

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
6th Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024 10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude "Like A River Glorious" (Limbaugh) David Thompson

Call to Worship Johnny Wyatt

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.

Lord, hear our voices.

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

We watch and wait for God.

with GOD's arrival comes love, with GOD's arrival comes redemption.

*Hymn of Praise #620 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*Call to Confession Johnny Wyatt

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God,

we confess to you and to one another,

that we have sinned against you

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our

whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

You alone know how often we have hurt you

by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.

Forgive us, Lord, we pray

and free us from our sin,

both the sin we have spoken aloud here

and the sins we name silently in 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

Anthem "What Shall I Render to my God?" (Lovelace) Chancel Choir

What shall I render to my God For all His mercy's store?

I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed And humbly ask for more.

The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,

And all His promises embrace And to His glory live.

My vows I will to His great name Before His people pay,

And all I have, and all I am, Upon His altar lay.

Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee what-e'er is mine.

Born in Thy family below. And by redemption Thine.

Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free,

The mercy that hath loosed my bands Hath bound me fast to Thee.

Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiv'n,

Till gathered to the church above, We sing the songs of heav'n.

First Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (Pew Bible NT p.183)

Second Reading 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 (Pew Bible OT p.275)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit "Bad News" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith (A Declaration of Faith, 9.4)

Christ teaches us

to go beyond legal requirements

in serving and helping our neighbor,

to treat our neighbor's needs as our own,

to care passionately for the other's good,

to share what we have.

It is part of our discipline

to live in simplicity,

avoiding greed and luxury

that threaten our neighbor's survival.

We are obligated to speak the truth in love,

to listen with patience and openness,

to love our enemies,

to accept the risk and pain

which love involves.

*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 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (Southbridge) 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 #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

*Postlude "The Morning Trumpet" (Martin) 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:**

J.T. Spires; Lib Allen; Barbara Grinter; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next week's lectionary readings are:**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13.

**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.

**Big Faith, Big Questions**

Today is the deadline for submitting your "big questions" to be part of our fall worship/CE series. Submit your written questions to Lynn or put in the manila envelope on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

**Wednesday Night**

There will be No Wed. night program this week due the Independence Day Holiday. Next week we will be at the church for Harvest Time. Bring a dish made with fresh fruits & vegetables.

**Come to the Waters**

There will be no study this week. Remember that you can get handouts for in-person weeks and watch video studies for our restaurant weeks at [limestone-presbyterian.com](http://limestone-presbyterian.com)>Growing>Come to the Waters.

**Let's Celebrate!**

Join us on July 7 as we celebrate Lynn's second anniversary here at Limestone! We will have a pot-luck dinner after the service. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Desserts will be provided. Please sign up by placing the slip in the offering plate or emailing/calling the church office so we can prepare the tables. (and, of course, so we have enough dessert!) If you signed up last week, there is no need to sign up again.

**Vacation Bible School**

Plans are underway for LPC's 2024 VBS, July 14-16. We'll be exploring the story of Jonah. Registration forms were sent with last week's LimeLight and are also available at the Peggy Jolley Information Hub.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**July 4, 1776:** Signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Presbyterian Historical Society has an online exhibition titled "Presbyterians and the American Revolution," which considers before, during, and after the Revolution. **Before:** As "Dissenters" from the Church of England, Presbyterians mistrusted British colonial power—and were not afraid to assert a right to religious freedom. Presbyterian influence in the colonies grew markedly in the middle decades of the 1700s, shaped by Scottish and Scots Irish immigrants, most of whom were Presbyterian. **During:** Presbyterian response to the war was far from monolithic, but the majority of Church leaders supported the rebels. Twelve of 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Presbyterian, including the only clergyman, John Witherspoon. George Duffield of Philadelphia's Third Presbyterian Church served as chaplain to the Continental Congress, and patriot pastors supported the war effort from their pulpits in every state. **After:** America's victory in the war benefited Presbyterians who supported the Patriot cause. John Witherspoon led efforts to formalize the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution. African American Presbyterians began organizing their own congregations and women built on their public involvement in the Patriot cause, forming missionary societies and establishing schools. American victory had guaranteed religious freedom but it did not shield them from social and political tensions as the new country struggled over the meaning of freedom and equality for all. See the exhibit at: <https://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/exhibits/presbyterians-and-american-revolution-page-1>

### 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:

**Leah Miller**

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, June 30

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

### Wednesday, July 3

NO Wednesday Activities

### Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day

Church Office Closed

### Sunday, July 7

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 Lynn's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner – FLC  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

### Upcoming

July 9 Foster Care Assoc. Dinner  
July 10 Ready! Set! Go! Crafting  
July 10 Wed. night in FLC  
July 10 Outreach Comm. Mtg.  
July 14-16 VBS  
July 15 Finance Comm. Mtg.  
July 17 Ready! Set! Go! @ Food Share  
July 17 Wed. night @ Cowpens Coffee & Creamery  
July 21 Session Meeting  
July 21 Movie Night  
July 23 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



Käthe Kollwitz. **Lament.** Bronze. 1938-1941. Stadel Museum, Frankfurt, Germany. [staedelmuseum.de/go/ds/sgp209](https://staedelmuseum.de/go/ds/sgp209)

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 | Class of 2026 |
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Today, the word *lament* is often used when we really mean *regret*. We lament our thoughtless words. We lament a choice we made. We lament something we have done.... Lament often concerns an event in time --in the past, present, or future. Public lament announces wrongs and injustices both to God and to neighbor. Lament is directed toward the one who is believed to have the capacity to change the situation or correct the injustice. Biblical lament often includes a statement of trust that God will change the situation or right the injustice. --*Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*, p. 4.