



Do You Love Me?

Living Legends Sunday

May 25, 2025 11AM

Radcliffe Presbyterian Church P.C.U.S.A
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A Letter from the Pastor
Living Legends Sunday

Dear Beloved Living Legends,

Today, we gather in celebration—not only to honor your extraordinary lives but to welcome one more into your distinguished number.

As your pastor, it is both an honor and a humbling experience to walk this journey with you. Not every pastor is blessed with the opportunity to serve among Legends—those whose lives reflect enduring faith, hard-earned wisdom, and a steadfast commitment to God and community.

I count it a great privilege to live among you, to learn from you, and to be inspired by the resilience, grace, and love you so generously share.

My prayer for each of you is simple but deep:

That God will continue to bless you with more—

More wisdom to guide us,

More faith to sustain us,

And more love, both given and received,

to enrich the body of Christ.

Congratulations to our newest inductee. We give thanks to God for the legacy you are helping to shape.

With love and gratitude,

In Christ,

Pastor

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Dear Living Legends,

The Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee is overjoyed to celebrate you, our Living Legends!

What an awesome gift, to be able to celebrate having reached eighty years plus! Elders are considered to be "Custodians of Wisdom" in many cultures.

Their minds are filled with experiences, which means that they can receive and comprehend valuable and important wisdom and knowledge.

Radcliffe is filled with gratitude that we have been gifted with your presence.

"Who is wise and understand among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in humility that comes from wisdom". James 3:3

This year we welcome and congratulate our newest Living Legend, William A. Boyd, Jr., to the esteemed group of Living Legends.

We are thankful for the gift of Living Legends: "A Source of Wisdom and Understanding," in our midst here at Radcliffe.

We thank God who has blessed you with wisdom, knowledge, patience and generosity which you have shared with your Radcliffe family.

Peace and love always,

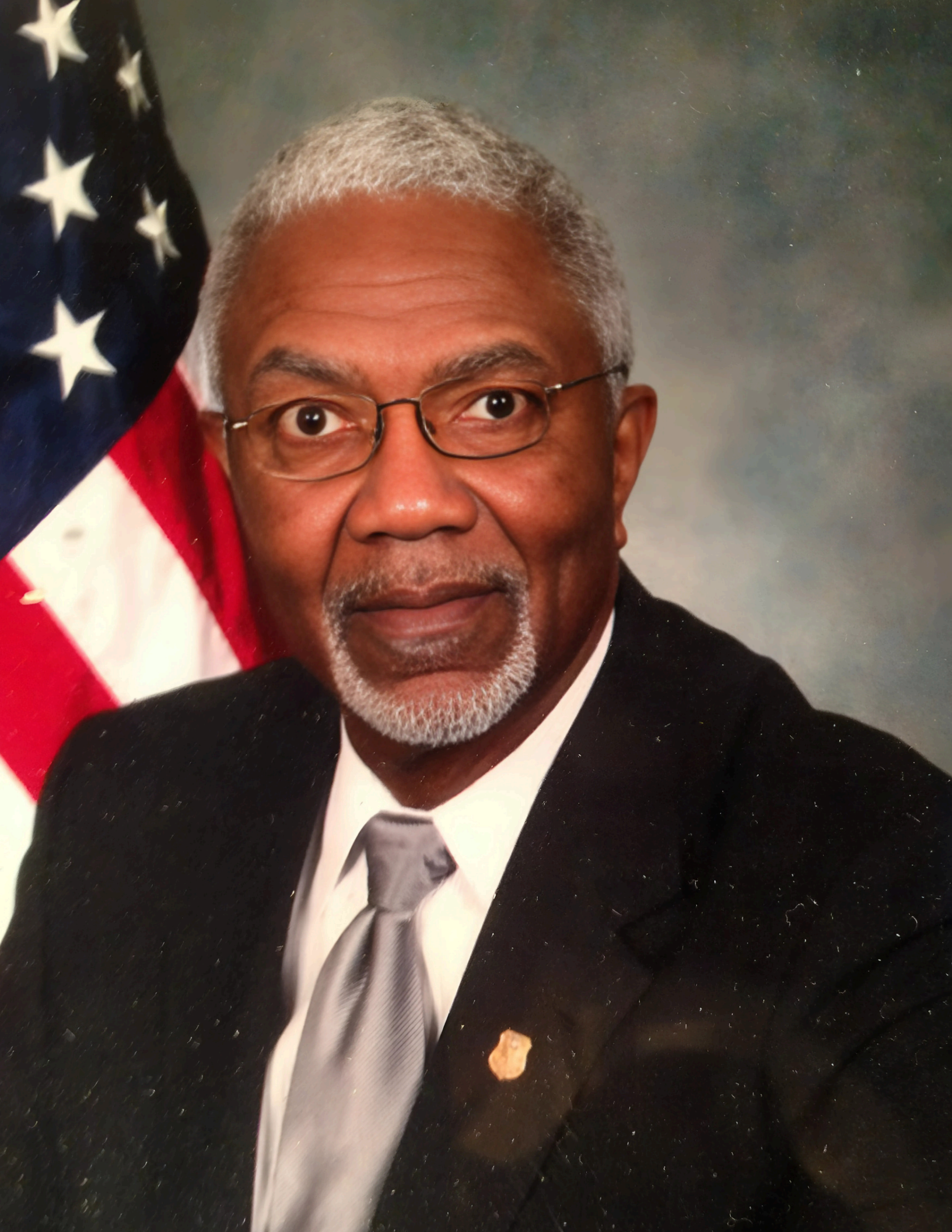
Joan Moore Moone, Moderator
The Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee

