

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King / Reign of Christ

November 20, 2022

11:00 AM

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THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Today we celebrate the Reign of Christ (also known as Christ the King Sunday). As the last Sunday of the liturgical year, it allows us to celebrate the fact that the child in the manger, the man baptized in the Jordan, the innocent who was crucified, the Savior who was resurrected is indeed, ruler of heaven and earth. Our tone in worship, then, is celebratory but not triumphant as if we are responsible for this victory. Instead, we remember that Christ's power over the world is not based on coercion or overwhelming force. Rather, Christ's power enters into human life, understands suffering, conquers sin and makes all things new. God works with and through us, but it is God who accomplishes God's purposes. (adapted from Dudley Weaver's *Worship Notes for the Sunday Bulletin*)

- OUR APPROACH TO GOD
- Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller
- Prelude

"All Thanks and Praise to God! (Lani Smith)

Rita Harmon
- Call to Worship

Buck Jolley

One: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Many: **Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!**

One: God's only Son came to earth in the form of a slave, was a friend to the poor, and is now, again, seated at God's right hand, where he rules in glory.

Many: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us and made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Many: **Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!**
- \*Hymn of Praise # 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
- \*Call to Confession
- \*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

You, O God, should be our one and only Sovereign King. Yet we kneel before things and people that are not you. We kneel before money, power, gossip, pride, success, envy, and self-absorption. Forgive us, we pray, when we choose things that ultimately break us and tear us apart. Help us, we pray, to trust you as the only ruler we need, as the only power whose authority commands us, as the ultimate owner of our loyalty. Have mercy on us, God who rules over the nations. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
- \*Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear these words from scripture: "God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." God has promised us forgiveness, and God's promises are sure. 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

Carrie Wyatt

Morning Prayer concluding with Lord's Prayer

Anthem (see insert)

"Autumn Carol" (Schulz-Widmar)

Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6 (Pew Bible, OT p.725)

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-23 (Pew Bible, NT p.200)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

"Cosmic"

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Service of Giving

Offertory

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (Berry)

David Thompson

\*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 # 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

"Finale on Now Thank We All Our God" (Saxton)

Rita Harmon

Congregational Meeting

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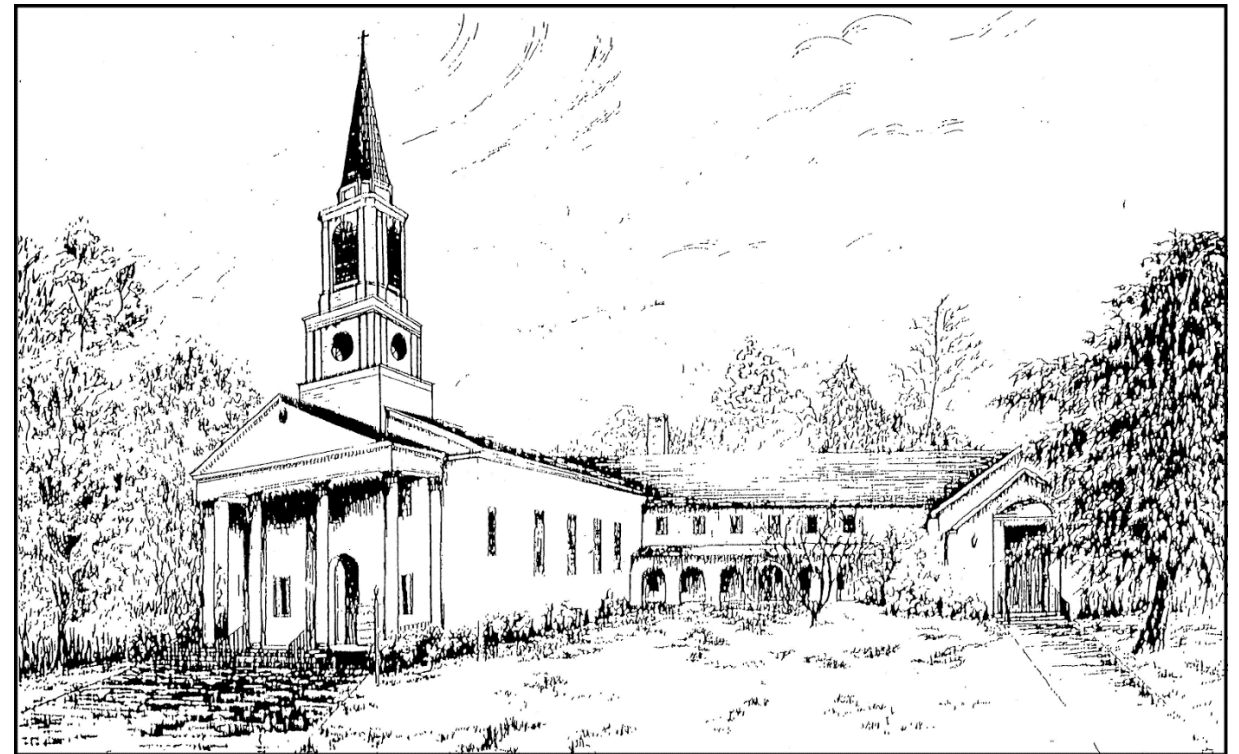
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LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Life of the Church
November 20-27, 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 loving memory of Dean’s mother, Faye Ballew and Renee’s father, Harold LaVanture by Dean and Renee Wiseman.

