

January 28, 2024| Worship Guide

Welcome

Rev. Ann Willet

Centering Music

New Day

Northaven Handbells

Brenda E. Austin

Invitation to Worship *based on Isaiah 40*

Vicki Cheatwood

Good people of the church, lift up your eyes and see.

Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God greets us here.

Good servants of the Most High, open your ears to hear.

Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God meets us here.

**Good children of the light,
Open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.
For we have seen, heard and know that we find God here in this place we call sanctuary.**

Opening Hymn

God Is A World of Beauty

AURELIA

Words by John Bell and Tune by Samuel
Wesley

*God's is a world of beauty in land and sea
and air;
aesthetics born in heaven the ocean depths
declare.
Both harmony and discord emerge from
mother earth,
while sunset sky and thunder proclaim their
Maker's worth.*

*God's is a world of beauty in creatures and
in kind;
diversity and contrast reveal God's lively
mind.
In intellect and language, in gender and in
race,
our diff'rences bear witness to variegated
grace.*

*As God is our Creator and all God's image
bear,
we each are blessed with talents to treasure
and to share.
Thus painter, potter, poet, composer, dancer,
mime,
enable form and beauty in symbol, sound,
and time.*

*We thank you, Holy Spirit, for all that you
inspire,
for unattained perfection to which we still
aspire;
and for our Savior Jesus whose crafted
words reveal
divine imagination, true beauty, ever real.*

Children's Lesson

Jen Hanson

Mission Moment *with Wesley Rankin*
Community Center

Shellie Ross, CEO

Prayer

Rev. Ann Willet

Our Common Prayer

Blessed One, Holy is your name. May your love be enacted in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture

Psalms 121

Northaven Choir & Congregation

Refrain written by Hal Hopson

***God will be with us all along our way.
God will be with us every night and day.***

*To the hills I will lift my eyes; Where shall help and strength arise?
From our God will come my aid, Who all heaven and earth has made.*

***God will be with us all along our way.
God will be with us every night and
day.***

*God will guide through dangers all, On
your way you will not fall;
God who safe the people keeps slumbers
not and never sleeps.*

***God will be with us all along our way.
God will be with us every night and
day.***

*Your protector is our God, shade for you
God will afford;
Neither sun nor moon shall smite, God
shall guard by day and night.*

***God will be with us all along our way.
God will be with us every night and
day.***

Sermon

I Can Still See the Stars!
Dr. Kendra Weddle

Sharing of Our Gifts

Vicki Cheatwood

Offertory

A Hymn of Thanksgiving
Northaven Handbells
E. Lorenz

Affirmation of Faith

Vicki Cheatwood

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

Praise the Source of All Creation

HYMN TO JOY

Text by Jann Aldredge - Clanton

***Praise the Source of all creation, giving
life throughout the earth,***

***blessing every love relation, filling all
with sacred worth.***

***Celebrate all forms and colors, varied
beauty everywhere,
streams of goodness overflowing,
wondrous gifts for all to share.***

***Many genders, many races, all reflect
Divinity;
many gifts and many graces help us be
all we can be.***

***Partners on this path of freedom,
taking down each stifling wall,
we will open doors of welcome,
bringing hope and joy to all.***

***Long have many been excluded, judged
and scorned by custom's norms;
everyone will be included as we work
to make reforms.***

***Let us end abuse and violence,
bringing justice everywhere,
joining Holy Wisdom's mission,
helping all be free and fair.***

***Equal marriage, healing, freeing,
nurtures body, mind and soul,
reaffirming every being, all created
good and whole.***

***Come, rejoice and sing together,
celebrating life and love;
praise the great Creative Spirit, living
in us and above.***

Benediction

Dr. Kendra Weddle

Song of Reflection

Psalms 121

Larry McCain

Heinz Werner Zimmerman