

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Prelude “The Old Rugged Cross” (Berry) David Thompson

Call to Worship Renee Wiseman

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me

for I am poor and needy

Preserve my life for I am devoted to you,

save your servant who trusts in you.

In the day of my trouble I call upon you, O Lord, for you will answer me.

There is none like you, O God, nor are there any works like yours,

For you are great and do wondrous things,

You alone are God

***Hymn of Praise #363** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

***Call to Confession** Renee Wiseman

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God,

Our lives are cluttered by too many things and too much to do.

**We are driven by the need to succeed, the need to reward our busyness,
and the need to be accepted.**

**We are all distracted from our call to serve you and have lost our way. We
are all imperfect and misguided.**

**Give us strength, O Lord, to break the bonds of this world in which we live
in. Give us a renewed courage to live a new life in you;**

**Give us faith to believe that with your help we cannot fail. Forgive us O,
God and bring us to a steady trust in you. Bring us to the way of hope
through Jesus Christ and a life of love, now and always....**

Silent Confession

Amen

***Assurance of Pardon**

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven
through God’s love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of
God I say, In Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***Assurance of Pardon Response #447**

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THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the Steps Carrie Wyatt

Anthem “Who At My Door Is Standing?” (K. Lee Scott) Chancel Choir
Who at my door is standing, There patiently drawing near,
Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?
Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”
Within, the rooms are darken’d, All filled with dust and sin;
How shameful, how unworthy. For Christ to enter in.
Yet, the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”
Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.
Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!”
Lord God, I hear thee Calling, Come now, abide with me.
Dear Lord, abide with me!

First Reading Genesis 21:8-21 (Pew Bible OT p.17)

Second Reading Matthew 10:24-39 (Pew Bible NT p.10)

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit Landon Hammett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** (The 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 sitteth on the right hand

of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

***Affirmation of Faith Response #582**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,

whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Prayers of the People concluding with the Lord’s Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory “For The Beauty For The Earth” (arr. Hartman) Jim Simmons

***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 #410** “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

***Charge and Benediction** Landon Hammett

***Postlude** “The Morning Trumpet” (Martin) Rita Harmon

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*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

The floral arrangement in worship today is given for the glory of God.

**Please remember in prayer:**

John Paul Hyché; Margaret Moeller; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Peggy Wyatt;

Buck Jolley; Emma June; DeAnna Tock, Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next week’s lectionary readings are:**

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

**Sunday School Offering**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Sunday School offering will go to the Imagination Library.

**Ready! Set! Go!**

On Wednesday, June 28, we will be going to the Palmetto Patriots Home.

**Pot Luck Lunch**

Please join us immediately after worship next Sunday, July 2, for a potluck  
lunch in the Family Life Center celebrating the first year of ministry together  
for Limestone Presbyterian Church and Lynn Miller. The church will supply  
chicken strips and drinks. The congregation is invited to bring side dishes and  
desserts. Please make reservations using the slip in today’s bulletin so that we  
can know how many tables to arrange and how many places to set. Happy  
Anniversary to us!

**T-Shirts**

Today we begin taking orders for LPC t-shirts. Order forms are available  
wherever you find bulletins (narthex, hallway) and in the FLC. The order form  
includes a mock-up of the shirt. We will take orders until Sunday, June 9. You  
may turn in your order form with payment to the church office or Becky  
Wheeler. You may also put it in the offering plate.

**Church News**

1. The office & main building of the church will be closed on Wednesday &  
Thursday, June 28-29 for asbestos abatement. For safety reasons, no  
one can be in the building during this time. However, the FLC will not  
be impacted by this process.
2. Due to the office closure, all announcements/information for the  
bulletin and/or newsletter must be emailed or turned into the church  
office **before 8am on Tuesday this week**. Normal cut off time is 8am on  
Thursdays to be included.

## Cherokee Pregnancy Center Fundraiser

If you have not already turned in your donation, please do so today!

### Wednesday 6/28

We will have a salads and sandwiches potluck at church with game fun afterward. Everyone needs to bring their favorite salad or sandwich (enough for 12 people). You can bring your favorite card or board game to share as well. Fun will be intergenerational. Dinner is at 6 pm.

### THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**26 June 1977:** Historian Tim Severin and five companions completed a voyage from Ireland to Newfoundland in a handmade *curragh* (a boat with a wickerwork frame). The journey was a reenactment of the voyage of a medieval Irish monk and missionary named Brendan, possibly the first European to reach North America. Brendan's voyage is recounted in "The Voyage of Brendan," written about 800 CE. Severin's journey is told in *The Brendan Voyage: Sailing to America in a Leather Boat to Prove the Legend of the Irish Sailor Saints*.

**29 June 1629:** Samuel Skelton and Francis Higginson, Puritan ministers, arrive on the ship *Talbot* to Massachusetts. Skelton becomes the first pastor of the First Church in Salem (Massachusetts), the first congregation in North America to be governed by congregational polity.

### Praying for Our Congregation

We are praying for every member of our church family.  
Each week we invite you to pray for particular members.  
This week we are praying for:

Raleigh Miller

## STAFF

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## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, June 25

9:45 AM Sunday School – 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, June 26

1:00 PM Picturing God – FLC

### Wednesday, June 28

All Day – Office & Main building CLOSED  
1:00 PM – Ready! Set! Go! – Palmetto Patriots Home

### Thursday, June 29

All Day – Office & Main building CLOSED

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### Upcoming

July 3 – Picturing God  
July 4 – Office Closed – Independence Day  
July 5 – Ready! Set! Go! – Bake & Take  
Save the Date: Vacation Bible School, July 16-20  
Save the Date: Create in Me: A New Spirit, July 24-28

## NEXT STEPS

- Reserve your place for Wednesday night fellowship & Sunday Pot Luck
- Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- Pick up a hard copy of the Summer Calendar
- Pick up a VBS registration form on bulletin board across from the chapel
- Sign up to be a VBS volunteer on the bulletin board across from the chapel
- Turn in your Cherokee Pregnancy Center Bottle of Joy

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

### Class of 2023

Larry Sossamon  
Bill Wheeler  
Renee Wiseman (clerk)

### Class of 2024

Teresa Spires  
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Buck Jolley

### Class of 2025

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TOGETHER