Birthdays: November 20 – Peggy Wyatt
November 25 – Carly Peeler

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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 |
| | 3:00 PM | Limestone University Chorus Concert – Sanctuary |
| Monday | 5:00 PM | Hanging of the Greens |
| | 5:30 PM | Girl Scouts – Girl Scouts Room |
| | 5:45 PM | Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room |
| | 6:00 PM | Hanging of the Greens |
| Tuesday | 6:00 PM | Thanksgiving Service - Chapel |
| Sunday | 1:00 PM | Memorial Service for Doris Smith – Sanctuary & FLC |
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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:

Friends/family of Joy Sprague, Tim Sinnott, and Craig Bennett; Hazel Anokye; Peggy Wyatt; Steve Beheler; Jo Jo Ritchie; Limestone Students; Confirmation class: Layla Lemmonds, Leah Miller, Taylor Miller; confirmand sponsors; Bobby Beattie; Justina Eddy; Roberta Byers; Trish Tong; a confidential request for a lymphoma diagnosis.

Congregational Meeting Today

Session has approved a Called Congregational Meeting following worship to hear a report from the Church Nominating Committee.

Limestone University Chorus Concert

LPC will host the Limestone University and Community Chorus concert, "Harvest Time" this afternoon. The musical program nods not only to harvest but other events of Autumn including Thanksgiving and the Jewish festival of Sukkot. Please be present to welcome the Chorus, which includes several members of the LPC family. The concert begins at 3:00 in the sanctuary.

Let’s Ring the Bells

Limestone will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 3, from 10 am - 5 pm at Belk. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office or in the FLC. 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.

{OVER PLEASE FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION}

Angel Tree

Please stop by the Angel Tree in the Sanctuary & Family Life Center to choose your angel! This is a wonderful outreach to support our local Salvation Army and community children. We have done a terrific job with this in the past. Please return all unwrapped gifts Dec. 12. Feel free to bring wrapping items with your gifts as well.

Hanging of the Greens – November 20 & 21

We will begin at 5:00pm today, and continue at 6:00pm on Monday.

Women’s Christmas Dinner

Get your tickets now for the Women’s Christmas Dinner; Thursday, December 8 at 6:00pm. The tickets are \$21, and the meal will be catered by J. Michaels’ Catering.

Next week’s lectionary readings are:

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44.

“Autumn Carol” (anthem)

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise.

With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.

In God the rolling seasons in steadfast order move.

Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

The clouds break forth with raining, the deserts bloom and spring,

the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.

God fills them with abundance and nature’s gifts increase.

The year is crowned with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts God’s goodness gave,

the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.

Your hearts lay down in off’ring as at his feet you fall.

With holy lives adore him who gave his life for all.