

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Make Me a Blessing”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP Betty Carneal
Leader: Christ has set us free
People: Free to serve
Leader: Free to welcome and include
People: Free to love our neighbors as ourselves
Leader: Let us worship God!

HYMN #8 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Silent Prayer “Make Me a Servant”
Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**please stand as you are able*

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Psalm 82:1–8

SECOND READING: Luke 10:25–37

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

SERMON “Go and Do Likewise”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

HYMN #284 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
(from the Belhar Confession)
We believe:
• that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus

Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

• that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore, also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;

• that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;

• that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN #425 “In the Garden”
I come to the garden alone.
While the dew is still on the roses;

*And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.*

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 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

*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 #373

"Where He Leads Me"

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

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*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

"Give Thanks"

THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, July 13

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

Wednesday, July 16

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

Thursday, July 17

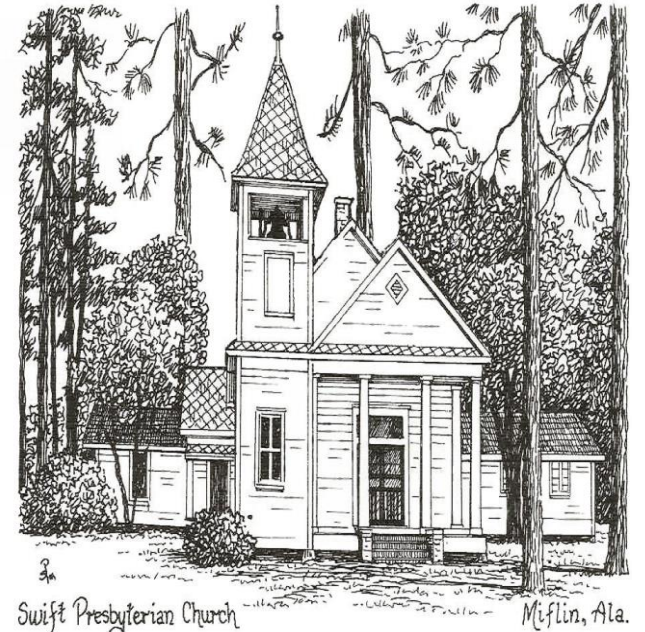
Christmas Market Meeting, 10:00am
Butterfly Girls and Guys Night Out, 6:00pm



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

Welcome to Swift Church

July 13, 2025



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through serving and nurturing
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