

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

11:00 AM

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THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The metaphor of running a race appears in Hebrews 12:1, Philippians 2:16, Galatians 2:2, Galatians 5:7, and 2Timothy 4:7. In the letter(s) to the Corinthians, Paul expands the athletic metaphors from running to other athletic events, like boxing. The city of Corinth hosted the Isthmian Games, so the athletic metaphors would have been very familiar to Paul’s audience in the Epistle to the Hebrews. The ancient world was also familiar with the Olympic Games. Do athletic references work for you as a metaphor for the life of faith? If not, what sorts of metaphors would you best understand?

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Prelude

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Ham)

David Thompson

Call to Worship

Leader: God made a covenant with our ancestors,

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: God delivered our ancestors from oppression and exile,

People: shepherding the people into the way of peace.

Leader: God sent the Word through prophets and proverbs,

People: becoming flesh and living among us.

Leader: God’s steadfast love endures forever,

People: and we are God’s beloved children.

Leader: Come, worship god,

People: Who loves us and knows us through Christ our Lord.

\*Hymn of Praise # 363

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of healing mercies, we come to you today – and every day – as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love, yet we have found so many ways to block your gifts, or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. Jesus has given us the pathway to peace, showing us how to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves. We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth. We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort. Forgive us, merciful God. Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us again to you, that we may again learn of your love and mercy. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear this good word. God can never cease to be love. The ancient promise of God proclaimed again and again throughout history still rings true. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, made known to us in Christ Jesus. Believe the good news.

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 with Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Morning Prayer concluding with Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“He Hideth My Soul” (Page)

Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“The Possibility of Dropping the Baton”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Service of Giving

Offertory

“Offertory on Give Me Jesus” (Lau)

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

(The Scots Confession, 3.01)

The church’s story with God did not end with the latest events recorded in Scripture. Across the centuries the company of believers has continued its pilgrimage with the Lord of history. It is a record of faith and faithlessness, glory and shame. The church has been persecuted by hostile societies, but it has also known times of privilege and power when it joined forces with dominant cultures. It has sought holiness through separation from society, as well as through involvement in the world’s affairs. It has experienced life-giving reformations. It has known missionary expansion throughout the world, but also periods of dwindling resources and influence. It has divided into rival orders, sects and denominations, but is has also labored for cooperation and union. We confess we are heirs of this whole story. We are charged to remember our past, to be warned and encouraged by it, but not to live it again. Now is the time of our testing as God’s story with the church moves forward through us. We are called to live now as God’s servants in the service of people everywhere.

\*Hymn # 846

“Fight the Good Fight”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“Praise Him! Praise Him!” (McDonald)

