

Sunday August 11, 2024

PRELUDE Janesta Williams

PASTORAL WELCOME Rev. Carson Montgomery
ANNOUNCEMENTS Laura Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 34: 1-3) Laura Clark
Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

*HYMN NO. 280 Come O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Clark

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be transformed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Laura Clark

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and made fully alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, that you and I are forgiven. 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. 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Carson Montgomery

PSALM SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 34: 1-8

EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8: 18-28

SERMON Re:Shape – No Pain, No Gain

*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.

Back to School Blessing (Insert)

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

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: Generous, transforming God, thank you for blessing all of creation and humanity with your hope that does not disappoint. Accept these tithes, pledges, and offerings and bless them so that our shared ministries may render your hope to our hurting world. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 661 His Eye Is On The Sparrow

*BENEDICTION Rev. Carson Montgomery

Liturgy is taken from The Book of Common Worship, by the Office of Theology and Worship, PC (USA).

**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

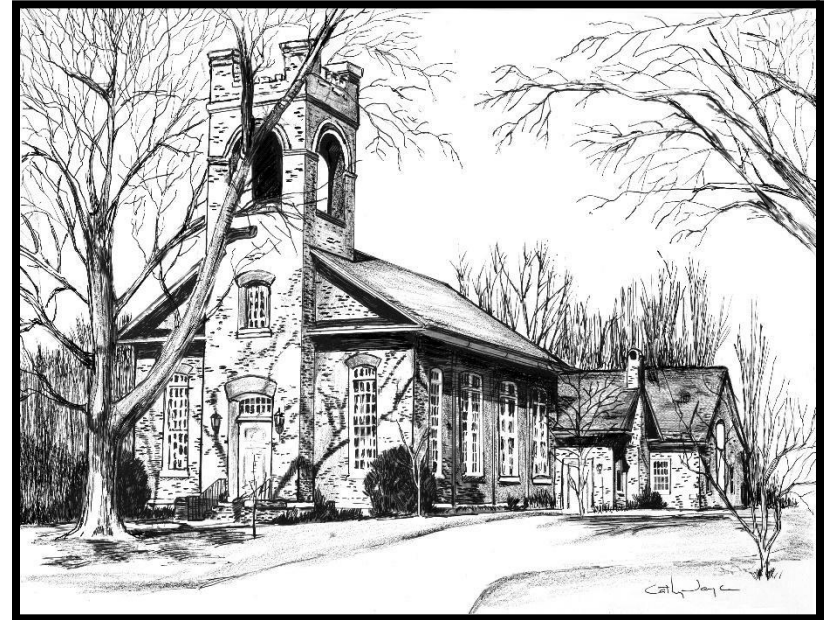
Elder of the Day

This Week: Janet Campbell

Next Week: Holly Massey

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Announcements

Sunday Aug 11 11:00am Worship
2:30pm Stated Presbytery Meeting (virtual)
Holly Massey is the elected commissioner
7:00pm Presbyterian Women's Evening group

Monday Aug 12 7:00pm Bible 101
7:00pm Mission Team Meeting (Vaughan Room)
7:00pm Grounds and Maintenance Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday Aug 13 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Thursday Aug 15 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday Aug 18 11:00am Worship

Monday Aug 19 7:00pm Bible 101

Tuesday Aug 20 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Thursday Aug 22 11:30am Lunch Bunch at The Smoking Rail
7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday Aug 25 11:00am Worship
12:00pm Potluck Luncheon and
Church Wide Visioning

*The VWPC LUNCH BUNCH will meet on August 22, at 11:30 am at the SMOKING RAIL, Van Wyck. All are invited, especially newcomers. Signup at Worship August 11 or 18. Vivian Calcote. 423-383-1345.

Happy AUGUST Birthday to YOU!!!

2 – Tom Moore	21 – Jack Leedy
5 – Alana Massey	26 – Patsy Hillen
16 – Jacob Moss	29 – Kara Cargill
19 – Dana Denton	30 – Ryan Rape
20 – Craig Denton	

August Prayer Requests

Disciples: Diane Harrell, Shirley Cauthen, Nancy Garrison, Carol Johns, Vivian Calcote, William Sims, Gail Stogner

Friends: Daniel Adams, Gail Dick and Sarah Shufford, Janet Crenshaw's family, the family of Winford Williford, Rick Young, Lucy and Lewis Buchanan, Ed Biggs, Shannon Steele St. John, the family of Marlie Sullivan, Michelle Oglesby, Leah and Fern Opyrchal

Community: Van Wyck and Lancaster communities, our teachers and students
Providence Presbytery: First Union Presbyterian Church (Union, SC)
(Vacant)

Wider World: Unity for our country, 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



Sunday August 11 Reflective Questions

1. The COVID-19 pandemic generated volatile change and forced us into a different reality; life as we knew it stopped. Reflect on the pandemic's effect on you and your family (physically, mentally, spiritually).
2. What did you grieve over during the pandemic?
3. What adaptive changes were you able to make to help you feel connected to loved ones and your church family?
4. In what ways did you discover God's faithfulness during those years of challenge and change?

2024 Back to School Blessing Litany

Leader: Dear God, we give you thanks for the gift of learning in this new school year.

All: Lord God, we ask your blessings on these students, their backpacks, and their whole being.

We pray you will strengthen our students with confidence to know they are loved.

Strengthen our students to carry the weight of books, homework, and extracurricular activities.

Open their minds to seek the joy of learning and to grow in their critical thinking.

Open their hearts to extend kindness to others.

Open their spirits and shape their character with self-control, positive attitudes, and courage.

Open their imaginations to dream of ways of being the beloved community You intend for us to build together.

Leader: Go in God's wisdom. Go in the love of Jesus Christ. Go in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: We ask God's blessing on the teachers, staff, and administrators in our schools and colleges.

All: We pray you will strengthen all educators, staff, and administration with confidence to know they are supported in their call of educational leadership. Provide them with resources, tools, and creativity to spark the joy of learning. Open their hearts to what is unique within each student.

Leader: Empower their spirits to face daily challenges with energy, intelligence, imagination, love, and the assurance that You, O God, always provide and lead the way to overcome obstacles with new opportunities.

All: Go in God's wisdom. Go in the love of Jesus Christ. Go in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Lord God, we pray You will shower a multitude of blessings upon this new school year for all of our minds, hearts, and bodies to be nurtured.

All: When our students, educators, staff and administrators face challenges and disappointments, ground each of them in Your hope of "plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Leader: Empower our church to be the Body of Christ to love and support our students and educational leaders throughout this school year.

All: Amen.