THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AT SWIFT CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jane Capsis

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Chuck Carneal

Leader: Gathered to worship God,

People: we are all right where we belong.

Leader: Called to this celebration of worship by

God's Spirit,

People: we approach God with joy in our hearts. Leader: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son, People: we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

*HYMN #59

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. 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

Hebrews 13:1–8,15–16

Rev. Alexandra Hutson

SECOND READING

Luke 14:1,7–14

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Do Good and Share What You Have"

*HYMN #544 "We'll Understand It Better By and By"

*please stand as you are able

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Book of Common Worship, Philippians 2:5–11)
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee would bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God; Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

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

*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 #376

"I Have Decided To Follow 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

Music is licensed through CCLI.

THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, August 31

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

Wednesday, September 3

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

Thursday, September 4

Christmas Crafts, 10:00am Theology on Tap, 5:30pm Mellow Mushroom



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

Welcome to Swift Church

August 31, 2025
Striving to bring God joy!



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