



WHAT'S CENTER STAGE AT LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • GAFFNEY, SC

DECEMBER 28, 2022



#1 Gladys Aylward
 #2 Ann Weems (1934-2016,
 Presbyterian poet...look for her
 collections *Kneeling in Bethlehem*
 and *Psalms of Lament*.)

Sermon Follow-Ups

12-18-22

Ann Weems' poem about Joseph, "Getting to the Front of the Stable," can be found here:

<https://thelutheranreview.org/2015/12/18/who-put-joseph-in-the-back-of-the-stable/>

12-25-22

"Wherever You Find Love It Feels Like Christmas," from *The Muppet Christmas Carol* is here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcvvEt6am_I

Christmas Worship from Foothills Presbytery

The Foothills Presbytery, in cooperation with the Worship Committee and Foothills Music Leaders, offered congregations a virtual worship service to use during the Christmas season. The service includes the prayers from the Children's Book "The Twelve Prayers of Christmas" by Candy Chand with illustrations of each prayer by James Bernardin. Each prayer is read by a child from one of our congregations. In addition, choirs from around the presbytery, including Limestone's choir, recorded the music portions of the service.

The bulletin may be downloaded from google docs as a [word document](#) or [pdf](#).

The worship service is 51 minutes long and can be accessed through the [Foothills Presbytery YouTube](#) channel through [this link](#). Please note that the service is not public on the YouTube channel. It can only be accessed through <https://youtu.be/X6xo5Vvytc>

A Season of Giving

2022 saw the addition of two staff members at LPC, which increased the number of activities and opportunities for the congregation, including things like our children's trip to Strawberry Hill, the Blessing of the Backpacks, the Advent Wreath-making event and their Sunday morning activities. New staff members increased the personnel portion of our budget. We also continued to engage in the missions and ministries we as a congregation pledged to support. As we come to the end of the year, please remember Limestone in your giving and consider how you might help us end 2022 and begin 2023 in a strong financial position. We know God has promised us a future and a hope, and we are eager to go where God calls us, together.



Preparing a Table on Christmas Eve

LPC members hosted the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, December 24, 2022. We served 50 clients a hot meal of turkey, dressing, green bean casserole, mac & cheese, pear salad, rolls, and pumpkin pie for dessert.

Thank you to the volunteers: Mac & Janet Carroll, James Simmons, Bob & Mimi McCully, along with their daughter & son-in-law (Marie & Dave Feroli), Bill & Becky Wheeler, Renee & Dean Wiseman along with Renee's brother (Greg LaVanture).

I want to thank, Mac & Janet Carroll for the turkey, dressing, mac & cheese, Peggy Jolley for the pear salad, Lynn Miller for the rolls.

Thanks also to everyone who donated cookies and chex mix. Our guests appreciated that little something extra. -Renee Wiseman
"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 35:35

Please remember in prayer:

Butch Carroll; Noah Lindemann; Mark Porter; Miriam Burgess; Steve Beheler; Justina Eddy; Jo Jo Ritchie; Trish Tong; Confirmation Class: Layla Lemmonds, Taylor Miller & Leah Miller; Confirmation Sponsors: Michelle Jolly, Hazel Hubbard, & Becky Wheeler.

Sunday, January 1

9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Parlor
9:45 AM Children’s Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

Wednesday, January 4

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

Thursday, January 5

7:30 PM Circle 4 – Becky Wheeler’s home

Sunday, January 8

9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Parlor
9:45 AM Children’s Sunday School – Epiphany Party
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
2:00 PM Remove Christmas decorations

Tuesday, January 10

10:30 AM Circle 1 – Parlor

Many Thanks to...

Everyone who made Christmas Eve and Christmas morning worship happen - scripture readers and candle hander-outers, singers and ringers, ushers and more.

**Who are the LPC members who need to be thanked? Please call the office or let Lynn know so that we can thank them here. It takes all of us to make a Limestone Presbyterian Church that is functioning at its best. Let’s show our appreciation to one another.*

A Question to Ponder

Some congregations have a particular identity in their community. They are the mission-oriented church, the church with the best education program, the church who focuses on children, the church who...

What might be a signature focus for LPC? Not that we wouldn’t be engaged in a wide variety of ministries, but is there some area for which our members, our talents, our physical facilities might be perfect? Or perhaps there might be an area that could be a focus for a year.

The Session will be gathering after the first of the year to look at the opportunities ahead of us. Your voice is important. As you have ideas or thoughts or questions about what we as a congregation are called to do and who we as a congregation are called to be, talk with Lynn or a member of the Session

Sugar Rush

What do you get when you mix 4 pounds of butter, 7 pounds of confectioner’s sugar, 2 pounds of granulated sugar, 3½ pounds of flour, and a bottle of vanilla extract?



You get enough cookies for Limestone artists to decorate at Christmas. Practicing two different kinds of cookie decorating - piped buttercream and flooded royal icing - more than a dozen LPC artists turned the Family Life Center into a sugar haven. At “halftime,” the decorators turned actors with a participation story of the Nativity. Tables of sheep, shepherds, angels, and the night listened and responded on cue with “Baa!” “Yo, sheep!” “Hallelujah!” or a sung phrase of “Silent Night.” They were excellent actors and decorators. And no one was hyped up on sugar when they left the FLC. Really, all was calm...





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