THE HISTORY OF NATIONAL OLDER AMERICAN MONTH AND THE CELEBRATION of LIVING LEGENDS IN RADCLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

It was in 2003 when the Radcliffe Session approved the proposal, presented by Mrs. Henra Davis, Moderator of the Stewardship and Missions Interpretation Committee, that the church join the nation in celebrating National Older Americans Month. The historical significance of the recognition began in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy designated May as “Senior Citizens Month.” In 1980 under President Jimmy Carter’s leadership, the tradition was newly named “Older Americans Month.” Each year the president signs a proclamation, and across the nation a variety of events and affairs celebrate the cause.

The Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee designated that the eldest among the congregation (those eighty-plus years of age) would be recognized as Living Legends. Psalm 90:10 KJV was referenced for the committee’s age decision: “The days of our years are threescore and ten; and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off; and we fly away.”

An invitation is extended to the membership for persons who turned eighty years of age (since June 1st of the previous year or will be by May 31st of the current year) to participate in the month-long recognition that culminates with a special worship service and reception. The congregation has been proud to celebrate with families and friends of our Living Legends for the last seventeen years. This year we add to this esteemed group one new individual, whose photograph and biography follows in this booklet.



William Alexander Boyd, Jr.

Biographical Information

Name: William Alexander Boyd, Jr.

Place of Birth: Charlotte, North Carolina

Date of Birth: May 28, 1945

Marital Status: Single

Family:

Daughter: Vickie T. Lyons

Brother: Milton W. Boyd

Nephew(s): Michael R. Boyd, Great Nephew: Matthew I. Boyd

Education: 16 years

Employment: U. S. Army Retired, 20 years

Georgia Bureau of Investigation, 27 years

Church Involvement:

Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Choir Member, HIM Singer

Summer Food Program, Habitat for Humanity Projects

Senior Citizen Service Projects: Transporting members to worship service on Sunday, Transporting those who need transportation to medical appointments, etc.

William Became a member of Radcliffe Presbyterian Church in 1976. Prior to that he was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Concord, N. C.

Organizations: Former Chancel Choir member, Men Of Radcliffe

Honors: Church Man of the Year and Outstanding Service Award

Hobbies: Model Airplanes, Classic cars, Model Trains, Working on and Repairing Lawn Equipment, General Home Repairs

A litany for our LIVING LEGENDS, focusing on gratitude, wisdom, and the beauty of their lives:

LITANY for our LIVING LEGENDS

- **Leader:** Dear Lord, we lift up to you our cherished LIVING LEGENDS, the bearers of tradition, faith, WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING.
- **People:** We thank you for the gift of years, for the life experiences, and blessings they have shared with us.
- **Leader:** Bless them, Lord, with comfort in times of loneliness, strength in weakness, and peace in their hearts.
- **People:** May your love surround them, your grace uplift them, and your mercy reassure them of their invaluable worth in your eyes.
 - **Leader:** Grant them, O Lord, a renewal of hope and joy in their days.
 - **People:** Let their wisdom guide the younger generations.
- **Leader:** May their stories inspire us, their laughter fill our hearts, and their presence be a blessing.
- **People:** We pray for strength and wisdom in their decision-making, and for the best quality of life possible.
 - **Leader:** We ask for your peace to transcend their understanding.
- **People:** We thank you, Lord, for the gift of their lives and for the wisdom they have shared with us.
- **Leader:** May they find joy in their memories, comfort in their faith, and peace in your loving embrace.
 - **People:** Amen.

RADCLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U. S. A.)
The Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee
Salutes Living Legends

OUR 2025 HONOREE

Mr. William A. Boyd

LIVING LEGENDS PRIOR TO 2025

Mrs. Margaret Adair
Mrs. Shirley Barnes
Mrs. Helen B. Bell
Mrs. Jeanne Blackmon
Mrs. Hazel A. Clements
Mrs. Henra Faye Davis
Mrs. Johnnie Davis
Mrs. Mary Davis
Mr. Phillip Davis
Mrs. Jacqueline Dunlap
Mrs. Delores Hooks
Mr. Ernest Ellis
Mrs. Sylvia Ellis
Mrs. Margaret C. Gardner
Mrs. Gwendolyn W. Garrison
Mrs. Irma Goggins

Mrs. Dorothy Leola Hudson
Mrs. Margaret A. Jacobs
Mrs. Jacques Jefferson
Mrs. Ellen Pierce Jones
Mrs. Shirley Leaphart
Mrs. Virginia Lewis
Mrs. Clarice McCleary
Mr. Alfred Edward McWilliams, Jr.
Mrs. Charlotte Osgood
Mrs. Carrie W. Peek
Mrs. Bettye Robinson
Mrs. Dorcas B. Simon
Mrs. Delores V. Williams
Mrs. LaVerne Moone Wyche
Mrs. Darlene Yarborough-Morgan

IN LOVING MEMORY OUR FORMER LIVING LEGENDS

Thanksgiving and memorial prayers
We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength
When we are lost and sick at heart,
We remember them.

When we have joy, we crave to share.
When we have decisions that are difficult to make
When we have achievements that are based on theirs'
We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring
We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn
We remember them.

At the rising of the sun and at its setting,
We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now part of us,
As we remember them. (Prayers from the Jewish Prayer Book,
adapted).



LIVING LEGENDS

GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

Mrs. Ina S. Atkins
Mr. Eglon Bailey
Mrs. Fannye Hopkins Banks
Mrs. Yvonne S. Bankston
Mr. Ernest Blackmon
Mr. Erskine Boazman
Mrs. Cleo Booker
Mrs. Lucille Bowers
Mrs. Marion Boyd
Mrs. Bessie Burns
Mr. Solomon Bynes
Dr. Evelyn Carroll
Dr. Richard Carroll
Mrs. Carmelita Clark
Mr. Willie Clark
Mrs. Annie Ruth Clerk
Mr. August Clay
Mrs. Ruby Clay
Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Cohen
Mrs. Anne Cox
Mr. Morris J. Dillard
Mrs. Bertha Dockett
Mrs. Mary Birch Ellis
Mrs. Etheleen Emerson
Mr. Govan Emerson, Jr.
Mrs. Velma Farmer
Mrs. Carrye K. Ferguson
Mr. William Folks
Mrs. Birdie Fuller

Mr. Alfonzo Goggins
Mrs. Jenelsie Holloway
Mr. Mitchell Hooks
Mr. Edward Hudson
Dr. Wilbur Leaphart
Mr. Clarence Lewis
Mr. Yeadon McCleary
Mrs. Betty J. McCoy
Mr. Preston McCoy
Mrs. Julia Minnifield
Mrs. Bettye S. Mullins
Mr. John T. Peek, Jr.
Mr. Andrew G. Phillips
Mrs. Dorothy M. Pleasant
Mrs. Ruby T. Richards
Dr. Mirian Chivers Shropshire
Dr. William Shropshire
Mrs. O'Lillian Sims
Dr. Herman Smith
Mrs. Yancey Smith
Mrs. Mary Ida Stephens
Mrs. Virginia Hawkins Stephens
Mrs. Ernestine Stinson
Mrs. Virginia B. Tate
Mrs. Dorothy Taylor
Mrs. Theola Taylor
Mrs. Helen S. Wilson
Mrs. Ethel Crawford Wynn

Radcliffe Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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Committee Members

Mrs. Margaret Adair
Mrs. Henra Davis,
Mrs. Margaret Jacob
Mrs. Ellen Jones
Mrs. Sharletta McKinney
Mrs. Neeka Wilson
Mrs. Joan Moore Moone, Moderator

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

God my Creator,

You made me all that I am and gave me all that I have. Help me to show my gratitude by using these gifts to serve others in Your name.

Jesus my Redeemer, You taught me the way to eternal life by Your example of loving service to others. Grant me the courage to respond to Your call to discipleship by following in Your footsteps.

Holy Spirit of God, be with me as I choose each day to put You first in my life. Let me be a model of Christian Stewardship so others will come to know You through my actions. I pray, dear Lord,

that You open the minds and hearts of all the men, women, and young people of our church, that we may joyfully accept Your challenge to be good stewards.

Amen.

