

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023

11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude

“All Nature Sings” (Lani Smith)

Rita Harmon

Call to Worship

Robin Morris

One: The God of Isaiah is our God, too! God called Isaiah before Isaiah was even born.

Many: God has called us, too, even before we were born.

One: God had work for the prophets to do and has work for us as well.

Many: God named and claimed the prophets as God names and claims us.

One: God gave the prophets as a light to the nations.

Many: We, too, are to be light to the world, because God has chosen us. Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise #744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

*Call to Confession

Robin Morris

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, in baptism you have called us your children, yet we still think more of ourselves than we ought.

We point to our own preferences rather than to your will.

We point to our values rather than to the one who values everyone.

We point to our past rather than to the one who calls us into the future.

Forgive us, we pray.

Help us keep our eyes on Jesus

and our lives always pointing to him,

the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world and our sins.

We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that He gave his only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 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 WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

Carrie Wyatt

Anthem

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Runyan)

Chancel Choir

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided;

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness,

to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided;

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided;

great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

First Reading

Psalm 40:1-11 (Pew Bible OT p.513)

Second Reading

John 1:29-42 (Pew Bible NT p.92)

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

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What Are You Looking For?”

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

Service of Giving

Offertory

“Like a River Glorious” (Kelsey)

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

*Hymn #837

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

*Postlude

“Trumpet Tune” (Lau)

Rita Harmon

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\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

The flowers for worship today are given for the glory of God.

Please remember in prayer:

Anna Cox; Peggy Jolley; Fran & Fulton Ross; JT & Teresa Spires; Ashton & Jenni Lail; Rachel Hopper; Butch Carroll; Noah Lindemann; Mark Porter; Miriam Burgess; Steve Beheler; Confirmation Class: Layla Lemmonds, Taylor Miller & Leah Miller; Confirmation Sponsors: Michelle Jolly, Hazel Hubbard, & Becky Wheeler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sunday School Offering for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will be donated to Smile Train.

Contribution envelopes for 2023 are in the church narthex. If you did not receive a set but would like one, please get in touch with either Jim Watts or the church office.

A Note about the Anthem

Do you know the source of the refrain in this morning’s anthem? "Great is thy faithfulness; morning by morning new mercies I see; thou changest nought, they compassions they fail not. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me." Is it from poetry? Is it from scripture? Hebrew scripture or Christian scripture? It is from scripture -- actually, Hebrew scripture. Do you know which book? To read the scriptural origin of this anthem and hymn, see page 766, OT, in the pew Bible, verses 22 & 23.

Next week’s lectionary readings are:

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.

### Bible Study in January/February

We have "pictures" of them in the hallway outside the church office. What do you know about them? On Monday, January 30, we will begin a 4-week Bible study focusing on Jesus' 12 disciples -- who they were, where they were from, what they did in scripture, how we are like them, what we can learn from them. The gospel readings for January 15 and January 22 are both accounts of Jesus calling those disciples, so you can hear that part of the story in worship. Then on the 30th, we'll begin looking at these distinct persons and personalities. Can you name all twelve? We'll be learning (yes, singing!) a song that will let us have the names of those disciples on the tips of our tongues. If you want to be at the head of the class, you can hear the song and see the lyrics here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiZq3zDI5D4>

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Since 1908 January 18-25 is the traditional period for observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The 2023 theme for the week "Do Good; Seek Justice" comes from the week's theme scripture Isaiah 1:12-18. During this upcoming week, read from Isaiah and offer your own prayer that the Christian church will find our unity in Jesus Christ and show the world the power of his love.

### Life After Perfect: The 2023 Heritage Lecture at Westminster Presbyterian Church

New York Times bestselling author, Duke University professor, and incurable optimist Kate Bowler, Ph.D., will illustrate her take on the theme of Courage and Belonging in her talk as a cancer survivor. Her latest memoir, *No Cure For Being Human (and Other Truths I Need to Hear)*, grapples with her diagnosis, her ambition and her faith as she tries to come to terms with limitations in a culture that promises anything is possible. She focuses her studies on the cultural stories we tell ourselves about success, suffering and whether (or not) we're capable of change.

