Sunday September 15, 2024

PRELUDE Janesta Williams

PASTORAL WELCOME Rev. Carson Montgomery ANNOUNCEMENTS Stuart Graham

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 116: 1-2, adapted) Stuart Graham Leader: I love the Lord because God hears your voice and mine.

All: Because God inclined his ear to you and me, we will call on the Lord as long as we live.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

\*HYMN NO. 610 O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

CALL TO CONFESSION Stuart Graham PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone and new life has begun. Know that you and I are forgiven and be at peace.

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. 722 Though I May Speak

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Carson Montgomery

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 116: 1-9
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING James 3: 1-12

SERMON James: Equipping the Saints to Bless

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Fathe

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
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 God, thank you for these gifts we bring from your abundance. Bless gifts and givers to show your love to all those in need, through our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, healer of the sick, advocate of the afflicted, provider for the poor. Amen.

\*HYMN NO. 693

Though I May Speak

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Carson Montgomery

Liturgy is taken from "The Book of Common Worship" (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018).

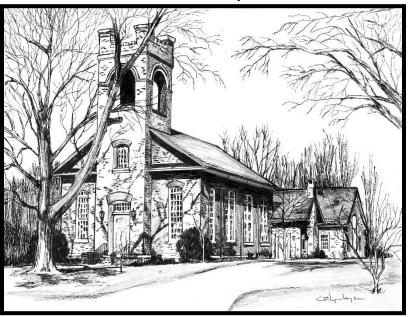
\*\*The ministry of the church continues. Please mail your tithes, pledges, and offerings to the church, Attention: Treasurer, P.O. Box 68, Van Wyck, SC 29744. You may also give online through the "Giving" tab on the church website www.vwpc.org

## **Elder of the Day**

This Week: Holly Massey Next Week: Craig Denton

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#### **Announcements**

**Sunday Sept 15** 10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

12:00 \*\*Youth Lunch With Rev. Carson

7:00pm Soul Sisters of VWPC (Vaughan Room)

Monday Sept 16 10:30am Presbyterian Women (New Study)

7:00pm Bible 101

**Tuesday Sept 17** 10:00am Sisters of the Heart

Wednesday Sept 18 6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday Sept 22 10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

12:00pm Fall Celebration

Monday Sept 23 7:00pm Bible 101

**Tuesday Sept 24** 10:00am Sisters of the Heart

7:00pm Session Meeting (Vaughan Room)

Wednesday Sept 25 6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday Sept 29 10:00am Sunday school

11:00am Worship

Monday Sept 30 7:00pm Bible 101

Jake Clark is soliciting homemade cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry. They will distribute over 1000 dozen cookies over 3 days. Please no dried fruit (like raisins) or powdered sugar. you may package them in ziplock bags, 1 dozen per bag. Please bring them by Sunday September 22 or you may drop them at the Clark's house 5110 Old Hickory.

## **Hosting Community Groups @ VWPC**

**Tuesday Sept 17** 3:45pm Bells Across America (See Below)

7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday Sept 18** 7:00pm TOVW Planning Commission Public Meeting

(Fellowship Hall)

**Thursday Sept 19** 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday Sept 21 10:00am Integrity Group (Fellowship Hall)

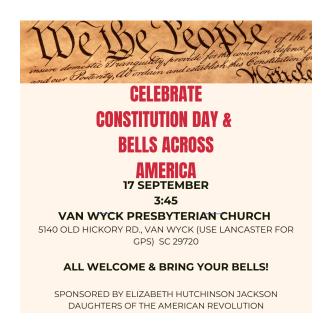
**Tuesday Sept 24** 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday Sept 25 7:00pm TOVW Community Outreach Committee

(Fellowship Hall)

**Thursday Sept 26** 7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday Sept 28 10:00am Integrity Group (Fellowship Hall)



<sup>\*\*</sup>Youth Group will gather with Rev. Carson immediately following worship Sunday Sept 15 for lunch, a lesson, and a service project in Van Wyck.

<sup>\*</sup>The Session has approved the Jackson Chapter of Bells Across America to be on the front lawn of VWPC ringing the church tower bells at 3:45pm Tuesday September 17. Bells Across America is an annual celebration to honor the signing of the Constitution (September 17, 1787) and to remember the church bells of Philadelphia ringing that day.

## **Happy SEPTEMBER Birthday to YOU!!!**

8 – John Bowyer
 12 – Andy Harrell
 20 – Glenda Manus
 22 – Carol Lyon
 27 – Camille Dunlap

21 – Robert Johns

## **September Prayer Requests**

**Disciples:** Donald Baker (in the hospital), Janet, Cody and Vivi Lee Campbell, Tony Flanagan, Holly and Clayton Massey, Ryan Rape, Diane Harrell, Shirley Cauthen, Nancy Garrison, Carol Johns, Vivian Calcote, William Sims, Gail Stogner, Linda Sobey

**Friends:** Charlotte, John Gaylor, Pam Hoyt, Ellen McFadden, Doug Overstreet and family, Katelyn Foster, Bernard Bagley, Daniel and Robin Adams, Gail Dick and Sarah Shufford, the family of Winford Williford, Rick Young, Lucy and Lewis Buchanan, Ed Biggs, Shannon St. John, the family of Marlie Sullivan, Leah and Fern Opyrchal

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

**Providence Presbytery:** Bethesda Presbyterian (York, SC) and Rev. Dr. Derek Marotta

**Wider World:** Peace talks between Israel and Palestine, unity for our country, 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

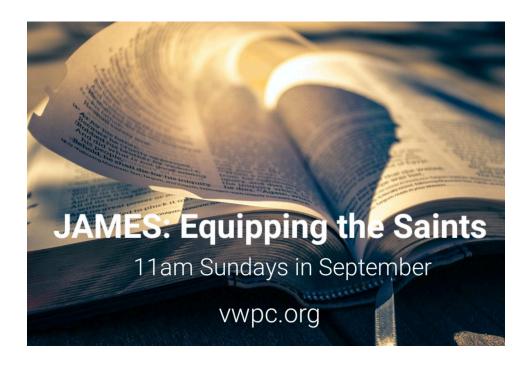
**Vocational and College Students:** Genevieve Cook, Carson Helms, Christian

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



Sept 1 - Equipping the Saints with Righteousness (James 1: 17-27)

Sept 8 - Equipping the Saints with Authentic Faith (James 2: 1-10, 14-17)

Sept 15 - Equipping the Saints with Blessing (James 3: 1-12)

Sept 22 - Equipping the Saints with Wisdom (James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8)

Sept 29 - Equipping the Saints with Spiritual Leadership (James 5: 13-20)