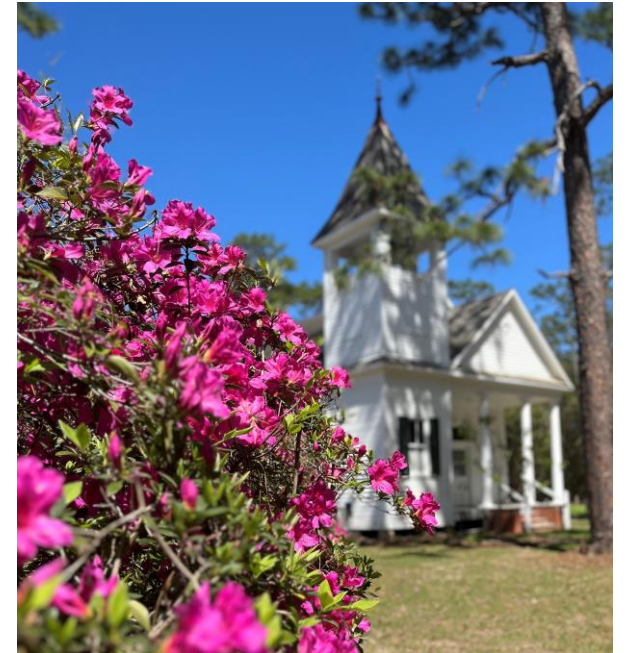
Thursday, August 21
Butterfly Girls and Guys Night Out
6:00pm
Vitolli’s Pizzeria and Italian Eatery
Robertsdale



Please join us in the
fellowship hall
for fellowship time
immediately
following worship!

Welcome to Swift Church

August 17, 2025



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