

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Bob McCully

GATHERING

Prelude

"Abide With Me" (Berry)

David Thompson

Call to Worship

Bob McCully

With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

**Great are the works of the Lord!**

We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

**God's righteousness endures forever.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**Let us worship God in spirit and in truth!**

\*Hymn of Praise #15

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (verses 1-4)

\*Call to Confession

Bob McCully

\*Prayer of Confession

**God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light.**

**You reveal your forgiveness, but we are not always forgiving of others.**

**While you claim us as your children, sometimes we are disobedient.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Let your will be done in our lives so that we may live in peace according to your word.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we make this prayer, and the silent prayers that we utter now in the quiet of these moments.**

(Silence.)

**Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone,  
a gift of God by faith.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*Assurance of Pardon Response

***You are the Lord, giver of mercy!***

***You are the Christ, giver of mercy!***

***You are the Lord, giver of mercy!***

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the Steps

Carrie Wyatt

Anthem

"Whom Shall I Fear?" (Berry)

Chancel Choir

The Lord is my light, and my salvation! Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strong-hold of my life! Of whom shall I be afraid?  
I'm never alone. My God is always with me.

The Lord is my light and my salvation! Whom then shall I fear?  
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The Lord is my light and my salvation! Whom then shall I fear?  
God is faithful. God true. God will always guide me.  
He will give me courage as I trust in Him.  
The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the strong-hold of my life! Of whom shall I be afraid?  
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First Reading

Psalm 111 (Pew Bible OT p.562)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (Pew Bible NT p.171)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon from the Pulpit

"Love Builds Up"

Dr. John McCallum

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement of Faith, 11:4, 52-57)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit**

**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,**

**sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,**

**and binds us together with all believers**

**in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

\*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 16 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory

"Take My Life And Let It Be" (Hendon)

Jim Simmons

\*Doxology #592

***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 #693

"Though I May Speak"

\*Charge and Benediction

Dr. John McCallum

\*Postlude

"Fanfare on Austrian Hymn" (Young)

Rita Harmon

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

The flowers in worship today are given for the glory of God.

Please remember in prayer:

Jill Thomson; Rex Allison; Barbara Grinter; Family of Bryson Burgess; Helen Lowrey; Christopher Scott Henry; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's lectionary readings are:

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.

Monthly Giving Opportunity

The January giving opportunity is Smile Train. You may mark your check "Smile Train" or put it in the MGO box in the worship space.

Circles

The Grace Circle will meet on Thursday, February 1 at 7:00 in the home of Janet Carroll with Robin Morris leading the lesson. Janet's address is 2490 Love Springs Road.

2023 Giving Statements

Giving statements for 2023 were either sent by email or are in the narthex. If there is any question about yours, please contact Jim Watts.

Congregational Retreat

Reservation forms for the 2024 LPC Congregational Retreat are available wherever you pick up a bulletin. Join us in wonderful Montreat, NC, at the William Black Lodge May 3-5. We'll spend the weekend together around the theme "Ever-Laughing Life: Joy in the Morning, Noon, and Night." Reservation forms with the initial deposit are due to the church office by February 1.

Spring Bible Study

Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon, statues, lions, fiery furnaces...all that and more (including the origin of the phrase "the handwriting on the wall") will be part of our Spring Bible Study, which will begin Tuesday, January 30. There will be a fuller schedule in this week's LIMELight. Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC.

# CALENDAR of EVENTS

## LPC welcomes Dr. John McCallum

Our guest preacher today is Dr. John McCallum, an honorably retired minister of Foothills Presbytery. John served as an interim Pastor here at Limestone in 2008. He and his wife Hazel live in Greenville.

## Birthday

The LPC congregation has been invited to join in the celebration of the first birthday of Evaleigh Lail. The party will be held in the FLC on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2:00pm. Please let Jenni know if you will be able to attend.

## Office News

There is a new Calendar & Communication center coming to the office. Please use the resources found there to request use of the building for events, schedule flowers for the Sanctuary, request reimbursement for expenses, etc. Please **DO NOT** add to or remove anything from the calendar. Fill out & turn in the appropriate forms in the Communication center, then the item will be added to the calendar for you when approved (if applicable). We will continue to accept emailed requests, provided the correct forms are used and emailed as attachments. Beginning in February, requests not using the appropriate forms will have a delay in processing as they will need to be returned for correction. Thank you for your understanding as we try to streamline these processes.

## Sunday, January 28

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Chapel

## Tuesday, January 30

6:00 PM Bible Study - FLC

## Wednesday, January 31

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper - FLC

## Sunday, February 4

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Chapel & via Facebook Live  
4:00 PM Yoga - FLC

## Upcoming

February 3 Elder Training - Providence Presbyterian Church, Greenville  
February 5 Handbell Rehearsals resume  
February 11 Souper Bowl of Caring  
February 13 Pancake Supper  
February 14 Ash Wednesday  
February 17 Birthday Party for Evaleigh Lail  
February 24 Soup Kitchen

## NEXT STEPS

- Pick up a hard copy of the LIMELight
- Mark May 18, 2024 on your calendar. We will host Foothills Presbytery that day!
- RSVP for Wednesday Night Supper
- Make your reservations for the LPC Congregational Retreat, May 3-5, William Black Lodge, Montreat, NC

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 | Class of 2026 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
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| Dean Wyatt    | Mimi McCully  | Barbara Cope  |

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



“Now concerning food sacrificed to idols:  
we know that “all of us possess knowledge.”  
Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.”  
1 Corinthians 8:1