

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 202311:00 AM

Welcome and AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude“Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation” (arr. Johnson/Ricketts) Jim Simmons

Call to WorshipRobin Morris
One: The world finds no proof of God,
Many: But we know the heavens tell of God’s glory.
One: God’s message is foolishness to the world,
Many: But we know God’s foolishness is more perceptive than human wisdom.
One: Are you seeking God’s wisdom?
Many: We want to hear God’s word spoken to our hearts.
One: The freedom of the world brings us death,
Many: But we know obedience to God’s ways brings abundant life.
One: Are you seeking a Spirit-filled life?
Many: We long to live lives of holiness and light.
One: God shares wisdom generously with all who ask. Come near, people of God!
Many: Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

*Hymn of Praise #804“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

*Call to ConfessionRobin Morris

*Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, you have shown us the life we can have,
But too often we choose woes when we could have blessings.
We are blessed are we when we let go of possessions
Forgive us, we pray, when we hold on too much to the things of this world.
We are blessed when we have space in our lives for new growth.
Forgive us, we pray, when we fill our lives to capacity with things that aren’t you.
We are blessed when our lives so fully point to you that others can see it.
Forgive us, we pray, when we prefer to downplay your presence in our lives so that we keep the approval of others.
Have mercy on us, O God.

*Assurance of Pardon
One: Blessed are those who live life fully in the presence of God, for they recognize abundance – an abundance of acceptance, an abundance of love, an abundance of forgiveness. 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 SermonCarrie Wyatt

Anthem“Blest Are They” (Matthew 5:1-12) Chancel Choir
Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!
Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

First ReadingMicah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible OT p.866)
Second ReadingMatthew 5:1-12 (Pew Bible NT p.4)
One: The Word of God, for us, the people of God.
Many: Thanks be to God.

SermonRev. Dr. Lynn Miller
“Because Every Day Is Groundhog Day”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith(A Declaration of Faith 9.1)
In forming his people and sending them into the world
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.
We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God’s undeserved gift to each of us.
It is also God’s demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.
Forgiven by God and supported by each other,
we strive to become more faithful and effective
in our daily practice of the Christian life.

Prayers of the Peopleconcluding with the Lord’s Prayer

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

*Hymn #700“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

*Charge and BenedictionRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

*Postlude“Fanfare on Austrian Hymn” (Young) 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:**  
Ken Byers; Friends and Family of Peggy Jolley; Friends and Family of Fulton Ross; Anna Cox; Rachel Hopper; 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.

Next week’s lectionary readings are:  
Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20.

**Bible Study begins Tomorrow**  
For the next four Monday nights (January 30, February 6, 13, and 20) you are invited to learn more about Jesus’ original twelve disciples. We’ll consider their lives, their legacies, their presence in scripture, and their potential to be models for us today. We will begin each week at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

**Contribution Statements**  
Contribution statements for 2022 have either been e-mailed or are available in the narthex. If you did not receive yours, please contact Jim Watts or the church office.

**Circle Meeting**  
Circle #4 will meet on Thursday, February 2, at 7:00 at Nancy McElroy’s house. Her address is 134 Sunset Drive in Gaffney. Our group will be studying Celebrating Sabbath, Lesson Five: Sabbath and Servitude. We invite you to join us at Nancy’s house at 7:00.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Ministry Teams

Members of the Session are in the process of gathering their teams together in this new year. Are there places you would be interested in serving? The Elders have received a compilation of the Time and Talent Surveys completed in the Fall, but if you are interested in becoming involved in a particular part of congregational life, please contact the Elder for each team:

Fellowship/Congregational Care - Teresa Spires, Christian Education - Nancy McElroy, Outreach - Mimi McCully, Building and Grounds - Larry Sossamon, Worship - Dean Wyatt, Finance - Bill Wheeler

### Conference

Interested in attending a Montreat conference? There is a 2023 Program Calendar for the Montreat Conference Center on the bulletin board across from the church office. Montreat offers conferences for youth (6 of them!), women, small churches, and young adults. The conferences range in topic from worship and music to arts and recreation to crafts and more. Check out the poster or find all the offerings at <https://montreat.org/events>

### Souper Bowl of Caring

Since the NFL is in playoff games, we know that we are getting close to Super Bowl Sunday. Continuing our annual tradition, we will collect cans and money for the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

This year our Confirmation Class is sponsoring this event and they are asking for your support. Please bring canned food or financial donations to church on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to donate to the 2023 Tackle Hunger/Souper Bowl of Caring project. The food and the money will stay in the Gaffney community to help feed local needy families. Thanks for helping us tackle this problem!

### Sunday, January 29

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

### Monday, January 30

5:30 PM Girl Scouts  
6:30 PM Bible Study

### Wednesday, February 1

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - FLC

### Thursday, February 2

7:00 PM Circle 4 - Nancy McElroy's home

### Sunday, February 5

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

Feb. 6 - Handbell Rehearsal  
Feb. 12 - Souper Bowl of Caring  
Feb. 7 - Circle 1

## NEXT STEPS

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

## BIRTHDAYS

February 5 - John Gray

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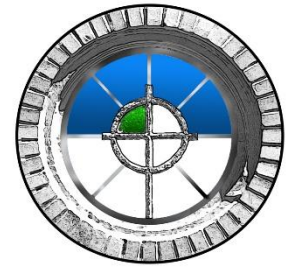


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WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF A LOVING GOD,  
GATHERING, GROWING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



Maurice Denis. **Sermon on the Mount.** 1934. Eglise St. Nicasius, Reims, France.

The duties required in the First Commandment are: the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify God accordingly; by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of God; believing God; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in God; being zealous for God; calling upon God, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to God with one's whole being; being careful in all things to please God, and sorrowful when in anything God is offended; and walking humbly with God.

**Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 104**