

VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday April 21, 2024
The Fourth Sunday After Easter

PRELUDE Janesta Williams
PASTORAL WELCOME Rev. Carson Montgomery
ANNOUNCEMENTS Janet Campbell

CALL TO WORSHIP Janet Campbell

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Let us worship the Lord our God in spirit and truth.

*HYMN NO. 187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

CALL TO CONFESSION Janet Campbell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us. This is the good news of the gospel; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.

ANTHEM Morning Has Broken Choir

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Jake and Laura Clark

HYMN NO. 394 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Carson Montgomery

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING John 10: 11-18

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3: 16-24

SERMON **Love in Truth and Action**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Psalm 23, NRSV)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my

enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my

life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

PRaises AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Carson Montgomery

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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: Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*BENEDICTION Rev. Carson Montgomery

The liturgy today comes from "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Vol. 1 (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014).

**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

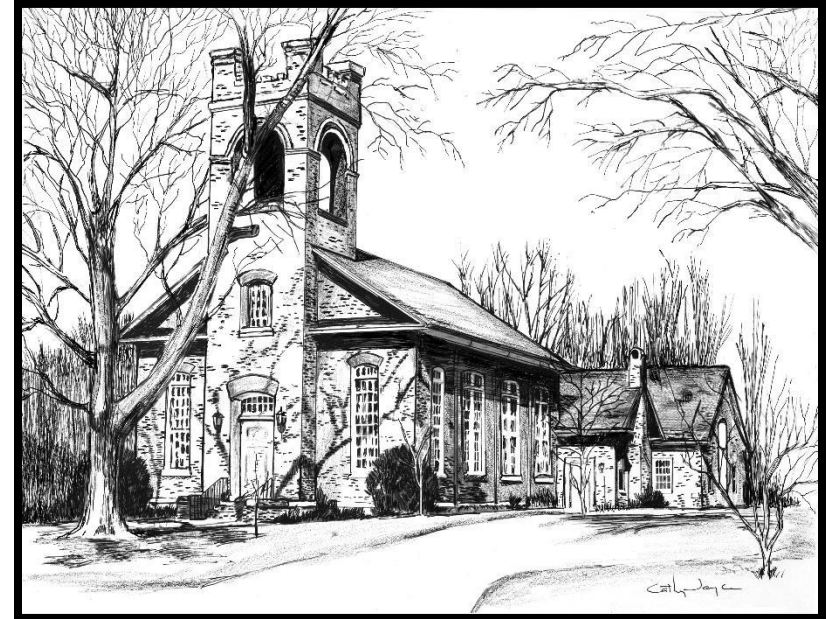
Elder of the Day

This Week: Holly Massey

Next Week: Craig Denton

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Announcements

Sunday April 21	10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Stewardship Meeting
*Monday April 22	7:00pm Bible 101 With Rev. Carson (Rev. Carson's Home)
Tuesday April 23	10:00am Sisters of the Heart 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wed April 24	6:30pm Choir
Thursday April 25	7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday April 27	8:30am Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 10:00am Integrity Group Meeting (Vaughan Room)
Sunday April 28	10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Potluck Luncheon and Columbarium Memorial Garden Presentation
*Monday April 29	7:00pm Bible 101 With Rev. Carson (Rev. Carson's Home)
Tuesday April 30	10:00am Sisters of the Heart 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

***If you are new to learning about the Bible, please join Rev. Carson for a small group study on the foundations of the Bible. Contact Rev. Carson for more information (vwpcpastor@comporium.net).**

Happy APRIL Birthday to YOU!

3 – Charlie Haynes	14 – Mona Baker
6 – Diane Harrell	20 – Janet Campbell
8 – Tony Flanagan	21 – Holly Massey
12 – Jane Massey	25 – Vicki Lott

April Prayer Requests

Disciples: Carol Lyon, Paul Kourkoubes, Linda Vaughan, Dianne Moore, Donald Baker, Toug Brunson, Carol Johns

Friends: The family of Rev. Dr. Dick Ray, Barbara Sansbury, Elaine Atkins, Caleb Harris, Luke Rushing, the family of Mary Crenshaw, Lynn Denton, Mother of Roy Sansbury, David Adams, Bernard Bagley and Niles, Patti Harris, Kip Hurley, Margaret Jacques, Marion Mackey, Leah Opyrchal and Fern, the family of Paul Walters, Rick Young, Ronnie McClure,

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

Providence Presbytery: Tirzah Presbyterian Church (Waxhaw, NC)
Rev. John D Gertenmeir

Wider World: Israel and Gaza, 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: Vicki Lott

Session: Class of 2024: Linda Pelletier (Clerk), Laura Clark; Class of 2025: Holly Massey, Craig Denton; Class of 2026: Janet Campbell, Julie Graham

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



**Columbarium and Memorial Garden Presentation
& Potluck Luncheon
Following the 11:00am Worship Service
Sunday April 28, 2024**

The Session is considering the creation of a Columbarium and Memorial Garden on the church property.

A Columbarium is a sacred structure with niches to hold funeral urns as a final resting place. The Memorial Garden serves as a space of solace, prayer, and may also be used for outdoor worship.

The presentation will be led by George Baker to educate the congregation and also to inquire if there is enough interest to take the next steps.

Please bring your favorite salad or entree to share.