VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday April 7, 2024 The Second Sunday After Easter

PRELUDE PASTORAL WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janesta Williams **Rev. Carson Montgomery** Janet Campbell

Janet Campbell

CALL TO WORSHIP Leader: Jesus said. All: "Follow me." Leader: Jesus said. All: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Leader: Jesus said. All: "Forgive seventy times seven." Leader: Jesus said, All: "Feed my sheep." Leader: In response, we say: All: "Here's my heart. Take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts above."

Leader: Let us worship God with all our hearts.

\*HYMN NO. 475 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#### CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Janet Campbell

All: Gracious God, like Peter, we crawl out of the boat only to sink. You tell us your truth and we push it away. We ask about forgiveness and are surprised by abundance. We profess our faith and deny it three times. We run to the empty tomb and leave in silence. Over and over again, we find ourselves wandering along the journey of faith. Tether us to your heart. Forgive our surprise, our denial, and our limited imagination. Call us out of the boat once more. We are eager to return to you. With humble hearts we pray, amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, the grace of our God knows no end. When we stumble, when we fall, when we deny God or cause harm, Jesus meets us where we are and offers us a second chance. So, rest in this good news. Does God love you? Yes, yes, yes. God loves you. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love that never ends. 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.

**Rev. Carson Montgomery** MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Rev. Carson Montgomery** NEW TESTAMENT READING John 21: 1-19 SERMON Wandering Heart: Here's My Heart

**Rev. Carson Montgomery** 

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & THE JOINING OF NEW DISCIPLES (Insert)

**\*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.

\*Stand as you are able

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Insert)

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Carson Montgomery

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: Lord God, we treasure your word and your will in our hearts. Bless the treasures of our time, energy, and offerings so that others may experience your faithfulness. Amen.

\*HYMN NO. 157 I Danced in the Morning \*BENEDICTION Rev. Carson Montgomery

All liturgy and prayers written by Rev. Sarah Are Speed. Lenten Series Theme, "Wandering Heart" from Sanctified Art, LLC.

\*\*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: Craig Denton Next Week: Janet Campbell

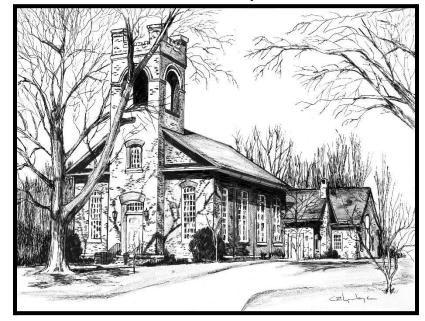
Memorials received This Week By:

Janesta Williams- In Memory of Eloise Williams

Lance and Julie Cunnane- In Memory of Eloise Williams

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## Today we welcome our newest disciples into the Family of Faith:

**<u>Baptism</u>**: Gabby Shuler Rape, Kenneth Shuler, Winston Hawkins <u>**Reaffirmation of Faith**</u>: Ryan Rape, Terri Shuler, Nancy Law, Paul & Roxie Tolman

Letter Transfer: Dennis Williford & Carol Lyons (West Market Street United Methodist Church), Ryne Hawkins & Nancy Graham(Church of the Covenant Boston) Affiliate: Scott & Teri Currie

#### **Announcements**

Sunday April 7	10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship and Communion Sunday 7:00pm Presbyterian Women's Evening Group
Monday April 8	7:00pm Mission Team Meeting Grounds and Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday April 9	10:00am Sisters of the Heart 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting
Wed April 10	7:00pm Choir
Saturday April 13	8:30am Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering 10:00am Integrity Group Meeting
Sunday April 14	10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship

\*Providence Presbytery's annual PW Spring Gathering will be at Van Wyck Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Ladies from all PCUSA churches in Providence Presbytery will attend. All ladies of our church are invited. Please contact Pat Oglesby for information.

#### 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: Paul Kourkoubes, Linda Vaughan, Dianne Moore, Donald Baker, Toug Brunson, Carol Johns Friends: 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, Rev. Dr. Dick and Lila Ray, Ronnie McClure, Community: Van Wyck and Lancaster communities, our teachers and students Providence Presbytery: Van Wyck Presbyterian Church (Lancaster, SC) **Rev. Carson Montgomery** 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: Vicky 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** 

#### **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Words of Scripture

Introduction to the Sacrament

Presentation of the Candidates

Baptismal Vows of the Candidates:

Baptismal Vows of the Congregation:

Pastor: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Gabby and Kenneth by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? **Members: We do.** 

Thanksgiving Prayer Over the Water Leader: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give our thanks and praise....

The Sacrament Baptism

Prayer

## The Joining of New Disciples

Introduction of New Disciples Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows Prayer Welcome of All New Disciples

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you. All: And also with you. Leader: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them to the Lord. Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer