

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

11:00 AM

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Frederick Buechner says that phrases like “worship service” or “service of worship” are tautologies – that is, they say the same thing twice. To worship God, Buechner says, *means* to serve God. There are two ways to serve God, he continues: One way is to do things for God that God needs to have done—run errands, carry messages, feed God’s lambs, and so on. The other way is to do things for God that you need to do—sing songs, create beautiful things, give things up, tell God what’s on your mind and in your heart, in general rejoice in God. How does our worship service speak to this idea?

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Prelude

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus” (McDonald)

Rita Harmon

Call to Worship

Leader: What does the Lord require of us? Is it sacrifices?

People: The Lord does not want sacrifices.

Leader: What does the Lord require of us? Is it incense?

People: The Lord does not require incense.

Leader: Then what does the Lord require of us?

People: To do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

***Hymn of Praise # 509**

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies – everything that adds to the world’s hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ’s likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The writer of Hebrews reminds us that faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. People of faith, God is not ashamed to be called your God. Therefore, 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

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Morning Prayer concluding with Lord’s Prayer

Anthem “We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name/Come Share the Lord” #510 in hymnal (Leech) Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Second Reading

Luke 12:32-40

Third Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon “A Funny Thing Happens When You Make Up Your Own God”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Service of Giving

Offertory

“Just As I Am” (Kelsey)

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**

(The Scots Confession, 3.01)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God’s inscrutable providence for such end as God’s eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God’s own glory.

***Hymn # 507**

“Come to the Table of Grace”

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Recessional on St. Denio” (Edwards)

Rita Harmon

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### MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

#### Class of 2022

Barbara Cope  
Michelle Jolly  
Robin Morris

#### Class of 2023

Larry Sossamon  
Bill Wheeler  
Renee Wiseman (Clerk)

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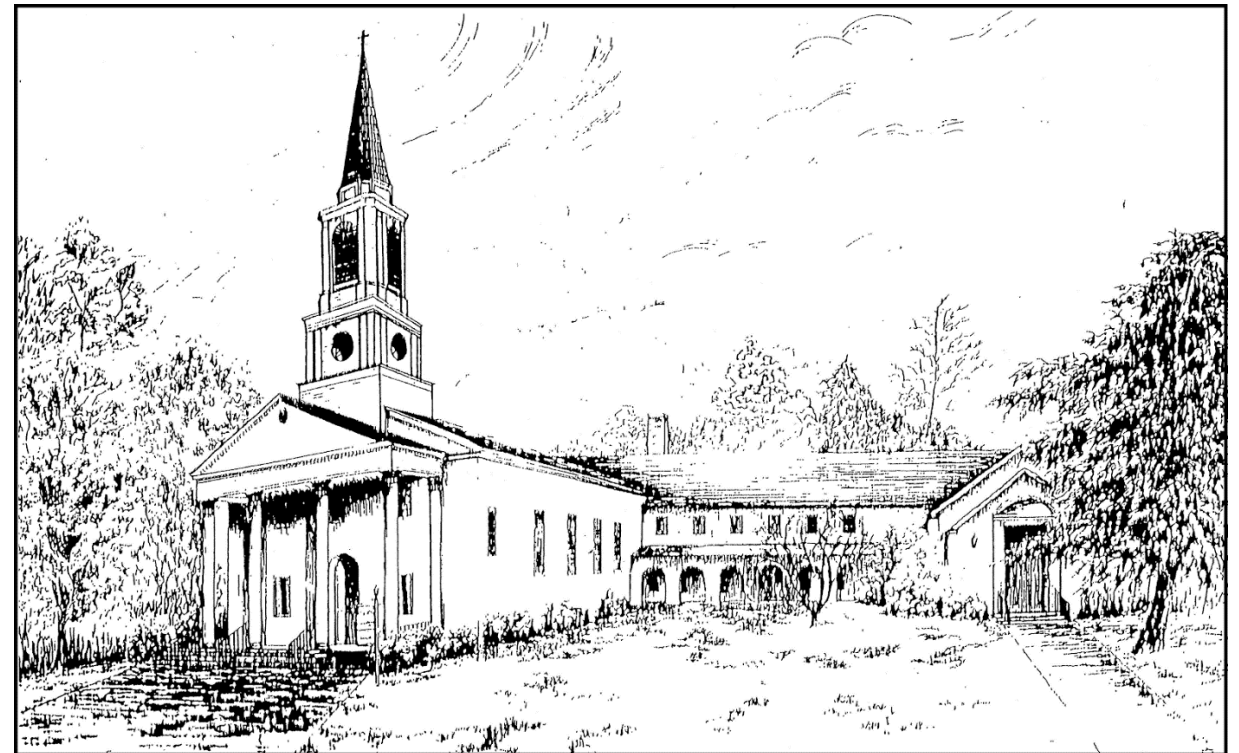
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# LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**The Life of the Church**  
**August 7 - 14, 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 and in loving memory of Dean Wiseman's father, Bud Wiseman and Renee Wiseman's father, Harold LaVenture's birthday.

**Birthdays:** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

Tonya Buice; Shannon Mueller; Heath Wiseman; Debbie 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 PYT's on Limestone St. this Wednesday at 6:00pm. (Parking will be in the Peachtree Center lot.) Please sign up or call the church office by noon on **Monday** if you plan to attend.

**Soup Kitchen**

Limestone will serve at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

**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>.

**Welcome to our Church Staff Carrie Wyatt**

The Personnel Committee is pleased to share that Carrie Wyatt was hired as our part-time Director of Children and Youth Ministries as of July 24<sup>th</sup>. Carrie has outstanding experience in education and a strong faith. These are excellent foundations for leading activities for children and youth at Limestone. When you see Carrie welcome her to the staff.

**About the Affirmation of Faith**

Three Reformation-era documents are included in the *Book of Confessions*, one each from Scotland, Germany and Switzerland. The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in the history of the Scottish nation. When the Queen Regent Mary of Guise died in her sleep in 1560, the Protestant nobility of Scotland was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh. The Scottish Parliament, having declared Scotland a Protestant nation, asked the clergy to frame a confession of faith. Six ministers, including John Knox, completed their work in four days. In 1560, Parliament ratified the document. "Cleave, serve, worship, trust" are key words in this document. As a call to action in a turbulent time, the Scots Confession reflects a spirit of trust and a commitment to the God whose miraculous deliverance the Scots had experienced firsthand. (from <https://www.creeds.net/reformed/Scots/>)