

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude "Jesus Shall Reign" (Labenske) David Thompson

Call to Worship Johnny Wyatt

Let us worship the Triune God: three in one, one in three.

**Let us worship the One who spoke in the beginning
and created something out of nothing.**

Let us worship the Triune God: three in one, one in three.

**Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity
to set free those who were oppressed.**

Let us worship the Triune God: three in one, one in three.

**Let us worship the One whose Spirit continually rests upon us,
calling us to new beginnings.**

***Hymn of Praise #4** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** Johnny Wyatt

O God,
even as we celebrate your unity,
we know that sometimes
we forget the beauty
of your three persons.
We hold on to your transcendent life as Creator
and keep at a distance the challenges of Christ.
We bow before your glory
and keep your humanness away
from the reality of our own lives.
We know you are with us
but refuse to listen
to the leading of your Spirit.
Forgive us, Jesus Christ.
Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit.
Keep creating within us, Creator God.
And hear 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 "How Can I Keep From Singing?" (Quaker Song) Chancel Choir
My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far off song that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my in-most calm, while to that rock I'm clinging;
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest round me roars, I know the truth, It liveth.
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night It giveth.
No storm can shake my in-most calm, while to that rock I'm clinging
since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?
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I hear the real though far off song that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my in-most calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul, How can I keep from singing?
How can I keep from singing?

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible OT p.635)

Second Reading John 3:1-17 (Pew Bible NT p.93)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit "Harmonization" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith (Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.011, 6.044, 6.051)

**There is but one only living and true God,
who is infinite in being and perfection,
a most pure spirit, invisible,
without body, parts, or passions,
immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible,
almighty, most wise, most holy, most free.
The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity,
being true and eternal God,
of one substance, and equal with the Father,
did, when the fullness of time was come,
take upon himself a human's nature...
so that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures,
the Divine and the human,
were inseparably joined together in one person,
without conversion, composition, or confusion.
The Holy Spirit, the third Person in the Trinity,
proceeding from the Father and the Son,
of the same substance and equal in power and glory,
is, together with the Father and the Son,
to be believed in, loved, obeyed,
and worshipped throughout all ages.
The Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life,
everywhere present,
and is the source of all good thoughts,
pure desires, and holy counsels in humanity.**

***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 "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" (arr. By Wagner) 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 #839** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

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

***Postlude** "Once to Every Man and Nation" (Lani) Rita Harmon

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

The flowers in worship today are given for the glory of God
and in honor of my parents' anniversary by Sara Setzer.

Please remember in prayer:

Barbara Jarman and the family of Butch Jarman; Seth Walker; Will Thompson;
Liz C.; J.T. Spires; Lib Allen; Mary Fleming; Sara Setzer; Barbara Grinter; Patsy
Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley;
Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's lectionary readings are:

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6.

Monthly Giving Opportunity

The May giving opportunity is the Pentecost Offering & Bottles of Joy. Please mark your check "Pentecost OR Bottles of Joy" & place it in the MGO box in the worship space or the offering plate. The Bottles of Joy offering runs Mother's Day through Father's Day. This supports the Cherokee Pregnancy Center here in Gaffney to help with pregnancy testing, ultrasounds and baby items. Please pick up a bottle, fill it with coins, cash or check & return by Father's Day.

Wednesday Night

We will not have a Wednesday night program this week. Be on the lookout for upcoming announcements about our Wednesday night Summer Schedule.

VBS 2024

Have you ever been thrown overboard during a storm? Ever been swallowed by a whale? Ever sat under a plant and pouted? We'll be considering someone who has done all those things! Mark your calendar for July 14-16 for LPC's VBS.

Bible Study at The Retreat

At the request of Barbara Grinter and Buck Jolley, LPC will begin offering a Bible study on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at The Retreat. We would love to have LPC members come and be part of that group. It's a great way to visit our friends and to share LPC with the community. See Lynn for more information.

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

May 27, 1564: Death at Geneva of John Calvin, reformer and theologian.

May 28, 1008: [probable date] Death at Novara of Saint Bernard of Menthon (Bernard of Savoy) who evangelized in the Alps. He was famed for founding monasteries in the mountains to succor travelers—monasteries that sent out monks with large dogs to seek people lost in winter snows.

May 30, 1868: In a letter, Father Weld accepts Gerard Manley Hopkins into the Jesuits. Hopkins will work as a priest among the poor, writing, but not publishing, the poems for which he is famous today, which the world will first see after his death.

May 31, 1578: Italian archaeologist Antonio Bosio recognizes the importance of the accidental discovery of a subterranean burial place as an entrance to the catacombs of Rome and investigates. He will go on to find and explore many more underground burial places.

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:

Scott Berry

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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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, May 26

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Sunday, June 2

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live
4:00 PM Yoga – Family Life Center

Upcoming

June 4 Outreach Committee Meeting
June 9 Finance Committee Meeting
June 11 Election Day
June 12 Ready! Set! Go! Kickoff pool party
June 22 Soup Kitchen
June 25 Bible Study @ The Retreat

NEXT STEPS

- Pick up a hard copy of the LIMELight
- Pick up your directory in the Narthex.
- Pick up the Summer 2024 calendar.

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



Jan and/or Hubert van Eyck.
Music-making Angels, Ghent Altarpiece.
1430-1432. St. Bavo Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium.

THE THREE

In name of Father,
In name of Son,
In name of Spirit,
Three in One :

Father cherish me,
Son cherish me.
Spirit cherish me,
Three all-kindly.

God make me holy,
Christ make me holy.
Spirit make me holy.
Three all-holy.

Three aid my hope,
Three aid my love,
Three aid mine eye,
And my knee from stumbling
My knee from stumbling.
--from the *Carmina Gadelica*

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