

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude "Come Thou Fount" (Berry) David Thompson

Call to Worship Cody Sossamon

Here in this place God makes a place for us.
God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters.
Here in this time we remember.

We think back to all the ways God has graced us.
Here in these moments we are reminded.

We feel again the presence of God who is with us, always.
Here with these people we call to God.

We find the courage to pray, 'God, help us!'
Here in this place, we call on God by name.

Here in this place, God calls us by name.

***Hymn of Praise** "God, We Gather Now Before You" (Stuempfle, Jr.)

1. God, we gather now before you in this house you call your own; Built by saints whose faith was steadfast, Christ their rock and cornerstone. For their vision bold we praise you for the hope that made them dare. Help us in this generation tend the heritage we share.
2. Yet, let hist'ry never blind us to the tasks of this new day. Give us ears to hear Christ calling, "Follow in my Kingdom's way!" Set our feet on paths of service where the people cry in pain. Make us strong to strive for justice till on earth his truth shall reign!
3. Holy Spirit, move among us, binding us in unity. By your wind and fire rouse us from our fear and lethargy. Form us as Christ's present body sent a broken world to heal. May our ministry and witness his redeeming love reveal!
4. God of all the passing ages, God of centuries yet to be; Help us in this present hour love and serve you faithfully. Though foundations sure be shaken when we pass through trials unknown, May our trust in you be steadfast, Christ our rock and cornerstone!

***Call to Confession** Cody Sossamon

***Prayer of Confession**

Loving God,
we confess that we do not always understand your ways.
We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns
and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing.
We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult,
and quick to question your presence and your power.
Forgive us, we pray.
Grant us patience to wait for your good timing.
Open our eyes to recognize your leading in our lives—
to listen for your gentle whisper when we least expect it.
And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience,
trusting in Your leading even when we cannot see the outcome.
And hear now the sins we silently confess...

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Assurance of Pardon Response #447**

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the Steps

Carrie Wyatt

Anthem "The Gift of Love" (Folk Melody) Chancel Choir

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love; My words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be giv'n by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, Spirit come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed. By this we worship and are freed.
Amen, amen, amen, amen.

First Reading Romans 10:5-15 (Pew Bible NT p.160)

Second Reading Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (Pew Bible OT p.34)

The Word of God, for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit "What Becomes of Dreams" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** (Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A 26)

Q. What do you believe when you say,
"I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

**A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them
by divine eternal counsel and providence,
is also my God
because of Christ the Son.
I trust God so much that I do not doubt
God will provide
whatever I need
for body and soul,
and will turn to my good
whatever adversity comes upon me
in this sad world.
God is able to do this as the one almighty God.**

***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 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" (arr. Huisman) 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 #305** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

***Postlude** "Flourish on Lobe den Herren" (Wagner) 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 and to thank and honor the LPC congregation in gratitude for the love shown to our family during this difficult time by Bill & Becky Wheeler.

**Please remember in prayer:**

Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Barbara Grinter; Matt Horne; Becky Wheeler; Tacara Long; Sara Setzer; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28.

**VBS donations**

Many thanks to everyone who donated baskets, tents, lights, plants, and other items for VBS. Everything is now available for pickup in the chapel. Thanks for helping make VBS a wonderful experience!

**Wednesday Night supper**

It's an exciting time -- many of the children who have been leaving worship after the Sermon on the Steps have reached the age where they will be staying in worship with us. Over the next four Wednesday nights we'll be preparing them (and all the adults!) to more fully participate in worship. This week we will consider our order of worship -- what we do, when we do it, and why we do it when we do it. Because it's our birthday week, we'll also look back and see how our order of worship has changed and talk about why it has changed. Please join us as we explore worship all together!

**Intentionally Intergenerational Kickoff**

We will have a catered luncheon followed by "How Does Your Faith Grow? An Interactive Workshop" with Dr. Rebecca Davis after the service today. Please stay and fellowship with us.

**Please remember:** all announcements/information for the bulletin and/or newsletter must be emailed or turned into the church office **before 8am** on Thursdays to be included.

**Monthly Giving Opportunity**

August's giving opportunity is school supplies for Lincoln & Goucher Charter Schools. You may put your gifts in the offering plate or in the giving box at the front of the sanctuary.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**August 14, 1882:** James Strong was born in New York City. Strong became a seminary professor after ill health caused him to abandon the study of medicine. Though he published many Biblical writings, he is best known for *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*. It took Strong 35 years to compile his concordance. He assigned each Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek root a number which allowed its every use to be tracked through the Bible. Published in 1890, *Strong's* is still in print and available online.

**August 16, 1642:** John Campanius sails from Stockholm with his family to minister in Delaware. There he will learn the Lenni Lenape tongue and translate religious works into it, keep weather records, and consecrate the first Lutheran church built in the new world.

**August 18, 1877:** Founding of Limestone Presbyterian Church in Gaffney, SC. The City of Gaffney was only three years old when a few faithful Presbyterians in the community decided to request of the South Carolina Presbytery that a church be founded here.

### 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:

Hannah Vincent

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, August 13

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  
12:00 PM Catered Luncheon & “How Does Your Faith Grow? An Interactive Workshop” with Dr. Rebecca Davis – FLC

### Monday, August 14

A Day of Prayer for Limestone

### Tuesday, August 15

9:00 AM Coffee, Doughnuts, and Photos – FLC

### Wednesday, August 16

6:00 PM Supper & How We (used to) Worship – FLC

### Thursday, August 17

Thankful Thursday

### Friday, August 18

6:00 PM Happy 146<sup>th</sup> Birthday LPC! Pizza party – FLC

### Saturday, August 19

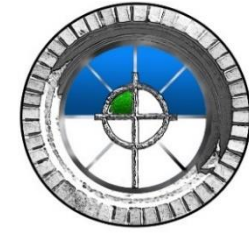
Phone a Friend

### Sunday, August 20

9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

### Upcoming

Aug 26 – Soup Kitchen



**LIMESTONE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC(USA)

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



Ford Madox Brown. The Coat of Many Colors. 1866. Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool.

## NEXT STEPS

- Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- Make a reservation for Wednesday Night Supper
- Plan to participate in LPC's birthday week
- Make a reservation for LPC's birthday pizza party
- Pick up LPC t-shirt in FLC
- Sign up to bring food and/or serve at the Soup Kitchen

QR code for electronic contributions:



## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| Class of 2023         | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Larry Sossamon        | Teresa Spires | Nancy McElroy |
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**Jacob** Joseph's mother, she was quite my favorite wife  
I never really loved another all my life  
And Joseph was my joy because He reminded me of her

**Narrator** Through young Joseph, Jacob lived his youth again  
Loved him, praised him, gave him all he could, but then  
It made the rest feel second best And even if they were -

**Brothers** Being told we're also-rans  
Does not makes us Joseph fans...

**Narrator** Jacob wanted to show the world he loved his son  
To make it clear that Joseph was the special one  
So Jacob bought his son a coat  
A multi-colored coat to wear  
And when Joseph tried it on  
He knew his sheepskin days were gone

**Joseph** I look handsome, I look smart  
I am a walking work of art  
Such a dazzling coat of colors  
How I love my coat of many colors...

--Tim Rice, “Joseph’s Coat” from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*