WORSHIP GUIDE

RADCLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WE GATHER

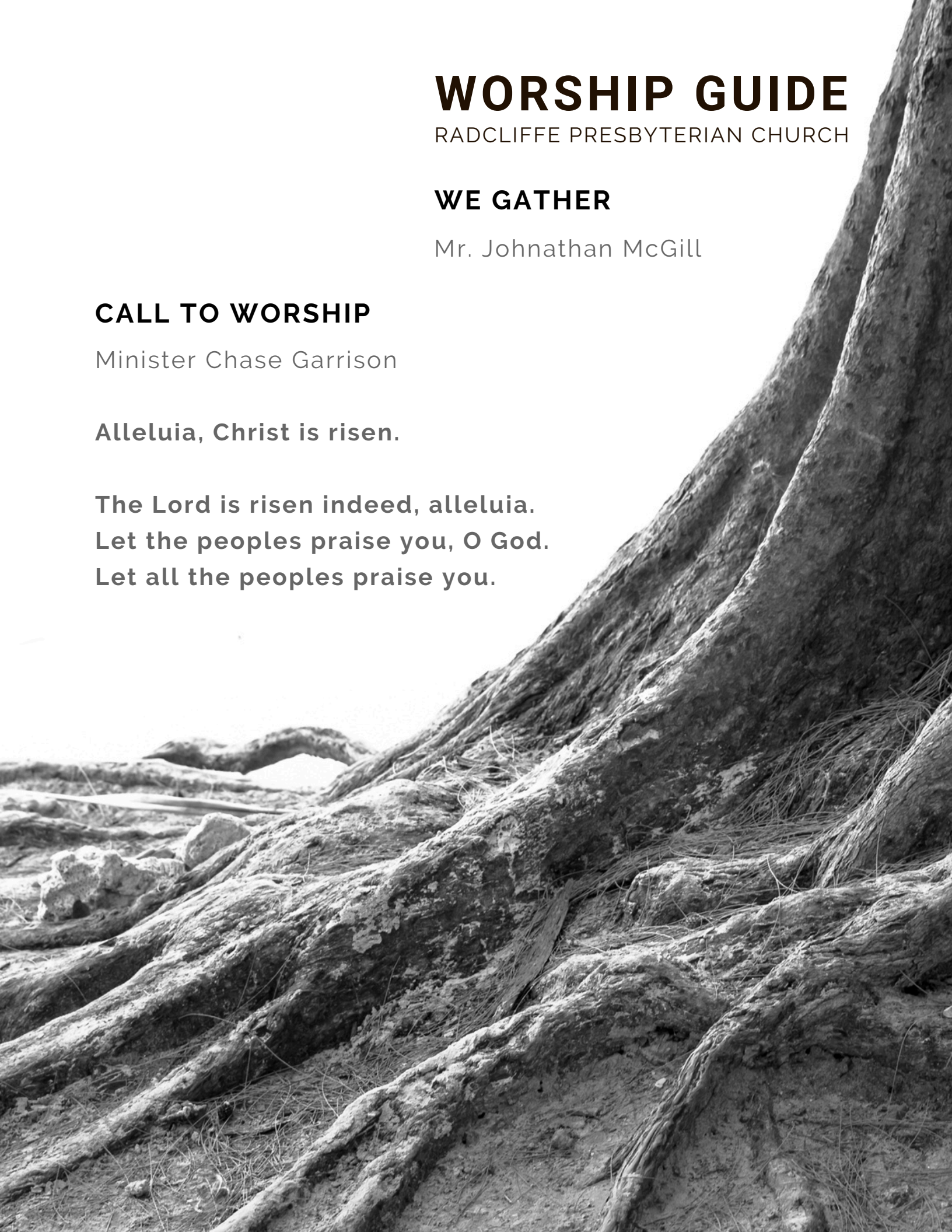
Mr. Johnathan McGill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Chase Garrison

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.
Let the peoples praise you, O God.
Let all the peoples praise you.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Every Sunday Choir
"Everybody Clap Your Hands"
"Excellent Is Your Name"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Minister Chase Garrison

Do not let your hearts be
troubled, but confess your sins,
and God will give you peace.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister Chase Garrison

Loving God, we confess that we are an
anxious people
who deny your blessing and fail to
keep your word.

Forgive us, we pray, for these and all
our sins,
that we might live in peace and reflect
your love in the world; through Jesus
Christ, we pray. Amen



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor

Let your hearts be still, for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing.

Beloved, receive the peace of Christ.





APOSTLES CREED

Minister Chase Garrison

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.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Congregation

"Every Time I Feel The Spirit"



OFFERING

Minister Chase Garrison

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Acts 16:9-15

Psalms 67:1-7

Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5

John 14:23-29

John 5:1-9



INSPIRATIONAL

The Every Sunday Choir

"Your Spirit"

SERMON

Pastor

"Do You Love Me"

INVITATIONAL HYMN

The Every Sunday Choir

"He Was There"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor

POSTLUDE

Congregation

"Bless This House"



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Two Takeaways

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