THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022 11:00 AM

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In 2019 the global wellness industry was valued at \$4.9 trillion. That fell to \$4.4 trillion in 2020 due to COVID. Rebounding now, the wellness economy is expected to reach \$7 trillion by 2025. There are eleven sectors included in the wellness economy for statistical purposes. What do you think those are? What are the elements of wellness as you understand wellness? Do you think the wellness economy's definition looks like the Bible's definition of wellness? How would/could/should we as a church define wellness?

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Prelude "March from the Third Organ Symphony" (Widor)

Rita Harmon

Call to Worship

Larry Sossamon

Leader: We look upon our world, our neighborhoods, our families, and see suffering and want.

People: How long, O Lord?

Leader: We see deep suffering, brutal violence, destroyed homes, and ravaged nations.

People: How long, O Lord?

Leader: Let your compassion come quickly to meet us, for we are brought low.

People: How long, O Lord?

Leader: Help us, O God of our salvation!

People: Help us, O Source of our hope!

*Hymn of Praise # 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, you promised that when your Messiah came, weak hands would be strengthened and feeble knees made firm. You promised that blind eyes would see and deaf ears would hear. You promised healing to the land and to people. Forgive us, O God, when we find your medicine hard to swallow and we would rather trust in the quick fixes of this world. Your healing promises to renew our lives, but we would rather stay in our usual routines. Your peace promises wholeness and completeness, but we are content to settle for an absence of conflict. Forgive our sins, for which you weep. Give us the courage to choose you as our physician. In Jesus' name we pray. 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. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. 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) "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (Yannerella) Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First ReadingJeremiah 8:18-9:1Second ReadingPsalm 79:1-9Third Reading1Timothy 2:1-7

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "Fixed and Healed" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Service of Giving

Offertory "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (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

(A Declaration of Faith, 10.2)

In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation that has already begun and will surely be finished. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.

*Hymn # 792 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Festival Voluntary" (Clark)

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)

## Class of 2024

Teresa Spires Dean Wyatt Buck Jolley

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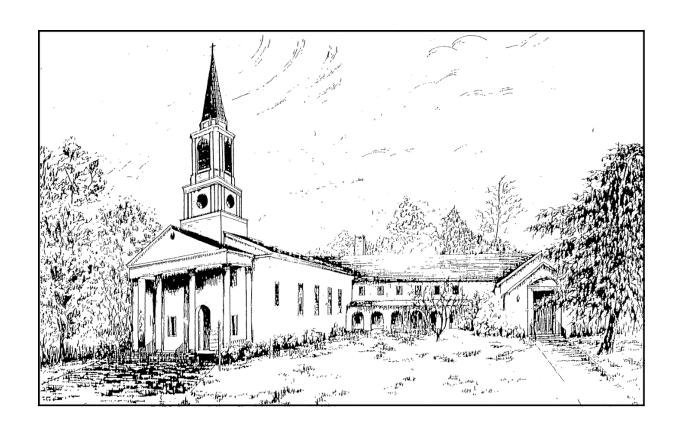
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# LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## The Life of the Church September 18 - 25, 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 23 – Layla Lemmonds

| Sunday    | 9:45 AM  | Confirmation Class – Parlor             |
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|           | 9:45 AM  | Children's Sunday School                |
|           | 10:15 AM | Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room            |
|           | 11:00 AM | Worship - Sanctuary & via Facebook Live |
|           | 12:00 PM | Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary      |
|           | 4:00 PM  | Stated Session Meeting – FLC            |
| Monday    | 5:45 PM  | Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell room      |
| Monday    | 6:30 PM  | Bible Study "Grace"– FLC                |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM  | Wednesday Night supper - FLC            |
| Thursday  | 6:30 PM  | Small Group Gathering – Hazel Hubbard's |
|           |          |                                         |

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:

Ann Borthwick; Justina Eddy; Bill Miller; Roberta Byers; 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 <a href="mailto:limepresbyterian@bellsouth.net">limepresbyterian@bellsouth.net</a> or to Lynn at <a href="mailto:limestone.presby.pastor@gmail.com">limestone.presby.pastor@gmail.com</a>. Or if you have a hard copy, drop by the office so we can take a photo of it.

# <u>Congregational Meeting – September 18</u>

Session has approved a Congregational Meeting today 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.

# **Work Day**

Thank you to everyone who came out and assisted with the cleaning and organizing activities. We appreciate your service of time. We especially appreciate your commitment to Limestone.

**(OVER PLEASE FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION)** 

# **Confirmation Class – September 18**

An intergenerational confirmation class began today and 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. Please sign up for these meals on the sheets available in the FLC. Please contact Robin Morris at 864-492-5154 or via email at <a href="mailto:rmorris@foothillspresbytery.org">rmorris@foothillspresbytery.org</a> with questions.

### **Bible Study**

Lynn has begun a new Bible Study on Mondays titled *10 words: The Beginnings of a Dictionary of Faith.* We will consider a word of faith each week, learning about the Biblical roots, theological and historical context, and how we integrate them in our language today. Join us at 6:30 in the Family Life Center.

# "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul" (Anthem)

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy Bosom Fly, While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high: Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last! Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on Thee; Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed; All my help from Thee I bring; Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of Thy wing. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin; Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; Freely let me take of Thee; Spring Thou up within my heart, Rise to all Eternity, Eternity.