

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

11:00 AM

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**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Some of you may remember “blue laws,” those ordinances that prohibited certain activities on Sundays. Merchants, shopkeepers, vendors, barbers...none of those could operate on Sundays in Greenville, SC in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Drugstores and apothecaries could stay open but couldn’t sell wine or liquors except “for medicinal reasons.” Sunday baseball games, golfing, and other sports were attacked. According to a *Greenville News* article, a fundamentalist Gaffney preacher “whipped his son into insensibility for playing catch on Sunday afternoon.” Soda shops were suspect, so they stopped adding soda water to their creations, offering “Sunday ice cream” – we know them as “sundaes.” What does it mean to set aside a Sabbath? How do we differentiate Sabbath from the other days of the week?

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**Prelude**

“Praise for the Morning” (Lani Smith)

Rita Harmon

**Call to Worship**

Leader: This is a time set aside.

**People: When we gather to worship God.**

Leader: This is a day set aside.

**People: When God rested after creating. When Christ was raised from the dead.**

Leader: This is the Sabbath.

**People: A day that God made for us and set aside for us from the beginnings of the world. A day that symbolizes the new life we find in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: This time, this day, this Sabbath is a gift from God.

**People: Let us worship God who created us, who loves us, who saves us.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 33**

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Loving God, you have shown us how to live. In our earliest stories of you, we see that you work, and when your work is done, you rest. You gave the universe the rhythm of work and rest. But too often, O God, we do not rest. We confess that we are driven not by the rhythms of creation but by the demands of this world. We seem to care more for the expectations of our culture than your desire to spend time with us. We have modeled our lives on those who are not worthy of our imitation. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to think of work and rest as you do. Help us to model our lives after you. Give us a love for the Sabbath that we may more fully live as your people. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**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** (see insert)

“Prayer of Saint Columba” (Campbell)

Chancel Choir

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

**Second Reading**

Luke 13:10-17

**Third Reading**

Hebrews 12:18-29

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

“A Chicken and a Pig”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

**Service of Giving**

**Offertory**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” (Phillips)

David Thompson

**\*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**

*(Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 57-60, edited\*)*

Q. 57. Which is the fourth commandment?

**A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

**A. The fourth commandment requires keeping holy to God such set times as God has appointed in God’s Word; one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to God.**

Q. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

**A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.**

Q. 60. How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

**A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from activated that are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God’s worship except the time taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.**

**\*Hymn # 183**

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“Trumpet Fanfare” (Wetzler)

Rita Harmon

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LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Barbara Cope
Michelle Jolly
Robin Morris

Class of 2023

Larry Sossamon
Bill Wheeler
Renee Wiseman (Clerk)

Class of 2024

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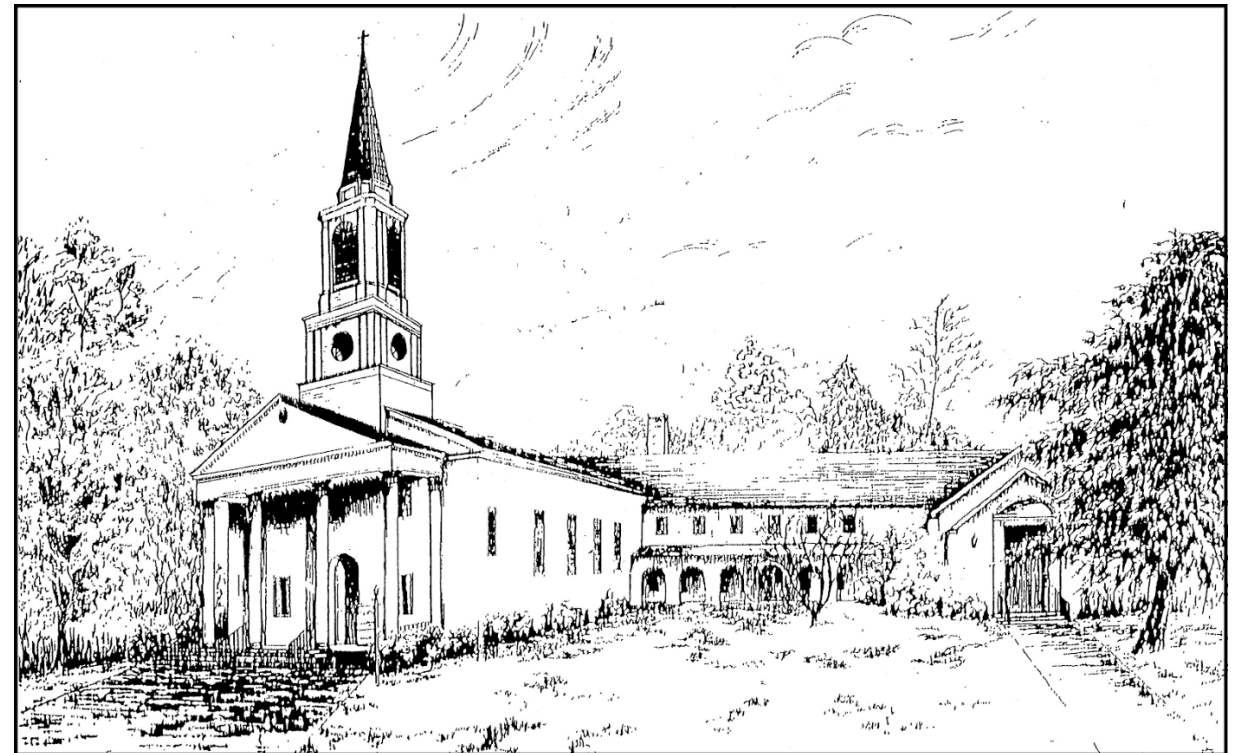