Join our friends at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2310 Augusta Street, Greenville, SC 29605, for this event! Seating is first come, first served. The Westminster Sanctuary holds 840 and the Sanctuary Atrium (overflow) holds 140. Reserve your spot today on Eventbrite, or contact the church office at (864) 232-2424. There is no charge for this event.

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## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, January 15

9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
12:30 PM Session Meeting – Conference Room

### Monday, January 16

5:30 PM Girl Scouts

### Wednesday, January 18

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

### Sunday, January 22

9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

### Upcoming

January 30 – Bible Study

## NEXT STEPS

- Make reservation for Wednesday Night Supper
- Review a book from our Library
- Check out the "12 Disciples" song on YouTube
- Pray for the unity of Christ's church
- Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight

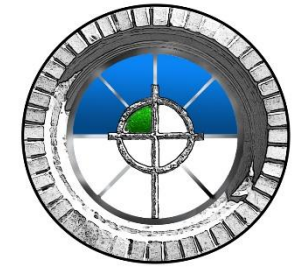
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January 17 – Sara Berry

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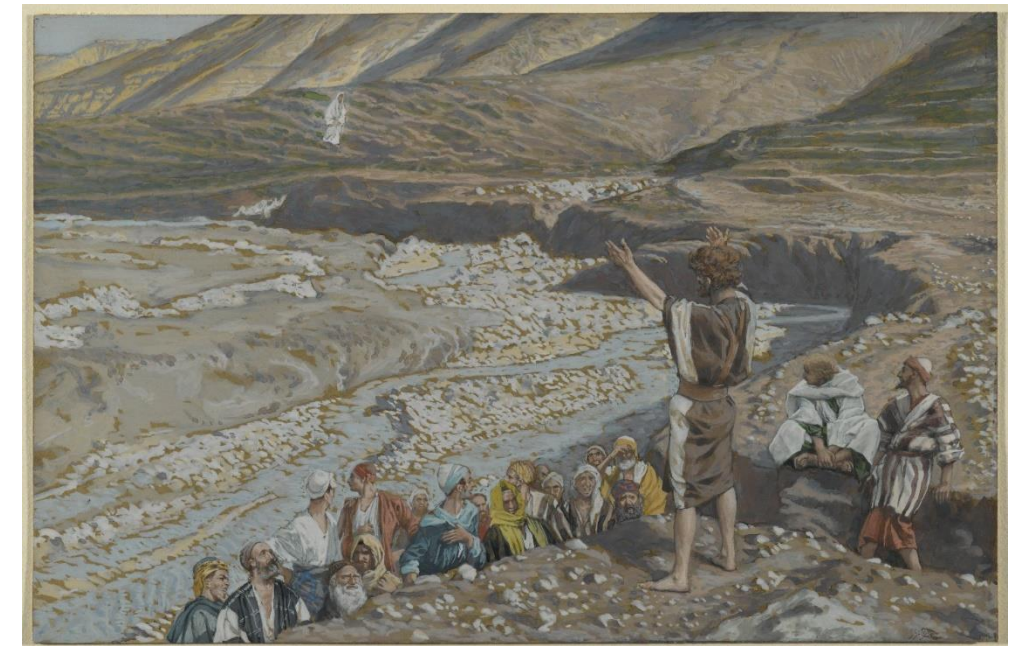


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WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF A LOVING GOD,  
GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



James Tissot. *John the Baptist Sees Jesus from Afar*. 1886-1894. Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper. Brooklyn Museum.

Perhaps no one is clearer about his own purposes, abilities and limitations than Elizabeth and Zechariah's son John. He can denounce a king, but he cannot make a new one. He can announce who Jesus is but doesn't feel worthy to do more than untie his sandal. John said, "He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease." 9John 3:30. John can baptize with water but must wait for someone else to baptize with Spirit. He can condemn the sins of the world, but he cannot take them away.