

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude "Blessed Assurance" (Pethel) David Thompson

Call to Worship Dean Wyatt

The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,
but God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself.

Come into God's presence with praise and singing.

God welcomes all who move forward in faith.

We gather together to worship,

knowing that God is already here among us;

knowing that there is nothing that separates us

from the presence of our Lord.

Wherever we are, wherever we go,

God is near.

***Hymn of Praise #12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

***Call to Confession** Dean Wyatt

***Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God,
You have set before us the path
but we have wandered on our own
to try to find our way.**

**Sometimes we are like toddlers
and we hear Your call and come back.**

**Other times, we are children testing boundaries,
ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.**

**And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion,
demanding to be cut loose and set free,**

**not knowing how much we still need
to seek Your wisdom and guidance.**

**But most of all, too often we think we are adults
and have figured it all our and know our own way,
only to stumble and stray so far.**

**Remind us, ever-present God,
that we are always Your children,
that we are never fully grown up in Your sight,
that we always have much to learn.**

**Help us to return to the path and walk with You.
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 #437**

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 "Christ Be In My Waking" (Townend) Chancel Choir

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising, in my day of working, with me ev'ry hour.

Christ be in my resting as the day is ending, calming and refreshing,
watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking and my understanding, guarding me from evil,

walking in the light. Christ be in my speaking, ev'ry word a blessing,

pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear. Jesus, this is my devotion,

all my life to know You, ev'ry day to walk with You. Savior, You're my deepest longing;

You're the one I live for; teach me, Lord, to walk with you.

Christ be in my gladness, for the joy of living,
thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.

Christ be in my sorrow, in my darkness, knowing that I follow in the steps He trod.

Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to, ev'ry pleasure jaded,

ev'ry well is dry. Christ the loving Shepherd draws me with His kindness,

leads me from the desert to the streams of life. Jesus, this is my devotion,

all my life to know You, ev'ry day to walk with You. Savior, You're my deepest longing;

You're the one I live for; teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising, in my day of working,

with me ev'ry hour, with me ev'ry hour, with me ev'ry hour.

First Reading Isaiah 53:1-9 (Pew Bible OT p.683)

Second Reading I Peter 3:13-21 (Pew Bible NT p.234)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit "Did He? Is He?" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** (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

Prayers of the People concluding with the Lord's Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory "It Is Well With My Soul" (arr. Henry) Jim Simmons

***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 #692** "Spirit, Open My Heart"

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

***Postlude** "Postlude on Halifax" (Lani Smith) 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:**

Those in the path of Hurricane Helene; Traverse Foster; David Gorski; Sam Elliott; Dallas Scruggs & Family; Community of Winder, GA; Holly Nolff; Family of Trisha Boyett; Lynda G; Fred G; Hannah Vincent; J.T. Spires; Lib Allen; Barbara Grinter; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

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

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.

**Monthly Giving Opportunity**

The September giving opportunity is the Peace and Global Witness Offering. We will also be collecting school supplies. Please mark your check "PGWO" or "school supplies" & place it in the MGO box in the worship space or the offering plate.

**Bible Study**

Join our fall Bible Study on Mondays at 6:30pm in the Family Life Center. We are studying the life and an assortment of writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. If you need a study guide for the study, there are some on the Peggy Jolley Info Hub and/or in the church office.

**Yoga**

TODAY at 4pm in the Family Life Center.

**Big Faith, Big Questions**

This week's question: "Why would we say, 'He descended into hell' in the Apostles Creed? On the cross, Jesus said to the thief, 'Today you will be with me in Paradise'."

Next week's topic will be: "How is abortion referenced in the Bible? / What does the Bible say about homosexuality?"

**Mark your calendars now for October 13**

When we will enjoy worship at Lake Wheelchel with our sister congregation Bethesda Presbyterian Church. Lunch will follow. See the LimeLight for more details.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**October 1, 1877:** Daniel Warner's church brings charges against him for preaching holiness. Warner, a preacher in the Winebrennerian Church of God, claimed that in July 1877, he experienced "entire sanctification," a manifestation of Christian spiritual maturity or perfection. Perfection is a prominent doctrine within the Methodist tradition, and the ultimate goal of this process is union with God characterized by pure love of God and other people as well as personal holiness or sanctification. Despite the charges, Warner's license to preach was renewed on the condition that he would not bring "holiness" workers in to hold meetings in the Churches of God (Winebrennerian) without their consent.

**October 2, 1532:** Reformer William Farel arrives in Geneva where in sixteen months his preaching will convince the city to join the Reformation.

**October 3, 1943:** Lutheran pastor Kjeldgaard Jensen in Gilleleje, Denmark, reads a letter from his nation's bishops, instructing Danes to assist in the rescue of Jews from impending Nazi deportation to death camps. The bishops remind their flocks that Jesus was a Jew, that persecution violates the command to love one's neighbor, and that it is contrary to Danish conceptions of justice. This will inspire the town to hide over 1,300 Jews and transport most of them to neutral Sweden.

### 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:

**Renee Wiseman**  
**Betsy Cathcart**  
**Bill Caldwell**

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, September 29

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

### Monday, September 30

5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room  
6:30 PM Bible Study – FLC

### Tuesday, October 1

4:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting – Conference Room

### Thursday, October 3

7:00 PM Grace Circle

### Wednesday, October 2

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

### Sunday, October 6

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Simple Supper – FLC  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC  
CE Committee Meeting – Conference Room

### Upcoming

October 8 Joy Circle  
October 13 Worship at Lake Whelchel  
October 22 Bible Study @ The Retreat  
October 26 Soup Kitchen  
October 27 Chili Cook-off  
October 30 Fall Festival

## NEXT STEPS

- Pick up a hard copy of the LIMELight
- Make your reservation for Wednesday Night Supper

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| <u>Class of 2024</u> | <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> |
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GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



Master of the Osservanza. **The Descent into Limbo.** c 1445.  
Harvard Art Museums/Fogg Museum, Gift of Paul J. Sachs,  
"A testimonial to my friend Edward W. Forbes". <https://hvard.art/o/231664>

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