

FOR FURTHER READING

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 2026; 8:15 A.M.

*Faithful God,
 You are the First and the Last,
 the One who has known suffering and yet lives forever.
 In our trials, quiet our anxious hearts.
 Remind us that suffering does not have the final word.
 Give us courage to be faithful, even when the path is hard.
 Hold us steady in your love, and anchor us in the promise
 of life that cannot be taken away. As we gather,
 center us in Christ—who has overcome, and who leads
 us into hope beyond every sorrow. Amen.*

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| Gathering Music | <i>"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"</i> Arranged by Mark Miller | WFBC Youth Choir |
| | <i>"Bless the Lord"</i> Arranged by Heather Sorenson | WFBC Youth Choir |
| Welcome & Invitation to Worship | | Will Raybon |
| Reflection | <i>"Father of Mercies"</i> | Media Clip |
| Reading 628 | <i>"Perseverance"</i> | WFBC Youth Choir |
| Song of Faith | <i>"Like A River In My Soul"</i> Arranged by Tim Osiek | WFBC Youth Choir |
| Pastoral Prayer | | Kathryn Packett |
| Hymn 573 | <i>"It Is Well with My Soul"</i> | All Worshipers |
| Offertory Prayer | | Josh Miller |
| Offertory | <i>"Who You Say I Am"</i> By Reuben Morgan & Ben Fielding | Abby Taylor Rachel Holding |
| Scripture | <i>Revelation 2:8-11</i> | WFBC Youth |
| Song of Faith | <i>"Nearer My God To Thee/In Your Presence"</i> Arranged by Heather Sorenson | WFBC Youth Choir |
| Sermon | <i>"Smyrna: A Suffering Church"</i> | Tyler Tankersley |
| Practicing the Presence of God | | Tyler Tankersley |
| Hymn 569 | <i>"In Christ Alone"</i> | All Worshipers |
| Life of the Church | | Will Raybon |
| Benediction | | Tyler Tankersley |

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
JUNE 21, 2026

**EARS
 to
 HEAR**
 Listening for the Voice of Christ



SMYRNA:
 A Suffering Church
 Revelation 2:8-11

ARDMORE BAPTIST CHURCH
 Winston-Salem, North Carolina

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 21, 2026; 10:45 A.M.

*Faithful God,
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 Hold us steady in your love, and anchor us in the promise
 of life that cannot be taken away. As we gather,
 center us in Christ—who has overcome, and who leads
 us into hope beyond every sorrow. Amen.*

**IN SUFFERING LOVE THE THREAD OF LIFE
 IS WOVEN THROUGH OUR CARE,
 FOR GOD IS WITH US; NOT ALONE
 OUR PAIN AND TOIL WE BEAR**

- Chiming of the Trinity Frank Voltz
- Lighting of the Christ Candle Mary Margaret Ritchie
- Introit WFBC Youth Choir
“Bless the Lord”
Arranged by Heather Sorenson
- Welcome & Invitation to Worship Will Raybon
- Call to Worship WFBC Youth Choir
*“O For A Thousand
 Tongues to Sing”*
By Mark Miller
- Reading 628 WFBC Youth Choir
“Perseverance”
- Hymn 629 All Worshipers
“Be Strong in the Lord”

*Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
 Your mighty Defender is always the same.
 Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;
 Victory is sure when you call on His name.
 Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And be of good courage, for He is your guide.
 Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And rejoice, for the victory is yours.*

*So put on the armor the Lord has provided,
 And place your defense in His unfailing care.
 Trust Him, for He will be with you in battle,
 Lighting your path to avoid every snare.
 Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And be of good courage, for He is your guide.
 Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And rejoice, for the victory is yours.*

*Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
 Your mighty Commander will vanquish the foe.
 Fear not the battle, for the victory is always His;
 He will protect you wherever you go.
 Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And be of good courage, for He is your guide.
 Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord;
 And rejoice, for the victory is yours.*

**THERE IS A ROCK, A PLACE SECURE,
 WITHIN THE STORM’S COLD BLAST;
 CONCEALED WITHIN THE SUFFERING NIGHT
 GOD’S COVENANT STANDS FAST**

- Call to Prayer WFBC Youth Choir
*“Nearer My God
 To Thee/In Your Presence”*
Arranged by Heather Sorenson
- Pastoral Prayer Kathryn Packett
- Hymn 573 All Worshipers
“It Is Well with My Soul”

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
 When sorrows like sea billows roll;
 Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well, with my soul.
 It is well, it is well,
 With my soul, with my soul,
 It is well, it is well with my soul!*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control;
 That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul!
 It is well, it is well,
 With my soul, with my soul,
 It is well, it is well with my soul!*

*My sin O, the bliss of this glorious thought;
 My sin, not in part, but the whole
 Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 It is well, it is well,
 With my soul, with my soul,
 It is well, it is well with my soul!*

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
 “Even so,” It is well with my soul!
 It is well, it is well,
 With my soul, with my soul,
 It is well, it is well with my soul!*

- Offertory Prayer Josh Miller

- Offertory WFBC Youth Choir
“Like A River in My Soul”
Arranged by Tim Osiek

**IN SUFFERING LOVE, OUR GOD COMES NOW,
 HOPE’S VISION BORN IN GLOOM;
 WITH TEARS AND LAUGHTER SHARED AND BLESSED
 THE DESERT YET WILL BLOOM**

- Scripture Reading WFBC Youth
Revelation 2:8-11
- Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
- Anthem WFBC Youth Choir
“Be Thou My Vision”
Arranged by Heather Sorenson
- Sermon Tyler Tankersley
“Smyrna: A Suffering Church”
- Time of Response Tyler Tankersley
- Hymn 569 All Worshipers
“In Christ Alone”
- Life of the Church Will Raybon
- Benediction Tyler Tankersley
- Postlude Frank Voltz
“Passacaglia”
By Gordon Young

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This morning we welcome and thank members of the Wake Forest Baptist Church Youth Choir and their leaders who will provide music in today’s worship.

The Wake Forest Baptist Church Youth Choir is a group of students who use their musical gifts to serve others through worship, encouragement, and community outreach. Throughout this past weekend, the youth have participated in a variety of service opportunities throughout the Winston-Salem area, using their talents and time to bring hope and joy to others. Their activities have included providing music and entertainment at local skilled care facilities, serving alongside Samaritan Ministries, partnering with the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission, and providing music leadership in Ardmore’s worship services. Experiences like these help students learn what it means to live out their faith by using the gifts God has given them to contribute to the well-being of others and strengthen the communities around them.