

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

10:30 AM

Welcome and AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude“The Church’s One Foundation” (Kendall)Rita Harmon

Call to Worship(Based on Psalm 78, selected)Nancy McElroy

There are things that we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord,
and the wonders that God has done.
God commanded our ancestors to teach their children,
that the next generation, yet unborn, might know them,
and rise up and tell them to their children.
They taught that we should set our hope in God,
and not forget the works of God.
They taught that we should keep God’s commandments;
and not be like our ancestors,
a stubborn and rebellious generation.
Our ancestors forgot what God had done:
They forgot the miracles – the divided sea and the pillar of cloud,
The pillar of light and water from the rock.
How often they rebelled against the Most High in the wilderness
And grieved God in the desert.
But God forgave their iniquity and led out the people,
With an upright heart God tended them.
God guided them with a skillful hand.

*Hymn of Praise #1“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

*Call to ConfessionNancy McElroy

*Prayer of Confession

God of the Universe, we are forgetful people.
We forget that you made this world
and that we are to care for it and protect it.
We forget that you created each of us
with wonderful talents and interests
to enjoy and to use in serving others.
We forget the rules you have given us for good and happy lives.
In our impatience, we turn to idols of our making.
We forget that we are your people.
People with work to do.
Sometimes we "forget on purpose."
At other times, we just are so busy or want something so badly
that we really do forget.
Forgive us, merciful God.
Forgive us when our faith is weak
And we move you from the center of our lives.
Turn us back to the wonder of worshipping you and you alone.
And forgive, 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 StepsCarrie Wyatt

Anthem“Brother James Air /Psalm 23” (Folk Song)Chancel Choir

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie;
In pastures green, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie.
Though I should walk through valley dark, I have no need to fear;
His rod and staff will comfort me, my Lord is ever near.
He comforts me, He comforts me, my Lord is ever near.
Though I should walk through valley dark, I have no need to fear.
His mercy surely follows me wherever I may go;
And I shall live eternally within His house I know.
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His mercy surely follows me wherever I may go, wherever I may go.

First ReadingLuke 2:41-52 (Pew Bible NT p.59)

Second ReadingExodus 32:1-14 (Pew Bible OT p.78)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit"Raw Material for Holiness"Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith(A Declaration of Faith, 3.3)

Freed slaves became the people of God
when they accepted the Lord's covenant.
God charged them to respond to this rescuing love
by obeying God’s commandments.
Their life together was to express
the justice and compassion of their holy God.
Since we, too, are the Lord's covenant people,
we know we must be holy as the Lord is holy.
We must keep God's commandments,
not in order to earn or compel the Lord's favor,
but to reflect the character of God
and to be God’s grateful and loving people.

*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 Peopleconcluding with the Lord’s Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory“Softly and Tenderly” (Thompson)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 #187“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*Charge and BenedictionRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

*Postlude“Rise Up and Serve the Lord” (Harris)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 in  
celebration of each day He has given me. -- Sara

Please remember in prayer:

Nancy Blanton; Our neighbors in Chesnee; Alice Setzer; Cece Manning; Patsy  
Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Sara Setzer; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross;  
Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's lectionary readings are:

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22.

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

will be held in the Family Life Center TODAY after the service.

The Fall Bible Study

continues 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.

Fall Festival

Wednesday, Oct. 25 we will have a Fall Festival as part of our Wednesday night  
supper. We will have trunk or treat, games, s'mores, costumes & fun for all  
ages.

### THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**October 15, 1582:** With the introduction of the Gregorian calendar in Italy, France, Spain, and Portugal, October 5th becomes October 15th.

**October 15, 1647:** The Larger Westminster Catechism is completed.

**October 18, 1685:** Revocation of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV. The edict had allowed Huguenots (French Calvinists) to worship. With its protections gone, thousands of Protestants will flee France. Some will come to South Carolina.

### 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:

Nancy McElroy  
Jim Watts

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

**Sunday, October 15**  
9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Ministry and Mission Fair – FLC  
12:30 PM Session Meeting – Conference Room  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

**Monday, October 16**  
5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room  
6:30 PM Bible Study – FLC

**Wednesday, October 18**  
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

**Sunday, October 22**  
10:30 AM Worship Service at Lake Whelchel

**Upcoming**  
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
- ☐ Mark May 18, 2024 on your calendar. We will host Foothills Presbytery that day!
- ☐ Sign up to serve at the Soup Kitchen on Oct. 28th



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



**THE LORD IS GOOD**  
God's faithfulness is to  
**ALL GENERATIONS**  
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### MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| Class of 2023         | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
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| Larry Sossamon        | Teresa Spires | Nancy McElroy |
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| Renee Wiseman (clerk) | Buck Jolley   |               |

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The Search Institute defines a *developmental relationship* as a close connection through which young people discover who they are, cultivate abilities to shape their own lives, and learn how to engage with and contribute to the world around them. Search Institute has identified five elements—Express Care (“Show me that I matter to you”), Challenge Growth (“Push me to keep getting better”), Provide Support (“Help me complete tasks and achieve goals”), Share Power (“Treat me with respect and give me a say”), and Expand Possibilities (“Connect me with people and places that broaden my world”)—that make relationships powerful in young people’s lives. A 2016 Search Institute survey of more than 25,000 young people (grades 6-12) revealed that 40% of young people said they had none or just one strong relationship (meaning they experience the five elements) in their lives. -- <https://www.search-institute.org/developmental-relationships/learning-developmental-relationships/>