VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday April 28, 2024 The Fifth Sunday After Easter

PRELUDE PASTORAL WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janesta Williams Rev. Carson Montgomery Janet Campbell

CALL TO WORSHIP

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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 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 |
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| HYMN NO. 300 | We Are One in the S | pirit |
| 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**

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

(The Apostles' Creed)

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: Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

| *HYMN NO. 700 | I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me |
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| *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).

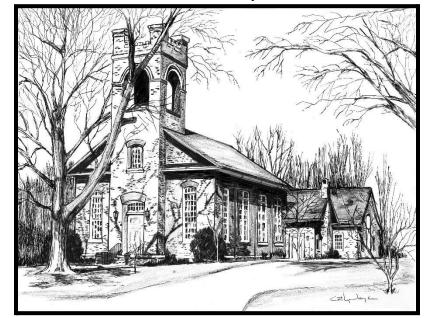
**The ministry of the church continues. Please mail your tithes, pledges, and offerings to the church, Attention: Treasurer, P.O. Box 68, Van Wyck, SC 29744. You may also give online through the "Giving" tab on the church website <u>www.vwpc.org</u>

Elder of the Day

This Week: Craig Denton Next Week: Laura Clark

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Announcements

| Sunday April 28 | 10am Sunday Study Groups 11am Worship 12pm Potluck Luncheon & Columbarium Memorial Garden Presentation | 3 –Charlie Haynes 6 – Diane Harrell 8 – Tony Flanagan 12 – Jane Massey | 14 – Mona Baker 20 –Janet Campbell 21 – Holly Massey 25 – Vicki Lott | |
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| Tuesday April 30 | 10:00am Sisters of the Heart 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | | | |
| Wednesday May 1 | 6:30pm Choir | April Prayer Requests | | |
| Thursday May 2 | 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | 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, Elair Atkins, Caleb Harris, Luke Rushing, the family of Mary Crenshaw, Lynn | | |
| Sunday May 5 | 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Communion Sunday | | | |
| Monday May 6 | 7:00pm Bible 101 With Rev. Carson | Denton, David Adams, Bernard Bagle Margaret Jacques, Marion Mackey, Le | · · · · · · | |
| Tuesday May 7 | 10:00am Sisters of the Heart 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | Paul Walters, Rick Young, Ronnie McClure, Bessie Wheeler, April Young Community: Van Wyck and Lancaster communities, our teachers and students | | |
| Wed May 8 | 6:30pm Choir | Providence Presbytery: Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church (York SC) Rev. Dr. John White | | |
| Thursday May 9 | 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall) | Wider World: Israel and Gaza, Libya, Maui, Turkey, Syria, Ukraine, Russia, our country and elected leaders | | |
| Saturday May 11 | 8:30am Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 10:00am Integrity Group Meeting (Vaughan Room) | Youth: Cody Campbell, Harrison Cargill, Rachel Graham, Stuart Graham, Charlie Haynes, Alena Massey, Kate McCalmont Vocational and College Students: Genevieve Cook, Carson Helms, Christia Moss, Ashley Overstreet, Devon Overstreet, Fritz Walker | | |

*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!

| Paul Kourkoubes, Linda Vaughan, Dianne Moore, Donald Baker, Toug |
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| 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 |
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| Vocational and College Students: Genevieve Cook, Carson Helms, Christian |
| Moss, Ashley Overstreet, Devon Overstreet, Fritz Walker |
| Homebound Disciples: Vicky Lott |
| Session: Class of 2024: Linda Pelletier (Clerk), Laura Clark; Class of 2025: |
| Holly Massey, Craig Denton; <u>Class of 2026:</u> Janet Campbell, Julie Graham |
| Staff: Donna Fox, Stuart Graham, Barbara McAfee, Janesta Williams, |
| Rev. Carson Montgomery |
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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.