

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

11:00 AM

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THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(See the note about World Communion Sunday in the bulletin announcements.)

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Prelude

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (Birchwood)

Rita Harmon

Call to Worship

One: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ’s followers.

Many: We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.

One: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: At home and school and work – in this community and throughout every land.

One: How in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: By offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred, by working toward justice where there is oppression.

One: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!

\*Hymn of Praise # 525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Today, O God, we have set aside yet another day to remind ourselves that our unity is in you. We confess that our fumbings and failures have prevented us from accomplishing that unity so far. Forgive us, we pray, when our eyes only see differences and refuse to see you in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Forgive us when we fear one another and fight one another; instead help us to celebrate what makes each of us uniquely your child. On this World Communion Sunday, we pray that you will pick up the pieces of our broken world and then give us your heart -- a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear these words from scripture: *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* Trusting in Christ, and confessing our sins, let us believe the good news:

Many: 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.*

Anthem (see insert)

“At The Table of the Lord” (Althouse)

Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Lamentations 3:19-26 (Pew Bible, OT p. 766)

Second Reading

Luke 17:5-10 (Pew Bible, NT p. 80)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“About Spectacular Spirituality”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Service of Giving

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision” (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

\*Hymn # 474 (Verse 2 only)

“As a Child Rests”

Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Renunciations

Carly Victoria Peeler; Lilith Rayne Harmon

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(The Apostles’ Creed)*

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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

One: ...Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Many: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer)

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and the living water. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our unity to You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

\*Hymn # 306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“Rise Up and Serve the Lord” (Harris)

Rita Harmon

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#### MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

##### Class of 2022

Barbara Cope  
Michelle Jolly  
Robin Morris

##### Class of 2023

Larry Sossamon  
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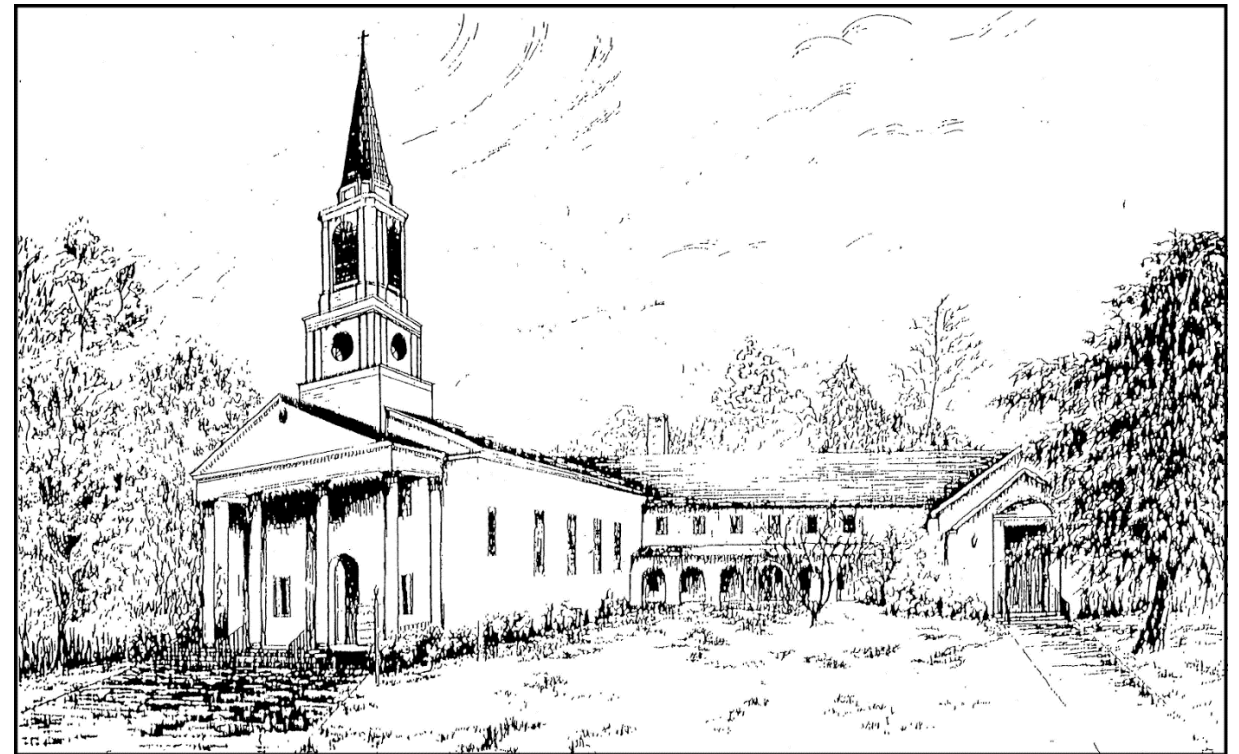
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# LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**The Life of the Church**  
**October 2 - 9, 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:** October 4 – Bill Caldwell  
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<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 AM	Confirmation Class – Parlor
	9:45 AM	Children’s Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
	4:00 PM	Nominating Committee Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	5:45 PM	Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 PM	Bible Study “Atonement”– FLC
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00 PM	Small Group Gathering - FLC
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 PM	Wednesday Night Supper - FLC
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 PM	Circle 4 – Cowpens Creamery
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 PM	Small Group Gathering – Mac & Janet Carroll’s