Rita Harmon

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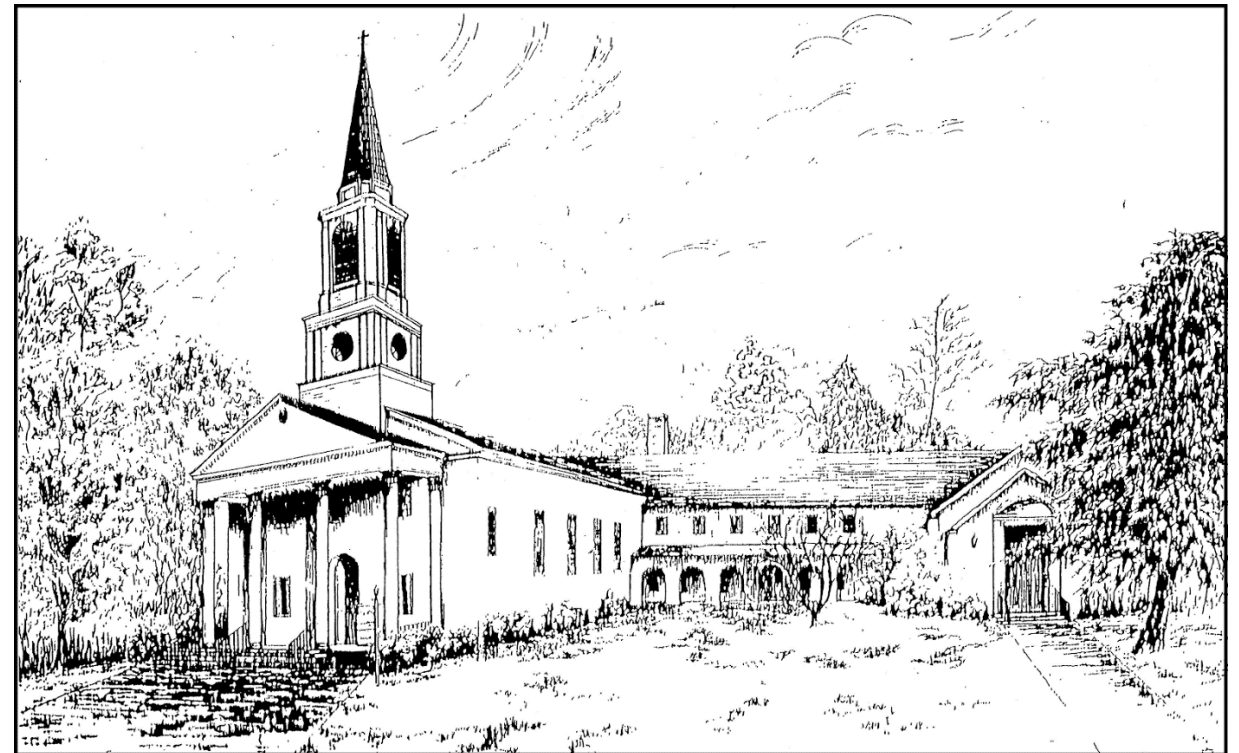
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LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Life of the Church
August 14 - 21, 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 17 – Hannah Vincent

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<b>Sunday</b>	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
	12:15 PM	Milk & Cookies & Pounding for Pastor Lynn - FLC
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:45 PM	Sara’s Summer Supper
<b>Saturday</b>	1:00 PM	Prep for Limestone University Event - FLC

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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:

Mary Aiken; Heath Wiseman; Debbie Deventer; Larry Vincent; Shannon Mueller; Trish Tong; Pastor Lynn Miller; Steve Beheler; Buck Jolley; Tim Sinnott; a confidential request for a lymphoma diagnosis.

Sara’s Summer Supper

With school starting next week, it’s time to wind down our summer suppers. But what would you think of an atypical supper on the 17th to end our get-togethers for this year, one that is of a partying nature? I’m planning for us to dine at Brett’s Bakery for sandwiches or soups and desserts--that’s right across the street. Hope that is not too light a fare. Brett would like for us to arrive at 5:45.

Sara Setzer

*Please sign up or let the church office know by noon on Monday if you plan to attend.

Soup Kitchen

Limestone will serve at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, August 27th. If you would like to prepare sloppy joe meat or serve at the Soup Kitchen, please contact Barbara Cope. The hours of service are 10:30am – 1:00pm at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen on Birnie St.

Limestone University Community Works Fair – August 21

Our church has been invited to participate in the CommunityWorks Fair on August 21 from noon until 1:00. We will be providing a side dish for 120 students and small items to help the students get the semester started. If you would like to help stuff small gift bags or prepare fruit kabobs, please join us in the Family Life Center on Saturday, August 20 at 1:00.

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.

Join us Today:

- Blessing of the Backpacks during our Children’s Sermon. All students, teachers, professors, nurses, and administrators are encouraged to bring up your backpacks, laptop bags, or briefcases for a time of recognition and blessing.
- Back to School Cookies & Milk in the Family Life Center after worship.
- Pounding for Pastor Lynn during Cookies & Milk in the Family Life Center after worship.

“He Hideth My Soul” (Anthem)

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
a wonderful Savior to me.
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
where rivers of pleasure I see.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord;
he taketh my burden away.
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved;
he giveth me strength as my day.

Refrain:
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
that shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life in the depths of his love,
and covers me there with his hand,
and covers me there with his hand

With numberless blessings each moment he
crowns,
and filled with his fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, “Oh, glory to God
for such a Redeemer as mine!”
[Refrain]