

## Prelude

## Lighting the Candles

## Special Music

### The Ministry of Reconciliation

The Ministry of Reconciliation is the exercise of transforming our world into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Prayer: When you Pray the Holy Spirit brings **both** you **and** Jesus into God's Presence. Name one action you want to change.

Presence: The Holy Spirit leads us to be aware of our temptation and deliver us from evil actions. We are tempted to change actions. We see an action as good or evil. Notice how your heart and mind loves judgement. Actions change when the heart and mind exercises mercy.

Gifts: Receiving God's gift of mercy changes our hearts and minds. God doesn't count our sins against us, why do we? Who are the people involved in the action you want to change? These are the people with whom Jesus calls you to practice the Ministry of Reconciliation.

Service: We serve God by receiving mercy to give mercy. This is Worship in Spirit and Truth. I contend that forgiveness sets me free from my neighbor's power, control, and authority. Serve the Lord. Be merciful as Christ is full of mercy.

Witness: The Ministry of Reconciliation is our exercise of prayer, presence, gifts, service, and witness. It is the daily exercise of doing God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

## The Lord's Prayer

### Scripture: II Corinthians 5

<sup>11</sup> Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. <sup>12</sup> We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup> If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. <sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of people's sin against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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## Message

### Tithes and Offerings

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother and sister has something against

you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5)

Our tithes and offerings maintain Trinity's physical presence in Wise County. The Ministry of Reconciliation transforms hearts and minds. God changes people's hearts and minds. Transformed Hearts and Minds bring the Kingdom of God to life today.

### **Benediction**

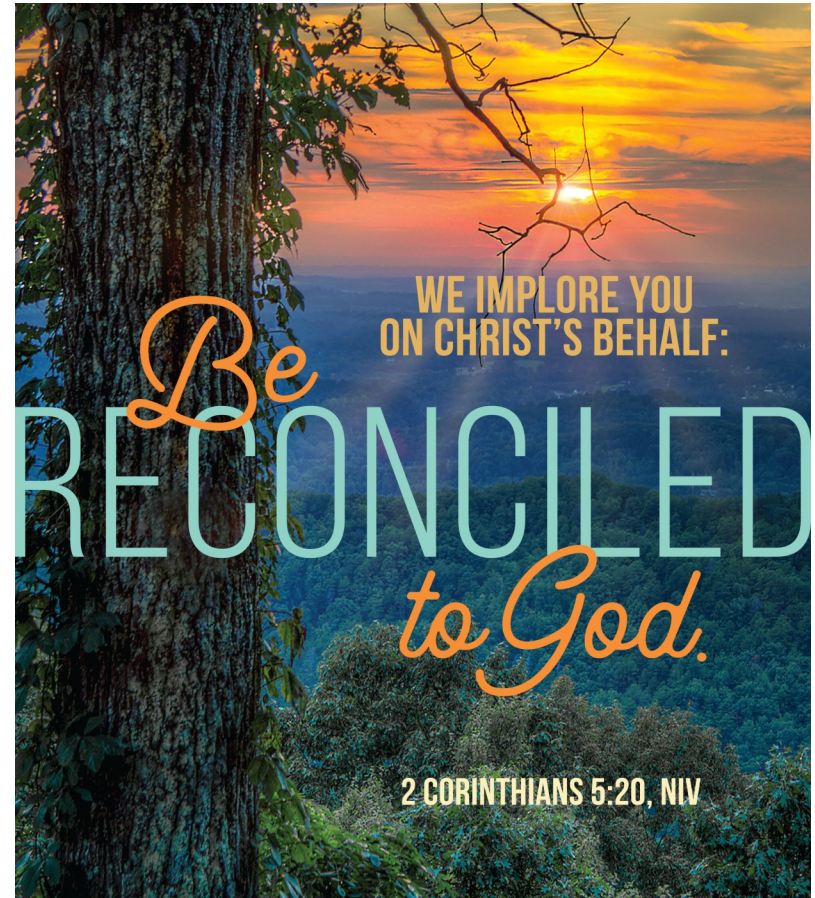
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