

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

11:00 AM

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**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

(Attributed to Francis of Assisi)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**Prelude**

“He Hideth My Soul” (Berry)

David Thompson

**Call to Worship**

(Based on Hosea 10:12)

Renee Wiseman

One: Sow for yourselves righteousness;

**Many: And we will reap steadfast love.**

One: Break up your fallow ground,

**Many: for it is time to seek the Lord.**

One: When you find the Lord,

**Many: God will rain righteousness upon us.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 716**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Merciful God, we confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours; the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement; the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and promised. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

One: Hear God’s word spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart. 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**

Becky Wheeler

**Morning Prayer concluding with Lord’s Prayer**

**Anthem** (see insert)

“Tender Shepherd” (Martin)

Chancel Choir

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

Matthew 13:31-32 (Pew Bible, NT p.14)

**Second Reading**

Isaiah 55:10-13 (Pew Bible, OT p.686)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

“You Cut It and Put It On A Hot Dog”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

**Service of Giving**

**Offertory**

“I Want to Be a Christian” (Mary McDonald)

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**

***(A Declaration of Faith, 6.1-2)***

**God has not waited to be discovered. Taking the initiative, the Lord’s Word has addressed humankind in many ways. Through the Word of God the world was created. The Word became flesh in Jesus Christ. Through the Word of God the New Creation is being formed. We believe God’s Word is God’s communication to us. Although God is free to speak to us in unexpected ways, we confidently listen for God’s Word in Jesus Christ, in holy Scripture, in preaching and the sacraments. The Word which was with God from the beginning was embodied in Jesus Christ. We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ, God’s Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ, God’s Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God, but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.**

**\*Hymn # 692**

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (arr. Hebble)

Rita Harmon

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Barbara Cope
Michelle Jolly
Robin Morris

Class of 2023

Larry Sossamon
Bill Wheeler
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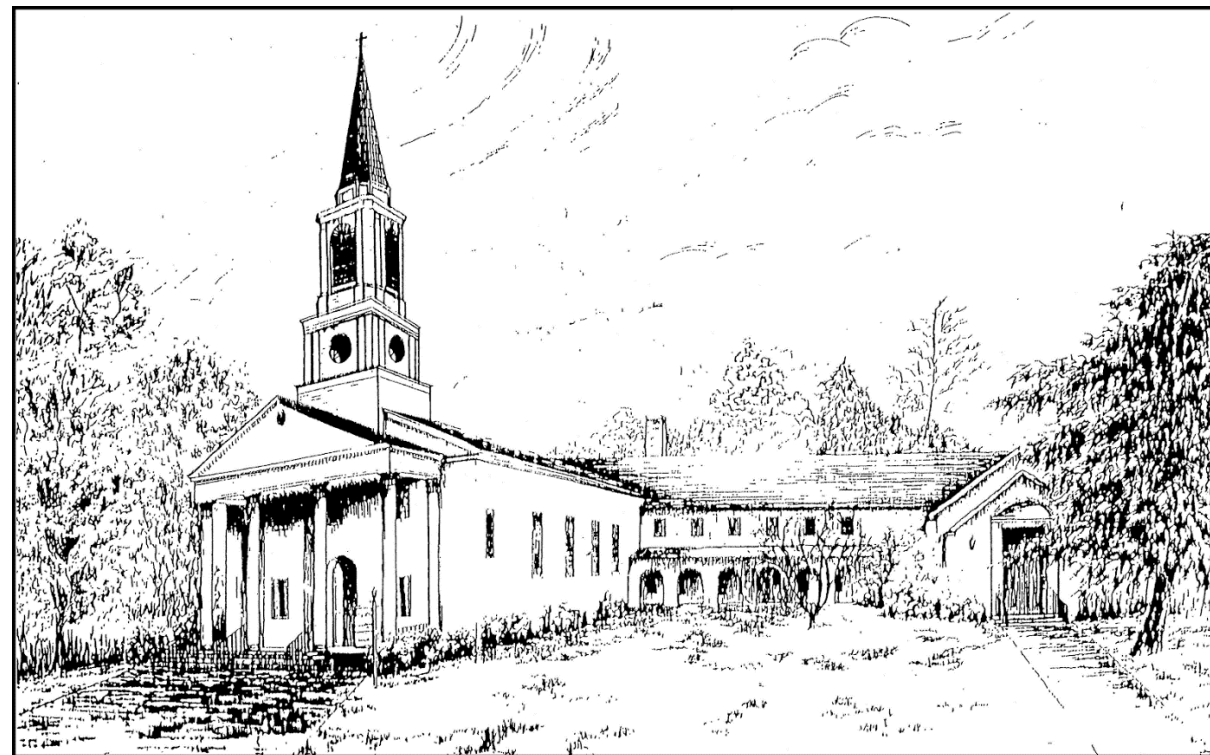
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LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**The Life of the Church
October 23 - 30, 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 23 – Larry Vincent
October 25 – Ashley Benson

