

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Minute for Mission: Souper Bowl

Layla Lemmonds

GATHERING

Prelude “Aberystwyth” (Young) Rita Harmon

Call to Worship Bob McCully

One: In all our weakness and strength,  
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

**Many: we come to be your people, O God.**

One: Strong in faith and eager with questions,  
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

**Many: we come to be your people, O God.**

One: Filled with saintly determination  
yet mindful of our human limitations,

**Many: we come to be your people, O God.**

One: Made strong in your endless love for us,  
we know ourselves to be yours and

**Many: we come to be your people, O God.**

**May we truly become your people today.**

\*Hymn of Praise #667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

\*Call to Confession Bob McCully

\*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we see ourselves in the people of long ago:

The prophets told them to give food to the hungry  
but they made feasts for themselves.

The prophets told them to overcome despair  
but they kept systems in place that were easiest for themselves.

The prophets told them to remove the yoke of injustice  
but they were happy with the status quo.

We also struggle with this guidance and too often fail  
in our attempts to build a community as you have instructed.

Forgive us, we pray.

Take away the things that hold us back.

Show us the way to confidence and generosity  
so that we may be known as your people:

repairing what is broken  
and restoring safety and peace.

With your help, O God, we can change and bring you glory. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

One: Though we may have strayed from God’s way, when we come to Jesus,  
the mediator of the new covenant, we can be sure that he cannot be  
shaken. We will not be abandoned; indeed, we will have continual  
guidance. Each time we follow God’s commandments we grow in the  
strength of our faith and our bond with God. We are changed. Praise be  
to God; this simple miracle is made available to all of us, God’s children.  
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 “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” (Getty/Townend) Chancel Choir

Holy Spirit, loving Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Come alive, give faith for what I cannot see.

Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.  
Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.  
Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made.

Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

First Reading Isaiah 58: 1-12 (Pew Bible OT p.688)

Second Reading Matthew 5:13-20 (Pew Bible NT p.4)

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

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Who You Are” Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Installation of Elders Mimi McCully and Nancy McElroy

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**Many: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord  
who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way but it is God’s  
purpose that is accomplished.

**Many: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common  
good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

\*Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day  
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to  
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion  
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the  
life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Charge to the Newly Installed

Prayers of the People concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

Service of Giving

Offertory “Children of the Heavenly Father” (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

\*Hymn #761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

\*Charge and Benediction Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

\*Postlude “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” (Lani Smith) 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:

Bill Wheeler; Peggy Miller; 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:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37.

### 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 #1 will have its February meeting on February 14th at 10:30 AM in the church parlor. Our minister Lynn Miller will lead the Bible study, "Celebrating Sabbath: Lesson 5, Sabbath and Servitude." Everyone is invited to come for this study and fellowship.

### Ministry Teams

This week at Wednesday night...come hear a report on the work of the Sessional committees at Limestone. What are they doing? What's new? How can you be part of the ministry of these groups? Each committee chair will make a short presentation, giving you an overview of what's happening at Limestone. Come and see what God is doing!

### 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!

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## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### 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

### Monday, February 6

5:30 PM Girl Scouts  
5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room  
6:30 PM Bible Study – FLC

### Wednesday, February 8

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

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### Upcoming

Feb. 12 – Souper Bowl of Caring

## 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
- Bring your donation for Souper Bowl of Caring

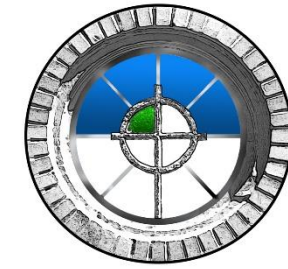
## BIRTHDAYS

February 5 – John Gray  
February 7 – Carrie Wyatt  
February 9 – Barbara Jarmon  
February 12 – Matthew Wheeler

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GATHERING, GROWING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER

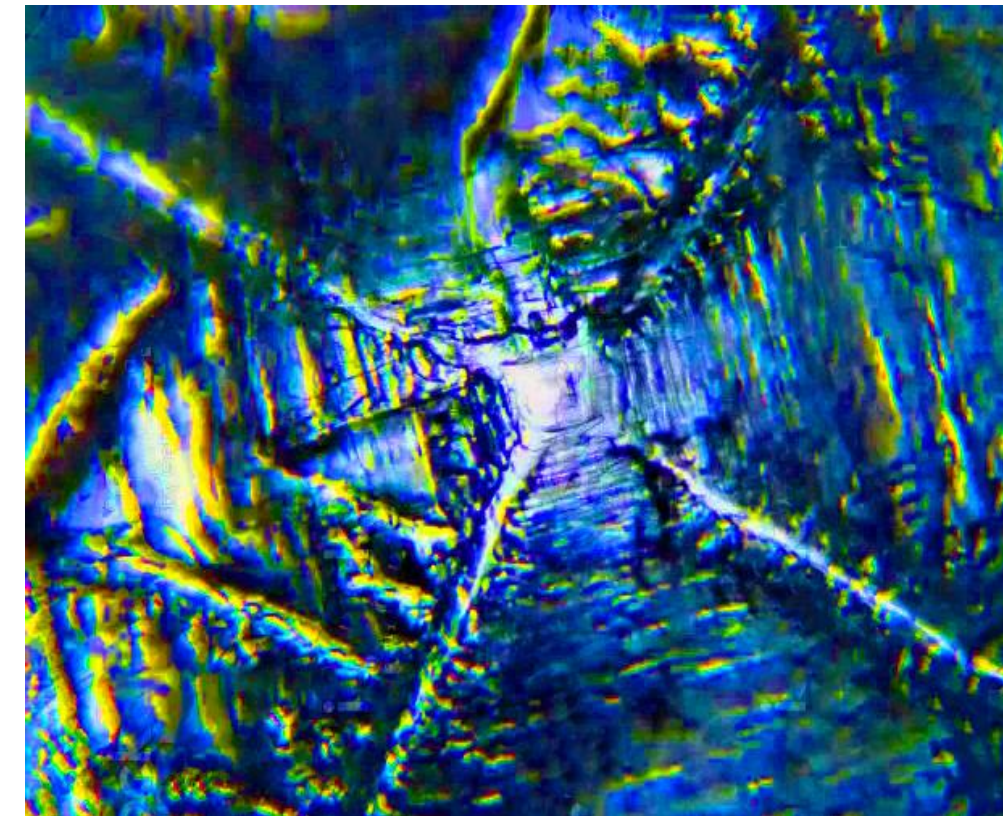


Photo of salt magnified by a microscope.

People don't enjoy salt. They enjoy what is salted. We are the salt of the earth. We do not exist for ourselves. -- John Piper