

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude "March from the Third Organ Symphony" (Widor) Rita Harmon

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 122) Renee Wiseman
I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

***Hymn of Praise #10** "Sing Glory to the Name of God"

***Call to Confession** Renee Wiseman

***Prayer of Confession**
We have fallen short of your glory.
So forgive us, we pray,
when we do not love others as you have loved us,
when we waste your gifts and hoard our goods,
when we plunder the earth and abuse the planet,
when we fear those who are strangers
and ignore those in need.
Forgive us, we pray, for losing heart
And abandoning hope.
For all the ways we turn from you,
God of grace, forgive us.
And forgive 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.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the Steps Carrie Wyatt

Anthem "A Joyful, Jubilant Song" (Barrett) Chancel Choir
Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Make a jubilant noise, singing blessed be the name of the Lord.
Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Let the earth lift its voice, singing blessed be the name of the Lord.
Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Make a jubilant noise, Singing blessed be the name of the Lord.
Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Let the earth lift its voice, Singing blessed be the name of the Lord.

For this is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day that was made for praise!
I will rejoice, lift up my voice, making a jubilant noise! Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Make a jubilant noise, singing blessed be the name of the Lord.
Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Let the earth lift its voice, singing blessed be the name of the Lord.
This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.
Shout for joy! Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad. Let praise surround the throne,
let praise surround the throne, let praise surround the throne.
Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Make a jubilant noise, singing blessed be the name of the Lord.
Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Let the earth lift its voice, singing blessed be the name of the Lord.
For this is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day that was made for praise!
I will rejoice, lift up my voice, making a jubilant noise! Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Make a jubilant noise, singing blessed be the name of the Lord.
Shout for joy! Shout for joy!
Let the earth lift its voice, singing blessed be the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

First Reading Ephesians 2:11-22 (Pew Bible NT p.192)

Second Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-14a (Pew Bible OT p.281)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit "Life-Support Systems" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** (A Declaration of Faith, 9.5)
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey
all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.
No more than Christ are we spared
the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.
We are in the world, but not of the world.
Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people
do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world,
but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.

***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 "Face to Face" (Berry) 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 #321** "The Church's One Foundation"

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

***Postlude** "Festive Voluntary" (Clark) 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 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.

**Monthly Giving Opportunity**  
The July giving opportunity is Thornwell Children's Home. Please mark your check "Thornwell" & place it in the MGO box in the worship space or the offering plate.

**Wednesday Night**  
This week we will meet in the FLC. Our study of water in the Bible continues with "Water and Hospitality, part 2." Remember 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. Next week we will meet at the House of Pizza.

**Movie Night**  
Tonight @ 6:30pm in the Parlor. We'll be watching "Bruce Almighty" and popcorn will be supplied.

**Bible Study @ The Retreat**  
Join us this Tuesday, July 23 @ 10am as we study with our members & others at The Retreat.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**July 21, 1648:** The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland passes an act that says no minister, even if licensed, may be admitted to a congregation without the consent of the General Assembly.

**July 21, 2003:** Israeli authorities arrest Oded Golan, an antiquities dealer, whom they accuse of forging the inscription on the James ossuary. The James Ossuary is a 1st-century limestone box that was used for containing the bones of the dead. An Aramaic inscription translated "Jacob, son of Joseph, brother of Yeshua" is cut into one side of the box. The charges will later be dropped and many archaeologists will remain convinced the object is authentic because of the old patina (a surface film caused by oxidation) in its letters.

**July 23, 1702:** The Camisards, French Protestants of Languedoc, break into open revolt when they hear a rumor that a priest at Pont de Montvert intends to execute some of his Camisard prisoners, whom he has held and tortured. They burn his house, kill him, and liberate the prisoners. This begins a savage war that leads to their extermination.

