

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023 10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller
Minute for Mission Cody Sossamon

GATHERING

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread Together" (Birchwood) Rita Harmon

Call to Worship (Psalm 22, selected) Nancy McElroy
You, O God, are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
It was you who took me from the womb.
Since my mother bore me you have been my God.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before God.
All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to God;
future generations will be told about the Lord.
They will proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn.

***Hymn of Praise #475** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***Call to Confession** Nancy McElroy

***Prayer of Confession**
God of All Grace,
All that we are, all that we have,
and all that we will become is a gift from You.
Forgive us when we forget this,
and assume that we have made our time and talents.
Forgive us when we pridefully count our earnings,
rather than delighting in Your gifts.
Remind us of the high calling:
to be the stewards of Your abundance,
caretakers of all that You have entrusted to us.
Make us faithful with little, and also with much,
that we may give ourselves as You did,
wholly and completely.
And hear, we pray, the sins we now name silently...

***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 "O Taste and See" (Wagner) Chancel Choir
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.
Blessed are they who put their trust in Him.
O taste and see, O taste and see, O taste and see the Lord.
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.
Blessed are they who put their trust in Him.
O taste and see, O taste and see, O taste and see the Lord.
There is one body. There is one spirit.
There is one Lord of all whose grace fills ev'ry need and purpose,
embracing great and small.
So let us love each other well, as God loved us when He gave the perfect love,
His Son, our Lord, that all our souls might be saved.
O taste and see.

First Reading John 6:1-14 (Pew Bible NT p.97)
Second Reading Exodus 17:1-7 (Pew Bible OT p.64)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit "What Saved Them" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation 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 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 the 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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues concluding with the Lord's Prayer [p. 35 in hymnal])

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part of your family. You satisfy our deepest hunger -- the hunger to belong. We thank you for these gifts. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for others who hunger and thirst for good news. Amen.

Service of Giving

Offertory "In the Garden" (Hall) 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 #525** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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

***Postlude** "Festival Voluntary" (Clark) 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:**

Alice Setzer; Cece Manning; Patsy Spires; Barbara Jarman and family; Renee Wiseman and family; Larry Irvin; Don Berry; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Sara Setzer; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next week's lectionary readings are:**  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46.

**Grace Circle**

Will meet Thursday, October 5 at 7:00pm in the home of Lynn Miller

**The Ministry and Mission Fair (part of the \$20 Experiment)**

will be held in the Family Life Center on Sunday, October 15. The cost to reserve a table is \$1, payable to Renee Wiseman.

**The Fall Bible Study**

resumes this week as we travel with Paul on his first missionary journey. Please join us in the FLC at 6:30 p.m. on Monday.

**Monthly Giving Opportunity**

This month the offering will go to Christmas is For Kids through The Gaffney Ledger. You can place your donation in the offering plate or the giving box.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**October 3, 1226:** Death of St. Francis of Assisi, mystic and founder of the Franciscan order.

**October 3, 1531:** Zwingli and Luther part at Marburg. Zwingli offers his hand, but Luther rejects it. The two had agreed on every issue except the theology of the Lord's supper.

**October 3, 1943:** Lutheran pastor Kjeldgaard Jensen in Gilleleje, Denmark, reads a letter from his nation's bishops, instructing Danes to assist in the rescue of Jews from impending Nazi deportation to death camps. The bishops remind their flocks that Jesus was a Jew, that persecution violates the command to love one's neighbor, and that it is contrary to Danish conceptions of justice. This will inspire the town to hide over 1,300 Jews and transport most of them to neutral Sweden

### 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:

Bill Caldwell

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, October 1

9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
11:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

### Monday, October 2

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

### Wednesday, October 4

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

### Thursday, October 5

7:00 PM Grace Circle

### Sunday, October 8

9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
11:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
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### Upcoming

Oct 10 – Joy Circle  
Oct 11 – Growing in Christian Faith  
Oct 15 – Ministry/Mission Fair  
Oct 22 – Service @ Lake Whelchel  
Oct 25 – Fall Festival  
Oct 28 – Soup Kitchen  
Oct 29 – Pledge Sunday

## NEXT STEPS

- Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- Make a reservation for Wednesday Night Supper
- Make decisions about how to use your \$20 for the Ministry and Mission Fair
- Mark May 18, 2024 on your calendar. We will host Foothills Presbytery that day!
- Sign up to serve at the Soup Kitchen

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| Class of 2023         | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Larry Sossamon        | Teresa Spires | Nancy McElroy |
| Bill Wheeler          | Dean Wyatt    | Mimi McCully  |
| Renee Wiseman (clerk) | Buck Jolley   |               |

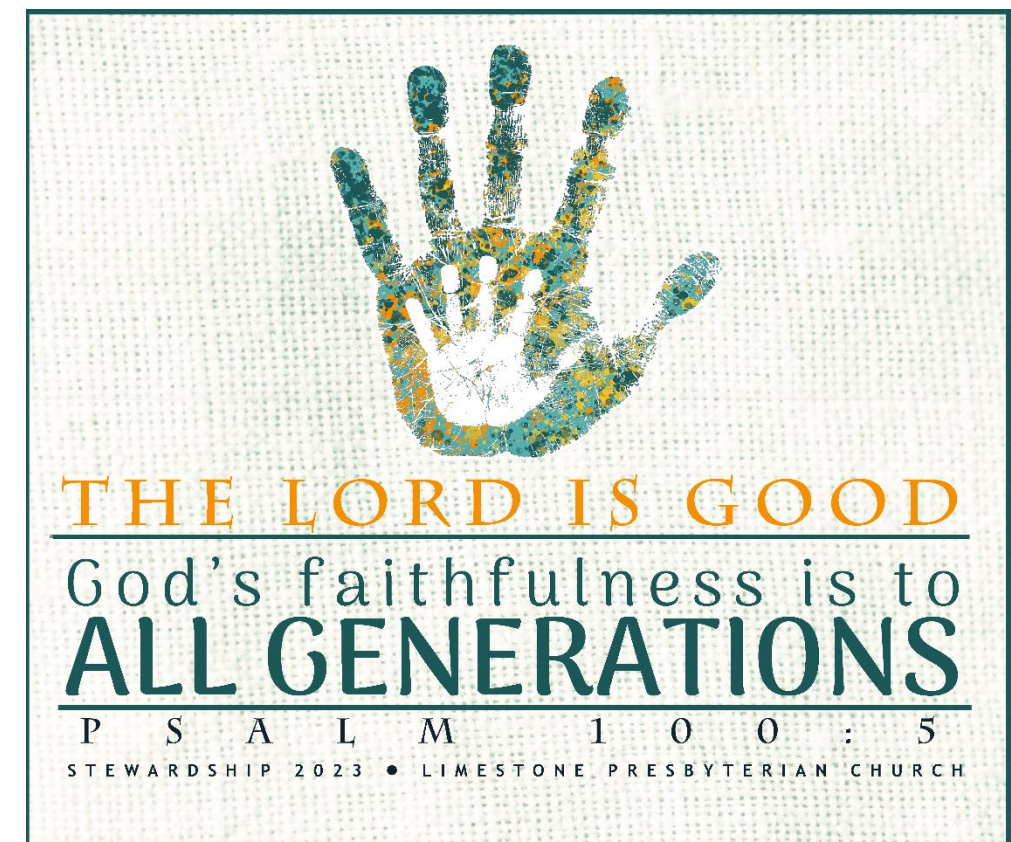
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GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



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We must strive to become good ancestors. --Ralph Nader