

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude "Prelude on Blessed Assurance" (Lau) Rita Harmon

Call to Worship (Based on 2 Corinthians 4:5-9) Johnny Wyatt

We do not gather in worship to proclaim ourselves;
Instead, we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

It is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness."

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But where Jesus was God come to earth for us, we are clay jars, only human,
so that it is clear that power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair;

Persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

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***Hymn of Praise #498** "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** Johnny Wyatt

O God, you have searched us and You know us.

Even before we speak, you know our thoughts.

In Your mercy, hear our prayers.

Though you surround us with your love and care,

protecting us from hurting ourselves and others,

We still wander from your path.

We say we want things to change

but we do nothing about it.

We speak more than we listen,

caring more about our own opinions

than the concerns of others.

We stay silent when we should speak,

holding back, afraid of consequences and condemnation.

O God, forgive us.

In Your mercy, hear our prayers,

those we have said aloud

and those 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 "At the Table of the Lord" (Althouse) Chancel Choir

At the table of the Lord bread is broken. At the table of the Lord we are fed.

We remember now the words that Christ has spoken: "This is my body," he said.

At the table of the Lord, in thanksgiving,

we have come to drink the wine which is poured.

We remember him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord.

At the table of the Lord we are meeting. In communion we are many in one.

For wherever we are gathered, there our Lord will be, there our Lord will be.

At the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord we shall be free.

First Reading I Samuel 3:1-20 (Pew Bible OT p.247)

Second Reading Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (Pew Bible OT p.577)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith (The 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 (unison)

Almighty God, you give us the true Bread from heaven, even your Son.

Grant, that we who have received the Sacrament may abide in him,

**and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world
without end. Amen.**

Service of Giving

Offertory "Pass Me Not" (Pethel) 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 #507** "Come to the Table of Grace"

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. 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 flowers in worship today are given for the glory of God.

**Please remember in prayer:**

The family & friends of Sara Setzer; Seth Walker; Will Thompson; Liz C.; J.T.

Spires; Lib Allen; Mary Fleming; 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 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15); Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35.

**Monthly Giving Opportunity**

The June giving opportunity is Peach Center Ministries. Please mark your check "Peach Center" & 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**

This week will begin our summer schedule. We will be studying Water: In the Beginnings. Please bring your favorite salad, halved sandwiches, or sweet to share.

**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.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**June 5, 1865:** Pastor Sabine Baring-Gould pens the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" as a marching song for some children he must keep together as they walk between two villages during a Whit-Monday festival (i.e., the day after Pentecost) in Yorkshire, England.

**June 7, 1683:** The Concord sets sail, carrying the first German settlers (Quakers and Mennonites fleeing persecution) toward their new home in Pennsylvania.

**June 8, 793:** Viking raiders devastate the Christian community on Lindisfarne island (off the coast of England) by looting and slaughter. Lindisfarne, also called Holy Island, was an important center of Celtic Christianity under Saints Aidan and Cuthbert.

### 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:

**Becky Wheeler**  
**Lyn Paschal**

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### 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 – FLC

### Tuesday, June 4

7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting – Conference Room

### Wednesday, June 5

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

### Sunday, June 9

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 Finance Committee Meeting – Conference Room

### Upcoming

June 11 Election Day  
June 12 Ready! Set! Go! Kickoff pool party  
June 13 Session Meeting  
June 22 Soup Kitchen  
June 23 Movie Night  
June 25 Bible Study @ The Retreat  
June 28 Game Night

## 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



Georges de la Tour. c. 1628-1645. Musée d'Arts de Nantes, Nantes, France.

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 | Class of 2026 |
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| Teresa Spires | Nancy McElroy | Robin Morris  |
| Dean Wyatt    | Mimi McCully  | Barbara Cope  |

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What title would you give this painting? It is generally identified as a different subject. The scene shows a young person standing before an older man whose eyes are closed. In the older man's lap is an open book. The painting is titled "The Dream of Joseph", though some scholars are unconvinced that the identification is correct. They point to the fact that Joseph is usually identified by carpenters' tools. Joseph is rarely (never?) depicted as a man of books. One of the reasons why the subject attribution seems suspect is that the youth in this picture does not seem to be Gabriel, God's angel messenger. Yet if this is Samuel, he is, indeed, being called to serve God. What does this say about those who are called by God? Consider, too, the gesture of the left hand of the Samuel/angel figure. What does this gesture say to you? Is it a gesture of waking and warning like Gabriel would make? Or is it a gesture of confusion or maybe even acceptance - "Here I am..." What title would you give this painting?