

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 2022

11:00 AM

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**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

In preparation for worship, you are invited to read the text of hymn 730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God." Today we observe All Saints Day remembering, as the note in the hymnbook says, "the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places."

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**Prelude**

"I Sing the Mighty Power" (Kelsey)

David Thompson

**Call to Worship**

One: God's light shines on God's people today,

**Many: as it shone in every moment of history.**

One: The light of God's presence inspires our celebration,

**Many: and inspires our lives.**

One: In the light of God's presence we recognize God

**Many: as the source of all creation and as the strength that sustains,**

One: as wisdom that foresees, and as clarity that discovers,

**Many: as love that understands, and as mercy that forgives.**

One: May the light of God's presence continue to guide us,

**Many: continue to reform us, continue to change us as we follow Jesus our Lord.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 326**

"For All the Saints"

**\*Call to Confession**

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

**Merciful and Everlasting God, we stand before your majesty acknowledging that we are sinners. It seems that daily, and in many ways, we break your commandments. You should be angry with us, O God. But, we are truly sorry that we have disappointed and displeased you. We pray that your grace will bring us help and hope. Be pleased, we pray, to have mercy on us. Forgive us all our sins, remembering that Jesus suffered for us and claims us as his own. Give us, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Increase them in us more and more each day so that, acknowledging our unrighteousness with our whole heart, we may truly repent. Take from us what is sinful and bring forth in us the fruits of the Spirit, which are pleasing to you. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

One: In Christ Jesus, the perfect suffered for the imperfect, the sinless became sin for the sinner; we are forgiven and freed to live in a right relationship with God.

**Many: Thanks be to God for the forgiveness of sin! How should we live in right relationship with God?**

One: God spoke these ten words: *I am your One and Only God. Don't substitute other things for me. Don't misuse my name. Regularly, and without fail, stop and rest as I did. Honor the Life-Givers. Refuse to take life. Your life-long commitments should be honored – they are important for you and the whole community. Don't take what isn't yours. Be honest in your dealings with people and society. Trust my provision for your life.* Our Lord Jesus said: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind This is the*

*greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

**\*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)

"A Mighty Fortress" (Luther)

Chancel Choir

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading**

Colossians 1:1-12 (Pew Bible, NT p.199)

**Second Reading**

Psalms 46 (Pew Bible, OT p.517)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

"-ed, Always -ing"

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

**Service of Giving**

**Offertory**

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (Southbridge)

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**

(From *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

Q1. Who are you?

**I am a child of God.**

Q2. What does it mean to be a child of God?

**That I belong to God, who loves me.**

Q3. What makes you a child of God?

**Grace – God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.**

Q4. Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

**No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.**

Q5. How do you thank God for this gift of love?

**I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**

Q6. How do you love God?

**By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.**

**\*Hymn # 39**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

"Laudation" (Martin)

Rita Harmon

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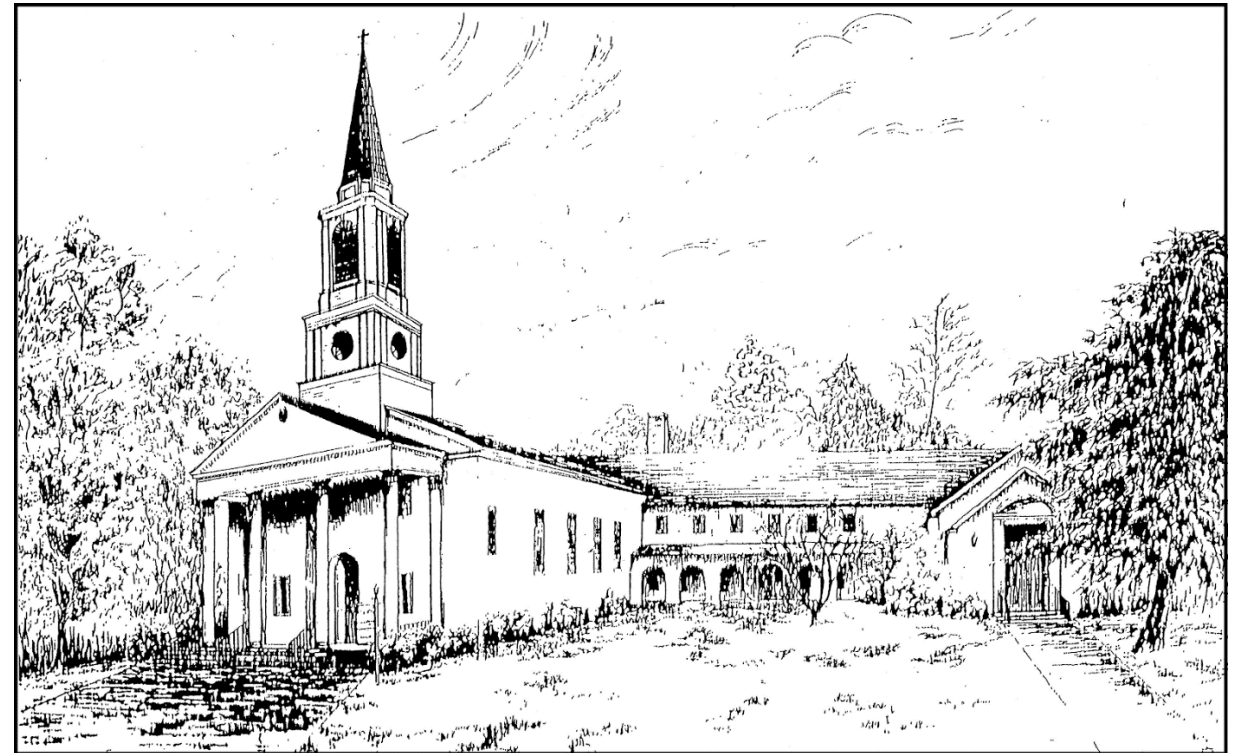
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LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Life of the Church
October 30 – November 6, 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 29th anniversary of Lynn's ordination by the John Knox Presbyterian church in Savannah, Georgia.

