

VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday January 14, 2024

Second Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE Janesta Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Vivian Calcote

CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Samuel 3:9) Vivian Calcote

Leader: The One who calls us together this day yearns for each of us and for all people to hear the Lord and be blessed.

**All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

**All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

\*HYMN NO. 305 Come Sing O Church in Joy!

CALL TO CONFESSION Vivian Calcote

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Vivian Calcote

**All: Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Vivian Calcote

Leader: God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. In Jesus' name we are forgiven. Our sins are no more. You and I have been made clean. God strengthens us with freedom through the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Carson Montgomery  
HYMN NO. 720 Jesus Calls Us

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Vivian Calcote

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 139: 1-18

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1: 43-51

SERMON **The Wonder of Jesus**  
Rev. Carson Montgomery

\*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 saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS Rev. Carson Montgomery

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our**

debtors; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING\*\*

OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY

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

All: Bless in every way, O Lord, the gifts of the people here given. Enrich the ministries of your people and make us grateful to be able to let go of things we do not, finally, own. Amen.

\*HYMN NO. 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Carson Montgomery

\*Stand as you are able

\*\*The ministry of the church continues. Please mail your tithes, pledges, and offerings to the church, Attention: Treasurer, P.O. Box 68, Van Wyck, SC 29744. You may also give online through the "Giving" tab on the church website [www.vwpc.org](http://www.vwpc.org)

Liturgy taken from "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1" (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014).

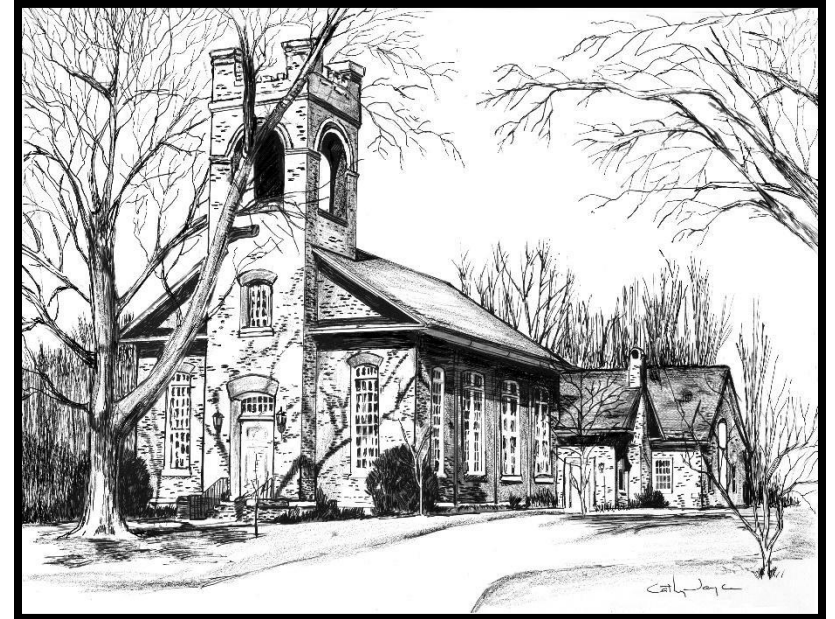
### Elder of the Day

This Week: Tony Flanagan

Next Week: Holly Massey

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## Announcements

- Sunday Jan 14** 10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
\*3:00pm Called Presbytery Meeting (ZOOM)
- Tuesday Jan 16** 10:00am Sisters Of The Heart
- Saturday Jan 20** 8:00am Mental Health First Aid (Bethelwoods)  
4:30pm YOUTH serve dinner at Bethel Shelters (Rock Hill)
- Sunday Jan 21** 10:00m Sunday School  
11:00am Worship & Installation of the Elder Class of 2026 Followed By Refreshments  
7:00pm Presbyterian Women's Evening Group
- Tuesday Jan 23** 10:00am Sisters Of The Heart
- Sunday Jan 28** 10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
12:00pm "Souper Bowl" of Caring: homemade soups, crackers and dessert will be served. (Donations will be collected for HOPE of Lancaster)
- Tuesday Jan 30** 10:00am Sisters Of The Heart

\*The stated purpose of the called presbytery meeting is to:

1. To receive a report from the Stated Clerk Search Committee and take action accordingly.
2. If approved, to Install the New Stated Clerk
3. To approve adjustments to the Stated Clerk Job description.

## Happy JANUARY Birthday to YOU!

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 – Carson Montgomery | 24 – William Sims         |
| 4 – Bob Campbell      | 26 – Shirley Cauthen      |
| 5 – Mike Helms        | 27 – Pat Oglesby          |
| 13 – Donald Baker     | 30 – Libby Sweatt-Lambert |
| 15 – Lily Cargill     | 31 – George Baker         |
| 21 – Krista Manus     |                           |

## December Prayer List

**Disciples:** Dianne Moore, Janesta Williams, Claudia Thompson, William Sims, Toug Brunson, Dana Denton, Sam Dunlap, Julia Willingham

**Friends:** Gwen Flynn, Bernard Bagley, Dana Boatwright, Mary Crenshaw, Odie Dick, the family of Larry Griffin, Gail Stogner, April Young, Rick Young, the family of Kevin Watson

**Community:** Van Wyck and Lancaster communities, our teachers and students

**Providence Presbytery:** Bethesda Presbyterian Church (Camden, SC)

**Wider World:** Israel and Gaza, all affected by Hurricane Idalia, Libya, Maui, Turkey & Syria, Ukraine, Russia, our country and elected leaders

**Youth:** Cody Campbell, Harrison Cargill, Rachel Graham, Stuart Graham, Charlie Haynes, Alena Massey, Kate McCalmont

**Vocational and College Students:** Genevieve Cook, Carson Helms, Christian Moss, Ashley Overstreet, Devon Overstreet, Fritz Walker

**Homebound Disciples:** Eloise Williams, Vicky Lott

**Session:** Class of 2023: Laura Clark, Tony Flanagan; Class of 2024: Linda Pelletier (Clerk); Class of 2025: Holly Massey, Craig Denton

**Staff:** Donna Fox, Stuart Graham, Barbara McAfee, Janesta Williams, Rev. Carson Montgomery