

# Welcome to Worship with



Sunday, January 3, 2021

**Prelude** **Jessica Bollinger**

**Welcome & Announcements** **Jessica Bollinger**

**Hymn** **Spirit of the Living God** **UMH #393, two times**  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*  
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*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

**Call to Worship** **Rev. Cathy Joens**

Leader: Let's gather together in the presence of our God. Let's bring our songs of praise and our prayers of thanksgiving. Let us bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker.

**All: Arise, O God, and enter Your sanctuary, You, and the ark of your strength. Clothe us in justice and faithfulness, and put new songs of joy and praise in our mouths.**

Leader: Let's worship God together!

**Affirmation of Faith** **Apostles Creed (UMH #881)** **Rev. Cathy Joens**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offertory** **Jessica Bollinger**

*Looking for our giving options?*

*You can give online by opening your camera app and scanning the QR code to the right or give as you leave in the offering plates at the back of the Sanctuary.*

**Scripture Reading** **Philippians 1:3-11 (NRSV)** **Landon Bollinger**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**Message** **A Work in Progress** **Rev. Cathy Joens**

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** **Rev. Cathy Joens**

**Hymn** **Blest Be the Tie That Binds** **UMH #557, v. 1,3,4**

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

**Benediction** **Rev. Cathy Joens**

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Rev. Cathy Joens is a beloved pastor for Northside, having walked alongside our congregation many times. We are grateful to welcome her to worship today! She serves as the Congregational Specialist for the Greenville & Anderson Districts.

