

VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday April 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday After Easter

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Janet Campbell  
Lord God, you are the wondrous Vinegrower. You make all things new through your living water and Word.

**You feed your people with love, joy, and peace.**

Teach us to love what you have commanded.

**Give us the courage to prune what does not nourish your creation.**

Lord God, you have made us for yourself. And we are yours. Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

\*HYMN NO. 701 Lord, Prepare Me

CALL TO CONFESSION Janet Campbell  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us and we have cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, you and I have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to us. In baptism, God claimed us and joined us to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you and me: 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.**

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Carson Montgomery

HYMN NO. 300 We Are One in the Spirit

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Carson Montgomery

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING John 15: 1-8

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4: 7-21

SERMON **An Abiding Connection**

\*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

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**



**Announcements**

**Sunday April 28** 10am Sunday Study Groups  
 11am Worship  
 12pm Potluck Luncheon & Columbarium Memorial Garden Presentation

**Tuesday April 30** 10:00am Sisters of the Heart  
 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday May 1** 6:30pm Choir

**Thursday May 2** 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday May 5** 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship Communion Sunday

**Monday May 6** 7:00pm Bible 101 With Rev. Carson

**Tuesday May 7** 10:00am Sisters of the Heart  
 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Wed May 8** 6:30pm Choir

**Thursday May 9** 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Saturday May 11** 8:30am Men’s Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
 10:00am Integrity Group Meeting (Vaughan Room)

**\*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).**

**Memorials Received This Week By:**

Julia Willingham- In Memory of Eloise Williams  
 Jane and Jim Massey- In Honor of Holly Massey- Birthday!!!

**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:** Our children, youth and teachers in testing season, Carol Lyon, Paul Kourkoubes, Linda Vaughan, Dianne Moore, Donald Baker, Toug Brunson, Carol Johns

**Friends:** Gail Dick, Lewis Buchanan, Sharon Foster, Barbara Sansbury, Elaine Atkins, Caleb Harris, Luke Rushing, the family of Mary Crenshaw, Lynn Denton, 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, Bessie Wheeler, April Young

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

**Providence Presbytery:** Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church (York SC)  
 Rev. Dr. John White

**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.**