

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022

11:00 AM

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THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today—loving the Lord your God and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul— then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil, and he will give grass in your field for your livestock, and you will eat your fill. Deuteronomy 11:13-14 (NRSVue)

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Prelude

“Cross Medley” (Wolaver)

David Thompson

Call to Worship

Dean Wyatt

One: We gather to worship and to be part of the mystery of creation.  
**Many: We place seeds in the waiting earth, then wait in hope and expectation.**  
One: To wait with hope and expectation is a statement of faith.  
**Many: We have faith that seeds will sprout and that we will bring in a good harvest.**  
One: It is God who causes the grass to grow for the animals and plants for people to use.  
**Many: It is God who causes the rain to fall and nourish the earth.**  
One: God causes us to grow as well. God gives us good food to eat.  
**Many: We wait for God to give us growth. While we wait, we worship. While we worship, we grow.**

\*Hymn of Praise # 714

“God of the Fertile Fields”

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and then placed us in a garden. You gave us every seed for food, and you gave us the companionship of one another. Forgive us that we fail to give to others, when you have so generously given to us. We look for our maximum benefit and minimum sacrifice. We have forgotten where every good gift comes from – you. Holy Spirit, shape our hearts to have a posture of gratitude and open our hands to give, that others might see your generous grace and love. Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon

One: 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. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**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

Anthem (see insert)

“Let All The Earth Their Voices Raise” (Page)

Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 1:1, 9-13, 26-31 (Pew Bible, OT p.1)

Second Reading

Mark 4:1-20 (Pew Bible, NT p.38)

Leader:

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

People:

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“The Sower”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Service of Giving

Offertory

“Give Me Jesus” (Lau)

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 Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls us to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

\*Hymn # 171 (using Ellacombe tune #197)

“A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“Trumpet Fanfare” (Werler)

Rita Harmon

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MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

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Barbara Cope
Michelle Jolly
Robin Morris

Class of 2023

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LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Life of the Church
October 9-16, 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 10 – Sara Setzer
 October 13 – Larry Sossamon

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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 |
| | 12:15 PM | Pumpkin Patch – Strawberry Hill |
| Monday | 5:45 PM | Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room |
| Monday | 6:30 PM | Bible Study “Providence”– FLC |
| Tuesday | 10:30 AM | Circle 1 - Parlor |
| Wednesday | 6:00 PM | Wednesday Night Supper - FLC |
| Friday | 6:30 PM | Small Group Gathering – Jason & Whitney Blanton |
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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:

Victims of Hurricanes Fiona & Ian; 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.

Pumpkin Patch

Is anything more autumnal than a pumpkin patch? Limestone's children and youth will be visiting Strawberry Hill's pumpkin patch TODAY. Contact Carrie Wyatt to sign up your child or grandchild. And for those of us without children or grandchildren, they also need chaperones and drivers. If you are willing to drive (and spend the day with younger members of your church family), please see Carrie.

Baby Shower – October 16

You are cordially invited to a baby shower for Vincent and Afia Anokye immediately following worship next week 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.

{OVER PLEASE FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION}

New address for Anne Borthwick

2 Bishop Gadsden Way, Unit 1056, Charleston, SC, 29412

Next week's lectionary readings are:

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2Timothy 3:14 - 4:5; Luke 18:1-8.

Small Group Meals with Pastor Lynn – Last Chance

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.

Baptism Photos

Be sure to stop by the bulletin board across from the office and see the baptismal photos we've collected. We have photos of baptisms at Limestone as well as baptisms of Limestone members, including copies of two baptismal certificates! You'll also see a photo of Lilith Harmon and Carly Peeler, newly baptized at Limestone last Sunday. "...for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." Galatians 3:26-27

“Let All the Earth Their Voices Raise”

Let all the earth their voices raise to sing the great Jehovah’s praise,
and bless His holy name.

His glory let the people know, His wonders to the nations show,

His saving grace proclaim, His saving grace proclaim.

He framed the globe, He built the sky, He made the shining worlds on high,
and reigns in glory there.

His beams are majesty and light, His beauties, how divinely bright!

His dwelling place, how fair! His dwelling place, how fair!

Come the great day, the glorious hour when earth shall feel His saving power,
all nations fear His name;

Then shall the race of men confess the beauty of His holiness, His saving grace proclaim,

His saving grace proclaim, His saving grace proclaim,

His saving grace proclaim, His saving grace proclaim!