

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

11:00 AM

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THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In a now-classic book about youth ministry, *Soul Searching*, the authors identify the “religion” of youth (and not a few adults) as “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism” – even when these youth and adults would call themselves Christian. The three main values of this belief system are (1) religion helps you be a better person; (2) religion helps you feel good about yourself; and (3) God is there to help you when you need it but otherwise makes no claims on your life, time, or resources. Does one or more of the persons in today’s readings seem to practice faith in that way? What is missing from “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism” that we find in the fullness of Christianity?

- OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Prelude

“Blessed Assurance” (Berry)

David Thompson

Call to Worship

Larry Sossamon

Leader: We who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty proclaim,

People: “God is our refuge and fortress, the one in whom we trust.”

Leader: We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High know that love surrounds us.

People: We will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day.

Leader: “Those who love me, I will deliver,” says the Lord.

People: O Lord, we call to you now. We rejoice in your salvation.

\*Hymn of Praise # 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and generous God, you lavishly bestow on us the gift of your love. Forgive us, we pray— when we don’t see or recognize your gifts for what they are; when we think we have somehow earned or are entitled to your generosity; when we take what you give and beg you for more; when we hoard our gifts and do not hear the cry of those around us; when our desire for more plunges us into ruin and destruction. Teach us the ways of godliness, and grant us a spirit of contentment, that we may be grateful for your provision and share with others the gifts you give. As we are blessed by you, so may we be a blessing to others, in the name of your matchless gift, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God’s loving presence never abandons us, not even when we abandon God. God delivers those who seek and love the Lord. All we have to do is call, and God answers us. God answers us with rescue and honor, forgiveness and mercy, life and salvation. 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)

“Sing And Be Joyful” (Wilson)

Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Luke 16:19-31

Second Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“Random Acts of Foolishness”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Service of Giving

Offertory

“Abide With Me” (Wood)

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

(Confession of 1967, 9.54-55)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God’s triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

\*Hymn # 740

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“A Charge to keep I Have” (Edwards)

Rita Harmon

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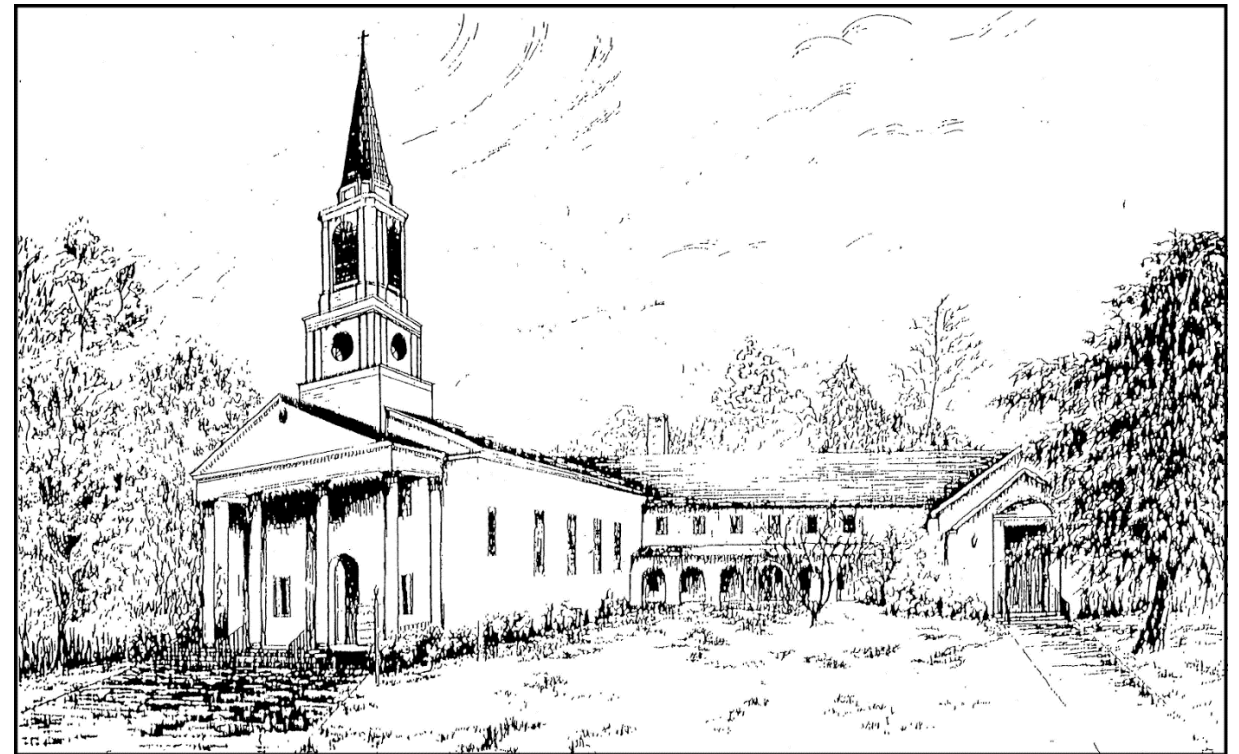
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LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Life of the Church
September 25 – October 2, 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.
The flowers in worship last week (September 18) were given by James Hart and Melinda Peeler Hart to the glory of God and in celebration of their marriage, and the flowers on September 11 were given by Hazel Hubbard to the glory of God.

Birthdays: September 30 – Renee Wiseman
September 30 – Betsy Cathcart
September 30 – Alice Bonner

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| Sunday | 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 |
| Monday | 5:45 PM | Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell room |
| Monday | 6:30 PM | Bible Study “Holy”– FLC |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Wednesday Night supper - FLC |
| Thursday | 6:30 PM | Small Group Gathering – Hank & Michelle Jolly’s |
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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:
Confirmation class; confirmand sponsors; Bobby Beattie; 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 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.

{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.

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.

“Sing And Be Joyful” (Anthem)
Sing and be joyful, be joyful and sing.
Sing to all people that God is our King.
Glory and honor to His name belong.
Praise Him with trumpet, with dancing and song.
His works are full of majesty, His precepts we can trust.
He leads his people forth with joy and all his ways are just.
Sing of his majesty, power and might.
Turn from the darkness, rejoice in the light.
Sing of his mercy; His goodness proclaim.
Lift up your voices to honor His name.
O praise His name through all the earth, with lute and harp and voice.
Let trumpet shout his mighty deeds and call us to rejoice.
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