

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

11:00 AM

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THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In the year 410, the city of Rome was sacked by the Visigoths. The world was shocked because Rome, which had the phrase *Invicta Roma Aeterna* (Eternal, Unconquerable Rome) imprinted on its coins, was believed to be invincible. Christian theologian and philosopher Augustine of Hippo began to write *The City of God* in response to the accusations that Rome fell because of the rise of Christianity. The writer of Ecclesiastes wrote that there is nothing new under the sun. Today is September 11, a day when we remember the shock of a nation under attack, but it is also Rally Day, a day when we commit ourselves to the educational ministry of the church. World events and Christian response -- be listening for both those themes as we worship God today.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Prelude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Kelsey)

David Thompson

Call to Worship

Larry Sossamon

Leader: The foolish say, "There is no God! There is only us."

People: But we seek and find God's faithfulness, and there is joy!

Leader: The foolish say, "I owe nothing to anyone."

People: But we gather to remember what Christ has done for us, and there is joy!

Leader: The foolish say, "Why bother to look for the one who is lost."

People: But we know that when the lost is found, there is joy!

Leader: We declare the glory of God in our lives.

People: We trust that Christ dwells in our hearts.

Leader: We praise the Spirit who opens our lives and hearts to love God and each other.

People: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn of Praise # 475

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. We look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. We choose to rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Friends, 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 (see insert)

“By the Gentle Waters” (Berry)

Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Third Reading

1Timothy 1:12-17

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“Quoting Augustine (Maybe)”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Service of Giving

Offertory

“Meditation on Be Thou My Vision” (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 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.

\*Hymn # 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“Baroque Trumpet” (Young)

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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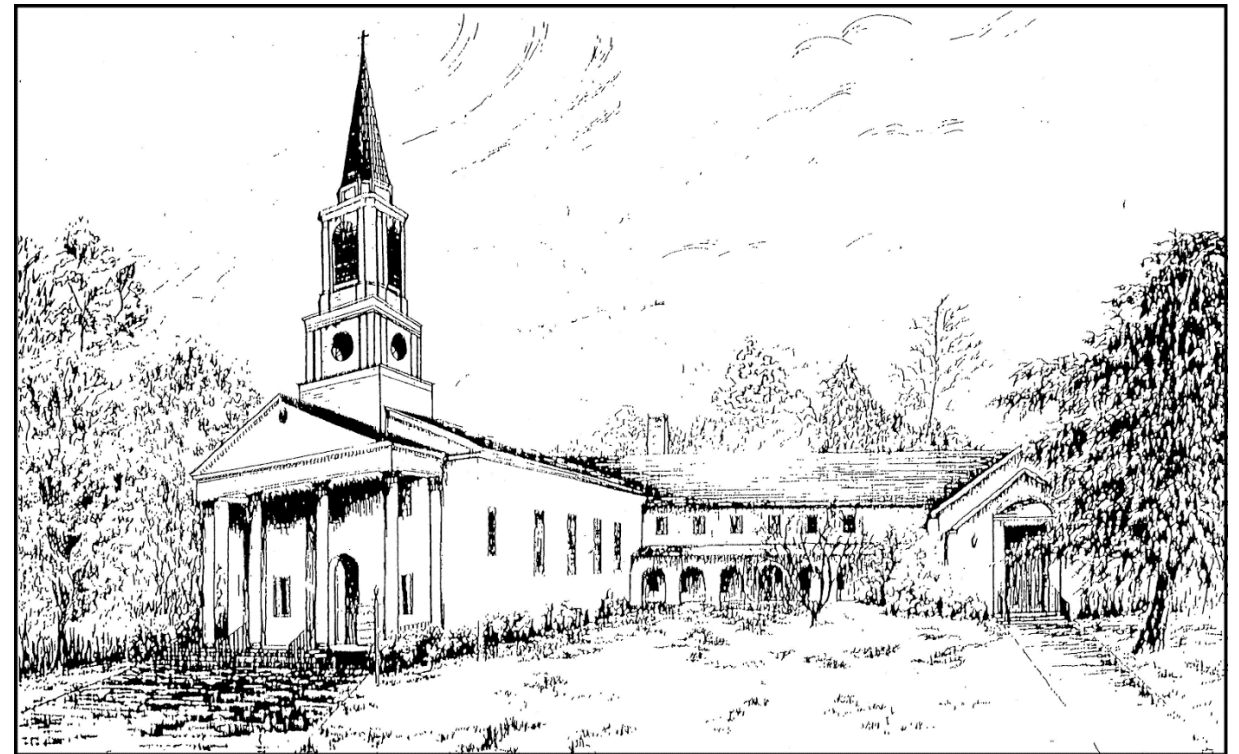
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LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Life of the Church
September 11 - 18, 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: September 12 – Abram Miller
September 14 – Fulton Ross
September 17 – JT Spires

