

VAN WYCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE

Janesta Williams

PASTORAL WELCOME

Rev. Carson Montgomery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Clark

MINUTE FOR MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Eph 1: 17-20)

Laura Clark

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him.

With the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we see the greatness of Christ's power at work in us who believe.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

*HYMN NO. 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God, lover of humankind, you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The promise of our faith is that we are already forgiven and, in Christ's name, given the power to rise up and subdue all that separates us from God and each other. Friends, receive the power of the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's resurrection power in Jesus Christ.

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. 462

I Love to Tell the Story

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Carson Montgomery

PSALMS SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 47

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 24: 44-53; Acts 1: 1-11

SERMON

Blessed in the Waiting

*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 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: Holy One, you have called us to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. Bless the giving of our hearts, energy, and treasures and empower us to fulfill our call. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*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

The Worship Ministry Team will be making a Mother's Day Offering today in honor of the women of our church for Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina.

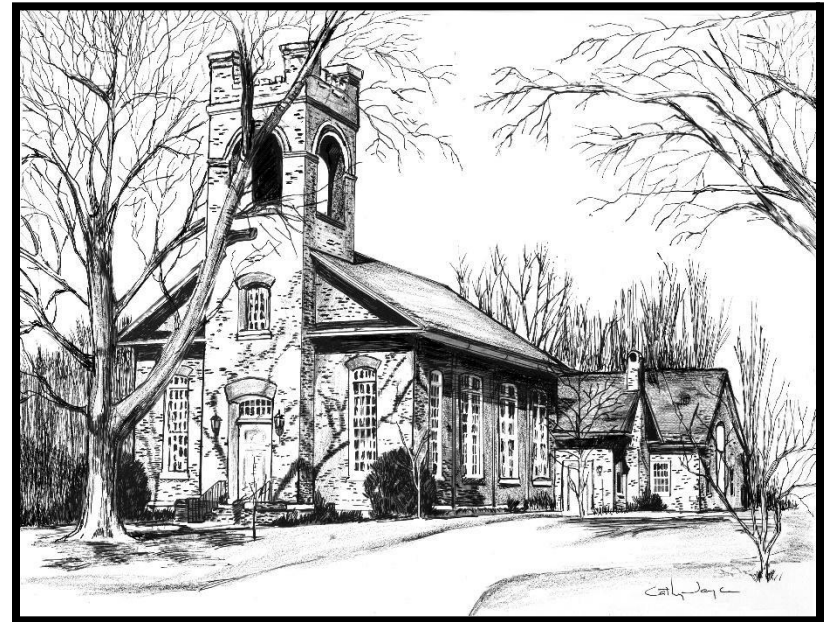
Elder of the Day

This Week: Janet Campbell

Next Week: Holly Massey

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Announcements

Sunday May 12	10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Ascension Sunday Mother's Day
Monday May 13	7:00pm Bible 101 With Rev. Carson
Tuesday May 14	10:00am Sisters of the Heart 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wed May 15	6:30pm Choir
Thursday May 16	1:00pm Lunch Bunch at The Smoking Rail 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday May 18	10:00am Integrity Group Meeting (Vaughan Room)
Sunday May 19	10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 7:00pm Presbyterian Women's Evening Group
Monday May 20	7:00pm Bible 101 With Rev. Carson
Tuesday May 21	10:00am Sisters of the Heart 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday May 22	7:00pm Matsiko World Children's Choir
Thursday May 23	7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday May 26	10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Youth Pizza Party
Monday May 27	7:00pm Bible 101 With Rev. Carson

Happy MAY Birthday to YOU!!!

1 – Teresa Edwards	13 – Vivi Lee Cambell
3 – Jim Moore	16 – Ashley Overstreet
6 – Claudia Thompson	21 – Julia Willingham
7 – Trudy Massey-Walker	21 – Roxie Tolman
10 – Cody Campbell	22 – Julie Graham
10 – Zack Bean	25 – Di Kourkoubes
12 – Christian Moss	31 – Juanita Moss

May Prayers Requests

We grieve with Paul and Di Kourkoubus on the death of their son-in-law.

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

Friends: Brandon, Christie Gaddy, Lewis Cohen, Jennifer Bankton, Gail Dick, Lewis Buchanan, Sharon Foster, Barbara Sansbury (mother of Roy 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: Purity Presbyterian Church (Chester SC)
Rev. Jason Myers

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

Matsiko World Orphan Choir

*learn more about Matsiko online www.matsiko.org

7pm Wednesday May 22

Van Wyck Presbyterian Church

Come listen to the voice of hope!



What Is the Matsiko World Orphan Choir (MWOC)?

Since 2008, the Matsiko World Orphan Choir has brought together our world's orphaned and vulnerable children to share their story of turning the pain of loss, hunger, and hopelessness into personal empowerment through music, dance, storytelling, and the importance of a complete education to break the cycle of poverty. We believe every child has dignity and worth no matter their background.

What Is the Mission of Matsiko Children International?

Matsiko is a Ugandan word that means hope. The purpose of Matsiko Children International is to provide Hope through Education. Our mission is to transform the lives of our world's most vulnerable children through a complete education which helps them become whatever they want to be and grow in wisdom, character, and opportunity.