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**The Sunday School Offering** for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be donated to the Free Medical Clinic. This will allow them to purchase supplies they need to help others.

**Please remember in prayer:**  
Victims of Hurricanes Fiona & Ian; Friends & family of Claude ‘Lee’ Medley; Jo Jo Ritchie; Limestone Students; Confirmation class; confirmand sponsors; Bobby Beattie; Justina Eddy; Roberta Byers; Mary Aiken; Heath Wiseman; Trish Tong; Steve Beheler; Tim Sinnott; a confidential request for a lymphoma diagnosis.

**Today the Children’s Sermon** will be part of the baptism of Carly Peeler and Lilith Harmon. At the beginning of the baptism, our children will be invited to come sit at the front of the sanctuary as their friends are baptized.

**Pumpkin Patch**  
Is anything more autumnal than a pumpkin patch? Limestone's children and youth will be visiting Strawberry Hill's pumpkin patch next Sunday, October 9. Contact Carrie Wyatt to sign up your child or grandchild. And for those of us without children or grandchildren, they also need chaperones and drivers. If you are willing to drive (and spend the day with younger members of your church family), please see Carrie.

**Join us as we welcome new members**  
We joyously received Sarah Lovelace and Joyce Infante into membership at Limestone at the September Session meeting and celebrated their joining with us in worship on September 25. Please welcome them warmly when you see them.

**Next week’s lectionary readings are:**  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19.

**{OVER PLEASE FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION}**

**Small Group Meals with Pastor Lynn**  
The Pastor Nominating Committee is sponsoring several small group meals (lunch & dinner) for you to get to know Lynn and for her to get to know our members in small groups. Please sign up for one of these meals on the sheets available in the FLC on Wednesday or the Narthex on Sunday.

**When is Lynn usually in the office?**  
Mondays and Wednesdays 11:30ish until after Bible Study on Monday and Wednesday Night Supper on Wednesdays. She teaches two classes at Limestone University from 8:00 - 10:50 on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. On Tuesday and Thursday, she is usually in the office 9:00 – 5:00. Feel free to drop by, or call if you want to make sure she is in.

**World Communion Sunday** (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. Dr. Kerr's son related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. Donald Kerr has said, “It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”  
Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn’t until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world.

**“At the Table of the Lord”** (Anthem)  
At the table of the Lord bread is broken.  
At the table of the Lord we are fed.  
We remember now the words that Christ has spoken: “This is my body,” he said.  
At the table of the Lord, in thanksgiving, we have come to drink the wine which is poured.  
We remember him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord.  
At the table of the Lord we are meeting.  
In communion we are many in one.  
For wherever we are gathered, there our Lord will be, there our Lord will be.  
At the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord we shall be free.