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| Sunday | 9:00 AM | Adult Sunday School |
| | 10:00 AM | Rally Day Breakfast - FLC |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship - Sanctuary & via Facebook Live |
| Monday | 6:30 PM | Bible Study “Hallelujah”– FLC |
| Tuesday | 10:30 AM | Circle 1 - Parlor |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Wednesday Night supper - FLC |
| Saturday | 2:00 PM | Hart/Peeler Wedding |

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:
Ann Borthwick; Justina Eddy; Bill Miller; Bobby Beattie; Roberta Byers; Family & friends of Brandon Mark Tallent, Jr.; Mary Aiken; Heath Wiseman; Trish Tong; Steve Beheler; Tim Sinnott; a confidential request for a lymphoma diagnosis.

Baptism Photos
We are collecting photos of baptisms to display on a bulletin board near the nursery. Please share baptism photos for you, your children or grandchildren. Please email your photos to Tonya at limepresbyterian@bellsouth.net or to Lynn at limestone.presby.pastor@gmail.com. Or if you have a hard copy, drop by the office so we can take a photo of it.

Circle 1
Circle 1 will meet Tuesday, September 13 at 10:30am in the church Parlor. All ladies are invited to share Bible Study and fellowship as Circle 1 begins a new year.

Congregational Meeting – September 18
Session has approved a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday following worship, for the purpose of electing the Church Nominating Committee (CNC). The current CNC has a slate of nominees to recommend. After elected, the CNC will identify members to serve as Ruling Elders.

{OVER PLEASE FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION}

Confirmation Class – September 18
We are planning an intergenerational confirmation class that will begin on September 18 we will meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 in the parlor. Lynn, Carrie Wyatt, and Robin Morris will co-lead the class for our youth who are ready to go through confirmation and for adults who want to join in this wonderful faith formation opportunity. The youth confirmands are usually in grades 6-8, please contact Carrie Wyatt or Pastor Lynn if you have a child/grandchild who would like to join the Confirmation Class.

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. We will have signup sheets available for these meals at the Rally Day gathering and following worship on 9/11 for folks to sign up for one of these meals. If you would like to host a small group gathering in your home or at the church, please contact Robin Morris at 864-492-5154 or via email at rmorris@foothillspresbytery.org.

“By the Gentle Waters” (Anthem)
By the gentle waters, You will safely lead me,
in green pastures feed me, knowing what is best.
Though I often stray, wander far away, I can hear You say, “Come to me and rest.”
Though the path be rough and rugged, though the trail be dark and steep,
still the gentle Shepherd watches o’er His sheep.
There’s no need to fear when the Shepherd’s near.
When Your voice I hear, I find comfort sure.
Free from all alarm, sheltered from all harm, safely in Your arms, I can rest secure.
With the flock abiding, all my needs supplying,
comforting and guiding, leading all the way, all the way.
Jesus, loving Shepherd, You’ll forsake me never.
In Your flock forever, I am not alone, not alone.
Though the darkness hide me, You are close beside me.
Gentle Shepherd, guide me ‘til I’m safely home, ‘til I’m safely home, safely home.