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| Sunday | 9:45 AM | Confirmation Class – Parlor |
| | 9:45 AM | Children's Sunday School |
| | 10:15 AM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship - Sanctuary & via Facebook Live |
| | 12:30 PM | Stated Session Meeting - FLC |
| Monday | 5:45 PM | Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room |
| | 6:00 PM | Fall Festival Meeting – St. Paul's Lutheran Church |
| Monday | 6:30 PM | Bible Study "Predestination" – FLC |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Wednesday Night Supper - FLC |

The Sunday School Offering for the 4th 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:

Carol Berry; Family & Friends of Tedi Gibbons; Isaac Dale; Tom Brawley; Craig Bennett; Jo Jo Ritchie; Limestone Students; Confirmation class: Layla Lemmonds, Leah Miller, Taylor Miller; confirmand sponsors; Bobby Beattie; Justina Eddy; Roberta Byers; Steve Beheler; a confidential request for a lymphoma diagnosis.

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.

Stewardship Ministry & Market Fair – October 30

Next Sunday we'll see what has grown from the \$20 seed money you were given as part of our Stewardship emphasis. **If you have items to sell at the Ministry and Market Fair**, see a member of the Confirmation Class (Taylor Miller, Leah Miller, and Layla Lemmonds) and pay your \$1 to reserve a table. If you can't catch one of them, you can give your money to Lynn, Carrie, or Robin. Next Sunday **everyone is invited** to the Family Life Center during the Sunday School hour to shop and see what our members' talents have produced. **If your \$20 wasn't used to produce something to sell**, see Lynn and let her know how you used that money for God's glory. We'll make a report to the congregation during worship.

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.

Time and Talent Surveys

Next week (10/30) in worship we will be affirming our stewardship for the coming year. We will be placing Time and Talent Surveys in the offering plate along with our other gifts. Blank surveys are available in the church office. Please have each person in your household (children through adults) fill out a form.

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-oBirNTJe8Qdgch3EBkWHLIF5mKSkRhKRYNYK7A-A/edit?usp=sharing>

Advent Wreaths

On November 30 our Wednesday night program will include an Advent Wreath-Making event. If you are interested in making an Advent wreath, please sign up with the church office. We are ordering candles, purchasing frames, and gathering greenery, and we want to have enough for everyone.

Next week's lectionary readings are:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10.

"Tender Shepherd" (Anthem)

Tender Shepherd, lead me on.

From the hills I hear Your song calling me home where I belong,
back to your arms so kind, so strong.

When my path begins to stray, Shepherd, you never turn a way

You bear my sins and take the blame,

and carry me back to the fold to stay.

Though I walk through valleys dark, your love will keep me from all harm;

And I know I am safe in your arms, I am safe in your arms.

Mighty God, and yet a man; Shepherd, my heart is in your hands,

my every thought you understand;

you know what it's like to be a Lamb, you know what it's like to be a, to be a Lamb.

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