

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
AT SWIFT CHURCH  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Morning Has Broken”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 30* Jan Taylor  
Leader: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him  
in the heights!  
**People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all  
his host!**  
Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you  
shining stars!  
**People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you  
waters above the heavens!**  
Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he  
commanded and they were created.  
**People: He established them forever and ever; he  
fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

\*HYMN #267 “Come Thou Almighty King”

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
*Silent Prayer “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*  
**Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious  
love, freely given without expectation or strings  
attached, like the unconditional love of a  
bridegroom. While we are eager to experience your**

**mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to  
make our extension of your mercy and grace  
conditional for others, holding court in our own  
hearts. We would rather show mercy to those we  
judge worthy, forgetting the new commandment to  
love as you have loved us. We would rather extend  
grace to those who will show us grace in return,  
missing the trustworthy and true nature of your  
boundless forgiveness. Forgive us, Redeeming  
God. And transform our hearts with your amazing  
Grace and unconditional love so that our  
relationships and your world are transformed.**

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

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

\*RESPONSE #68 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”  
*There’s a wideness in God’s mercy.  
Like the wideness of the sea:  
There’s a kindness in His justice which is more  
than liberty.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING John 13:31–35

SECOND READING Revelation 21:1–6

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

SERMON “A God of New Beginnings”  
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN #404 “The Solid Rock”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “Apostles’ Creed”  
**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.**

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.*

*\*please stand as you are able*

## 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 "Like a River Glorious"*

### \*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.

## SENDING

### \*HYMN #498

"Peace Like a River"

### \*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

"At Calvary"

Music is licensed through CCLI.

## THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

### Sunday, May 18

Sunday School, 9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

### Monday, May 19

Session, 4:30pm

### Tuesday, May 20

Choir Practice, 4:30pm

Ladies Bible Study, 5:00pm

### Wednesday, May 21

Prayer Group, 9:00am

Food Pantry, 10:00–11:00am

### Thursday, May 22

Preschool Graduation, 5:30pm



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

## LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

Reverend Alexandra Hutson, Pastor

Jenni Cain, Pianist

Sena Cooper, Office Assistant

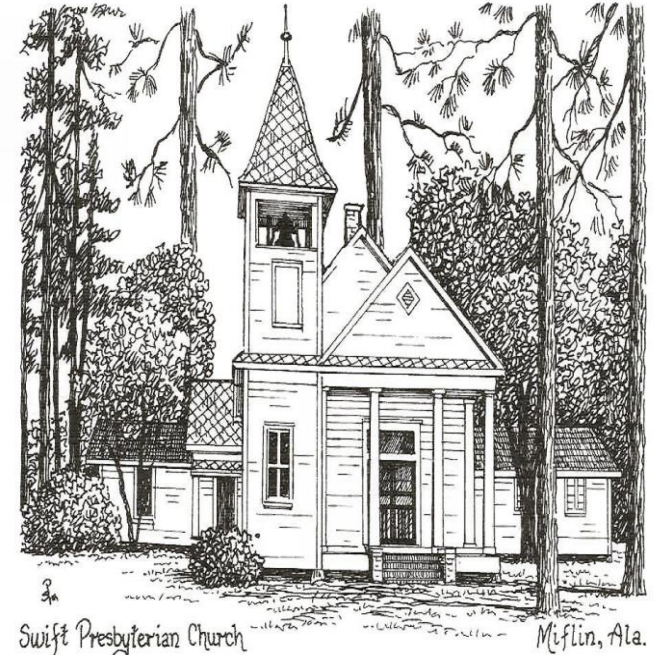
Stephanie Craft, Office Assistant

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# Welcome to Swift Church

May 18, 2025



We proclaim Christ's love and  
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body, mind, and soul.

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