

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bob McCully

GATHERING

Prelude

“Come Let Us Join Our Friends Above” (Broughton)

Rita Harmon

Call to Worship

(Psalm 100)

Nancy McElroy

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

come into God’s presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is God who made us. We belong to God;

We are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving

and God’s courts with praise.

Give thanks to God; bless God’s name.

For the Lord is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever.

God’s faithfulness is to all generations.

*Hymn of Praise #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Call to Confession

Nancy McElroy

*Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you have entrusted to us

this earth as a beautiful vineyard.

We have neglected it.

Lord, have mercy.

Loving Christ, you have entrusted to us

people to care for with love.

We have often remained indifferent to them.

Christ, have mercy.

Divine Spirit, you have entrusted to us

our faith as a plant to grow.

We have cared little for it.

Lord, have mercy.

Merciful God,

forgive us all our sins –

Those we have named here

And those we name now in the silence of our hearts...

*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

*Hymn #353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (Pew Bible NT p.66)

Second Reading

Matthew 21:33-45 (Pew Bible OT p.24)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit

"Mutiny on the Farm"

Rev. Bob McCully

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

Prayers of the People

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

Service of Giving

Offertory

“Offertory on Give Me Jesus” (Lau)

Rita Harmon

*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 #463

“How Firm a Foundation”

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Bob McCully

*Postlude

“Trumpet Fanfare” (Werler)

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:

Chesnee, SC – especially the high school and family and friends of the students who were killed; 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 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14.

Joy Circle

Will meet Tuesday, October 10 at 10:30am in the Church Parlor.

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 will not meet this week.

Soup Kitchen

Can you help serve at the Soup Kitchen on October 28? If so, please see Mimi McCully.

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.

Strawberry Hill

After worship, we will have lunch in the FLC and then leave about noon for a fun time of fellowship at Strawberry Hill. Cost is \$15 (plus a service fee to use a card).

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. See the October 5 LIMELIGHT for more information.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**October 8, 451:** The Council of Chalcedon opens to deal with the Eutychians, who believe Christ's divinity swallowed up his humanity "like a drop of wine in the sea."

**October 11, 1521:** Leo X confers the title "Defender of the Faith" on England's Henry VIII for his stand against Luther. After Henry's break with Rome, Pope Paul III will revoke the title.

**October 12, 1915:** A German firing squad executes the British nurse Edith Cavell who had helped allied soldiers escape. At her death she says she has to go deeper to true love.

**October 13, 1247:** A vial of "Christ's blood," stamped with official seals, is imported into England to shouts of acclaim from the king and crowds.

## 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:

Sara Setzer  
Larry Sossamon

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, October 8

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 Sunday School – Parlor  
11:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
12:30 PM Strawberry Hill

### Monday, October 9

5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room

### Tuesday, October 10

10:30 AM Joy Circle

### Wednesday, October 11

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

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9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Ministry & Mission Fair  
12:30 PM Session Meeting  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

### Upcoming

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 on Oct. 28th

## 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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God's faithfulness is to  
**ALL GENERATIONS**  
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The single most subversive and ultimately redemptive idea  
that we can set loose within the capitalist world today  
is the simple recognition that life is a gift....  
We respond to God's gracious gift of the world  
by simply being gracious and generous with one another.  
--Craig Gay