

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

11:00 AM

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THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Immutability* and *impassibility* are two theological concepts. *Immutability* means God does not change in any way. *Impassibility* means that God does not experience any emotional change – that God is invulnerable to suffering. Do you believe God is immutable? Do you believe God is impassible? Today’s reading from Hosea addresses both concepts. How do *you* hold these two theological concepts?

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Worthy of Worship” (Hayes)

David Thompson

Call to Worship

Leader: God eagerly comes toward us.

People: Like a child running down the sidewalk.

Leader: God longs for us to come home

People: with the anxious heart of a parent waiting at midnight.

Leader: God invites us to share in hope,

People: throwing open the gates of the kingdom.

Leader: God holds nothing back from us.

People: May we hold nothing back from God in our worship.

\*Hymn of Praise # 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, you are so generous, and yet we struggle to receive what you offer us. We take your love for granted. Even more, we have not loved others as you have loved us. We have failed to live in harmony with your children, preferring division to unity. Our lips have prayed, “Your will be done on earth as in heaven,” but our lives have spoken a different story. Have mercy on us, loving God. Forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God’s love is from everlasting to everlasting. God does not hold grudges, but instead loves us when times are good and when times are bad. Reassure one another with the truth: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*Gloria Patri #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Children’s Sermon

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Morning Prayer concluding with Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“How Can I Keep From Singing?” (Quaker Song)

Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Second Reading

Hosea 11:1-11

Leader: The Word of God, for us, the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“And Will Not Let Go”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Service of Giving

Offertory

“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound” (arr. D. Wagner)

Rita Harmon

\*Doxology # 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.3)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

\*Hymn # 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“Morning Fanfare” (Martin)

Rita Harmon

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MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

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Barbara Cope
Michelle Jolly
Robin Morris

Class of 2023

Larry Sossamon
Bill Wheeler
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Class of 2024

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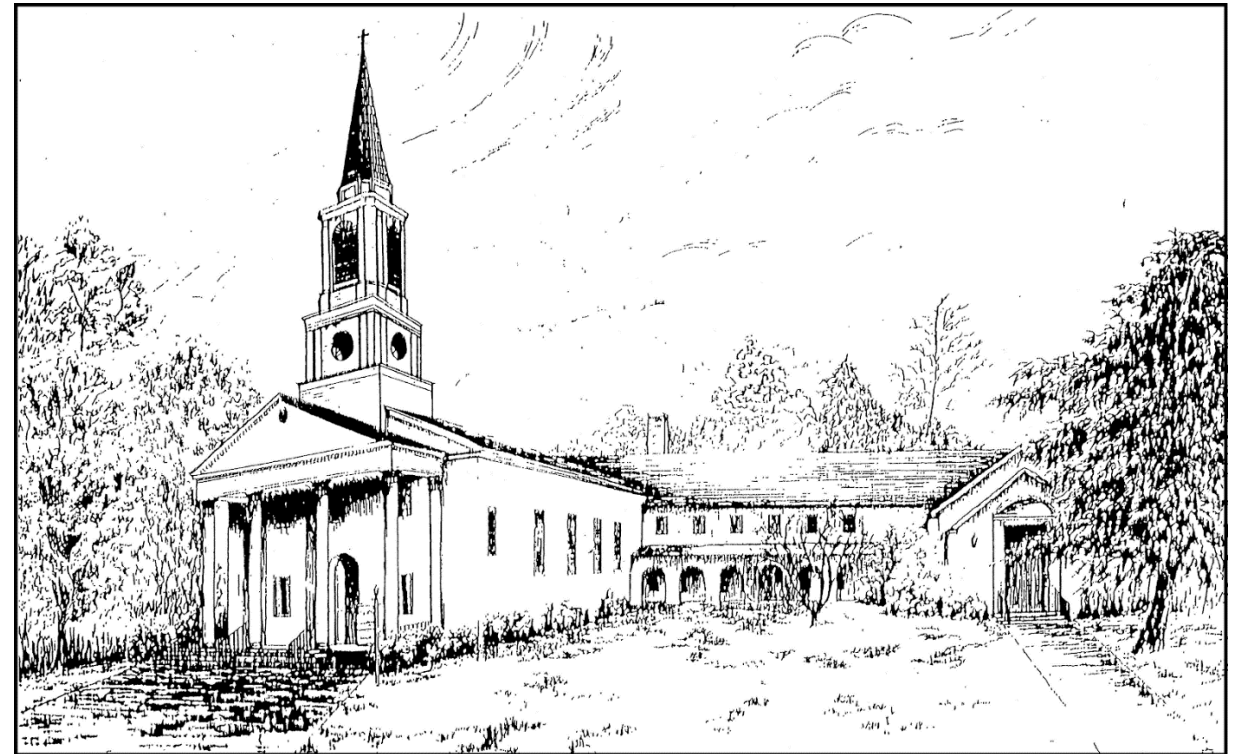
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LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Life of the Church
July 31 – August 7, 2022