### 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:

**Cody Sossamon**  
**Harper Blanton**  
**Nat Benson**

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

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

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## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, July 21

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
1:30 PM Session Meeting – Conference Room  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC  
6:30 PM Movie Night – Parlor

### Tuesday, July 23

8:45 AM Circles' trip to Thornwell  
10:00 AM Bible Study @ The Retreat

### Wednesday, July 24

1:00 PM Ready! Set! Go! – Pool Party  
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

### Sunday, July 28

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

### Upcoming

July 31 Wed night supper @ House of Pizza  
August 4 Yoga  
August 4 Movie Night  
August 11 Baby Shower for Abbie Sossamon Scott  
August 24 Soup Kitchen

## 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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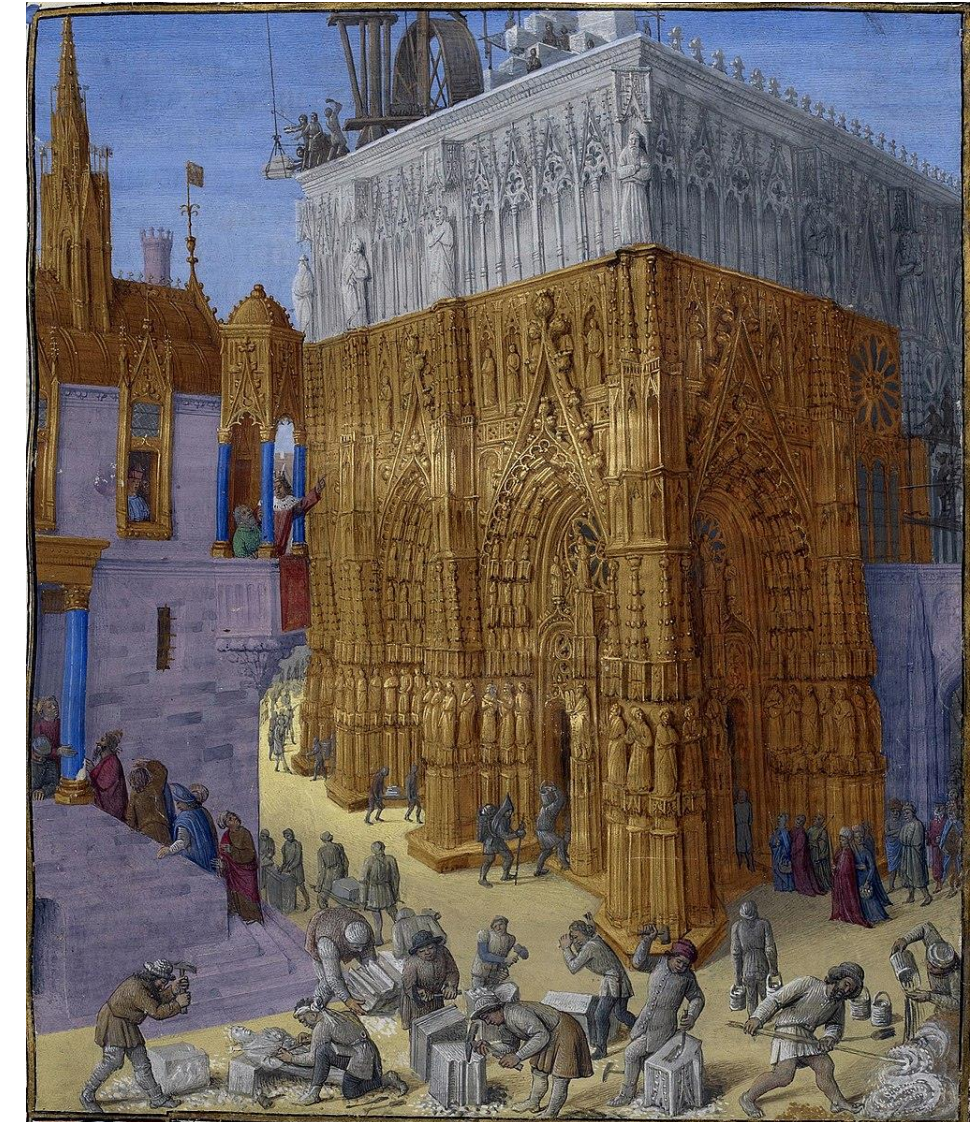


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Jean Fouquet. **Construction of the Temple in Jerusalem.** c. 1470.  
Bibliothèque Nationale de France.

When you build the house, you don't start with the roof. -- Ronald Koeman