Birthdays: October 31 – Tony Sossamon, Jr.
November 1 – Marcia Simmons
November 2 – Anna Benson
November 4 – Jim Thompson

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| Sunday | 9:45 AM | Ministry & Market Fair - FLC |
| | 10:15 AM | Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship - Sanctuary & via Facebook Live |
| | 4:00 PM | Fall Festival – St. Paul's Lutheran Church |
| Monday | 6:30 PM | Bible Study "Spirit"– FLC |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Wednesday Night Supper – FLC |
| Thursday | 5:45 PM | Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room |
| Thursday | 6:00 PM | Circle 4 – Barbara Ross' home |

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:

Craig Bennett; Carol Berry; 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.

Fall Festival – October 30

We hope to see everyone tonight at St. Paul's Lutheran Church for the Fall Festival beginning at 4:00pm!

Baby Shower - November 13

The Circles will host a baby shower for Jenni (Spires) & Ashton Lail on Sunday, November 13. They are expecting a girl, and are registered at Amazon, Target & Walmart. More info to come.

Let's Ring the Bells

Limestone will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Belk. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Shifts are marked for one hour, but you may sign up for more than one shift if you choose. The Salvation Army has said that it is fine to bring a chair and sit during your shift. We need at least two people per shift, but three would be better.

Hanging of the Greens – November 20 & 21

Please save the dates for the Hanging of the Greens. We will begin at 5:00pm on Sunday, and continue at 6:00pm on Monday.

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:

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5,17-21; Psalm 98:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38.

Worship Notes

Today is Reformation Sunday, commemorating October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther walked up to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany, with a hammer in his hand. Church doors were sort of a bulletin board of the day. Luther nailed a list of 95 things about church and theology that he'd like to talk about. Though the idea of reformation had been floating around for a while, it was after Luther's action that the Protestant movement bloomed.

Presbyterians are the Scottish branch of what is known as the Reformed tradition. Scottish pastor John Knox was a student of John Calvin, a French Reformer, in Geneva, Switzerland. Calvin's ideas are present in our service today. Each worship service began with the reading of Psalm 124:8, as did ours this morning. The prayer of confession is based on a prayer of confession from 1525 attributed to John Oecolampadius (1482-1531). The Decalogue – what we call the Ten Commandments – was read following the prayer of confession. This morning our Summary of the Law is based on the work of Eugenia Gamble in *Love Carved in Stone*, the 2019-2020 PW Bible study. The reading and proclamation of the Word were placed in the middle of the service, symbolizing the place of God's Word at the center of Christian life. The singing was all Psalms in Calvin's church. We've moved beyond just the Psalms, but today's anthem, "A Mighty Fortress" is a paraphrase of Psalm 46.

Today we also observe All Saints' Day (November 1). On All Saints Day we rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. Our first hymn, "For All the Saints," is set to a tune called "Sine Nomine," literally "without a name." That might refer to all the saints of God who, though unnamed in history, are nevertheless named and cherished in our hearts.

"A Mighty Fortress" (anthem)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
A mighty fortress is our God!

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