WELCOME!

We invite you to come again and consider making Limestone Presbyterian your church home.

Flowers: The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Birthdays: August 2 – Buck Jolley
August 4 – Taylor Miller
August 4 – James Hart
August 5 – Gia Lemmonds
August 7 – Jane Thompson

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| Sunday | 9:00 AM | Adult Sunday School |
| | 10:00 AM | Children’s Sunday School |
| | 10:15 AM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship - Sanctuary & via Facebook Live |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Sara’s Summer Supper |
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The Sunday School Offering for the 3rd quarter will be donated to Christmas Is For Kids. Through a fundraiser started by The Gaffney Ledger, disadvantaged children are treated each year to a shopping spree to help make their holiday season brighter. For every \$100.00 donated, a child will be taken to Walmart to select the clothes and toys they want for Christmas.

Please remember in prayer:
Heath Wiseman; Family & friends of Rev. Jon Van Deventer; Larry Vincent; Jovita Mendoza; Trish Tong; Sylvia Caldwell; Barbara Ross; Pastor Lynn Miller; Fulton & Fran Ross; Steve Beheler; Buck Jolley; Tim Sinnott; a confidential request for a lymphoma diagnosis.

Sara’s Summer Supper
Sara’s Summer Suppers will be at Carolina’s Chicken & More this Wednesday at 6:00pm. Please sign up or call the church office by noon on Monday if you plan to attend.

Blessing of the Backpacks – August 14
As hard as it is to believe, school will be starting soon. We will have a blessing of the backpacks on Sunday, August 14. All students, teachers, professors, nurses, and administrators are encouraged to bring your backpacks, laptop bags, or briefcases to church for a time of recognition and blessing.

{OVER PLEASE FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION}

Wedding Shower for Melinda Peeler – August 28
Our church will host a wedding shower for Melinda Peeler on Sunday, August 28 @ 2:00 in the Parlor. Melinda and James are registered with Amazon and Target.

Wedding of Melinda Peeler & James Hart – September 17
You are cordially invited to the wedding of Melinda Peeler and James Hart on Saturday, September 17 at 2:00 at Limestone Church. A reception will follow at The Capri on Main, 302 N. Limestone Street. Please RSVP by August 1 so they can have an accurate headcount. You may RSVP for the wedding on their wedding website: <https://www.theknot.com/us/melinda-peeler-and-james-hart-sep-2022>.

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The Brief Statement of Faith, a portion of which is used today as our Affirmation of Faith, was written in 1983 on the occasion of the formation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) at the reunion of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS) and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (UPCUSA). The statement sought to articulate Presbyterians’ common identity, even in the face of disagreement and diversity in the church and the world. Overall, the Brief Statement is arranged in a Trinitarian framework and draws heavily on scripture and on documents in the *Book of Confessions*. The Brief Statement is the twelfth document in the *Book of Confessions*.