THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022 11:00 AM

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

To be of the Earth is to know: the restlessness of being a seed, the darkness of being planted, the struggle toward the light, the pain of growth into the light, the joy of bursting and bearing fruit, the love of being food for someone, the scattering of your seeds, the decay of the seasons, the mystery of death, and the miracle of birth. – John Soos

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Prelude "Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above" (Broughton)

Rita Harmon Prayer for Illuminati

Call to Worship

Renee Wiseman

One: We gather to worship with an expectation:

Many: that God will be revealed to us in new and astonishing ways.

One: Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in—difficult to believe.

Many: O God, we long to believe. Help our unbelief!
One: God is present here. God is working in our midst.

Many: Our mouths are filled with laughter, and we shout out with joy!

*Hymn of Praise # 367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gift of creation thoughtlessly, not caring for the world as you would care for it. We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Forgive us and help us, we pray. We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but are willing to tune out the cry of the hungry. Forgive us and help us, we pray. We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God who has taught us differently. In your mercy, forgive us and help us. Show us your intentions for us and our world once again. Open us to the good harvest that you share with us and all creation. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Friends, 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.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Children's Sermon Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Morning Prayer concluding with Lord's Prayer

*Hymn #697 "Take My Life"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Psalm 126 (Pew Bible, OT p.572)
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (Pew Bible, NT p.183)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "Bringing in the..." Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Service of Giving

Offertory "The Church's One Foundation" (Kendall) 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 Nicene Creed, 1.2)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

*Hymn # 693 "Though I May Speak"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Praise Him! Praise Him!" (Mary McDonald) 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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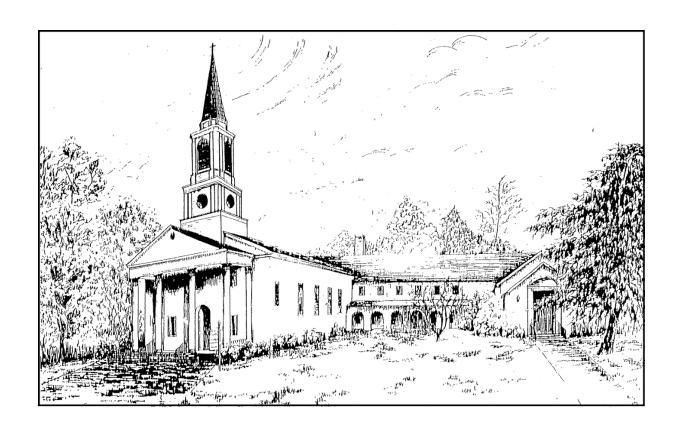
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# LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## The Life of the Church October 16 - 23, 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 honor of the baby shower for Vincent & Afia Aokye by Robin Morris and Sharon Thompson.

Birthdays: October 19 - Nancy McElroy

October 22 - Jim Watts October 23 - Larry Vincent

| Sunday    | 9:45 AM<br>9:45 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>12:15 PM | Confirmation Class – Parlor<br>Children's Sunday School<br>Worship - Sanctuary & via Facebook Live<br>Baby Shower for Vincent & Afia Anokye - FLC |
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| Monday    | 5:45 PM                                    | Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room                                                                                                                |
| Monday    | 6:30 PM                                    | Bible Study "Righteous/ness"– FLC                                                                                                                 |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM                                    | Wednesday Night Supper - FLC                                                                                                                      |
| Friday    | 6:30 PM                                    | Small Group Gathering – Bill & Becky Wheeler                                                                                                      |

<u>The Sunday School Offering</u> 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:

Jo Jo Ritchie; Limestone Students; Confirmation class; confirmand sponsors; Bobby Beattie; Justina Eddy; Roberta Byers; Trish Tong; Steve Beheler; Tim Sinnott; a confidential request for a lymphoma diagnosis.

## Baby Shower - October 16

You are cordially invited to a baby shower for Vincent and Afia Anokye immediately following worship today in the Family Life Center. They are expecting a girl in mid-November. We hope you can all join us to celebrate.

## **Children's Sermons**

Each week in worship we have the opportunity to share a bit of scripture or theology or lived faith with our children. Would you be one of the people who leads a children's sermon? We'll provide training and even ideas if you need one. If you would like to be one of the team of people who lead children's sermons, please see Carrie or Lynn.

## <u>Stewardship Ministry & Market Fair – October 30</u>

Sponsored by the LPC 2022 Confirmation Class, this fair is your opportunity to set up a booth to sell merchandise that you have either made or bought with the \$20 the church gave you to steward during the month of October. At the event's conclusion, we will all turn in the results of our stewardship to see what has grown. The Ministry & Market Fair will be held during the Church School hour in the FLC.

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

#### Fall Festival – October 30

The 2022 Fall Festival is just weeks away! Limestone Pres will join with our sister churches for this year's Fall Festival to be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We are wholly responsible for several activities and will also contribute to group efforts like hot dogs and Trunk-or-treating. Please take a look at the sign-up sheet at the link below and indicate what you can provide.

Just write your name in the slot by what you will bring. The sign-up sheet is

here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jW-o

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#### **Sanctuary Flowers**

If you would like to order flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary, please check the calendar on the bulletin board and fill out the order form & leave it on the desk in the office.

#### Exhibit retro for LC

Sara Setzer will be presenting AAUW's October program, Thursday, October 20 at 12:00 noon at the Gaffney Visitors Center and Art Gallery. If you missed her exhibit or talk or wouldn't mind seeing it again, you are welcome to attend this open meeting. ALL Limestone Presbyterians are invited. Lunch will be catered—about \$10.00 each. If you plan to attend, and Sara hopes you will, please let her know for seating and lunch—864-489-9817.

#### Next week's lectionary readings are:

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65:1-13; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14.