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The Life of the Church
August 21 - 28, 2022

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 26 – Abbie Sossamon Scott
August 26 – Teresa Spires

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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
	12:00 PM	Community Works Fair – Limestone University
	4:00 PM	Stated Session Meeting - FLC
<b>Saturday</b>	10:30 AM	Soup Kitchen

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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:

Jane Thompson; Michelle Jolly; Mary Aiken; Heath Wiseman; Debbie Deventer; Larry Vincent; Trish Tong; Steve Beheler; Tim Sinnott; a confidential request for a lymphoma diagnosis.

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 Community Works 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.

{OVER PLEASE FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION}

Be a part of Limestone's Visioning Process: This past week we began the process of envisioning how Limestone Presbyterian Church will present itself in this (mostly) post-pandemic world. If you are on the email list, you received an email inviting you to be part of the process. The process moves in the next several months from gathering information to collating the information and then drawing conclusions and setting goals - both long-term and for the next liturgical year. Each week you will be sent a link to a Google Form and asked to respond to a couple of prompts to draw out the information we are seeking. There is still time to respond to the email and be included electronically. Alternatively, you can pick up a copy of each week's questions in the church office, fill them out long-hand, and return them to the office. A wide range of voices will provide the best information with which to work and the best picture of who we think Limestone is being called to be. We hope you will all participate. If you have questions about getting connected to the process, please see Lynn.

***For the Greenville News** article referenced in the Preparation for Worship, see: <https://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/life/2019/05/03/bainbridge-colorful-history-greenville-and-sc-blue-laws-forbidding-alcohol-baseball-fishing-stores/3585995002/>

The *Westminster Shorter Catechism was written by the Westminster Assembly of Divines, a synod of English and Scottish theologians and laymen intended to bring the Church of England into greater conformity with the Church of Scotland. The Church of Scotland had produced *The New Catechism according to the Forme of the Kirk of Scotland* in 1644, aimed particularly at children and youth. It was not adopted by the Westminster Assembly. In January 1647, the committee appointed by the Assembly decided that it would need to produce two catechisms rather than one. The Larger Catechism (intended for use by ministers as they taught their congregations through preaching) was completed and forwarded to the English Parliament in October 1647. Another committee was set up for the Shorter Catechism (whose purpose was to educate children and others of "weaker capacity"), which was presented to Parliament in November 1647. The Church of Scotland approved it in July 1648, and it passed the Scottish Parliament in February of the next year.

“Prayer of Saint Columba” (Anthem)

Alone with none but you, my God, I
journey on my way;
what need I fear when you are near, O
Lord of night and day?
More secure am I within your hand than if
a multitude did round me stand.
Alone with none but you, my God, I
Journey on my way;
What need I fear when you are near, O
Lord of night and day?

The child of God can fear no ill, his
chosen dread no foe;
We leave our fate with you, and wait your
bidding when to go.
It is not from chance our comfort springs:
You are our trust, O King of kings.
The child of God can fear no ill, his
chosen dread no foe;
We leave our fate with you, and wait your
bidding when to go.