

Sunday November 24, 2024

PRELUDE Janesta Williams  
PASTORAL WELCOME Rev. Carson Montgomery  
ANNOUNCEMENTS George Baker

CALL TO WORSHIP George Baker

Leader: God of power and love, you raised Jesus Christ from death to life, resplendent in glory, to rule over all creation.

**All: Free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite all humankind in Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

\*HYMN NO. 1 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION: George Baker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**All: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and we are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give all allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by the Lord's justice and love. In your mercy, O God, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim the Risen Christ as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON George Baker

Leader: Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ lived among us, he died for us, he rose for us, he reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Jesus Christ is a new creation. The old life has been washed away and new life begins. Believe this good news. 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.**

ANTHEM We Rejoice Choir

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Carson Montgomery

HYMN NO. 336 We Gather Together

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Carson Montgomery

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING (p.299) 2 Samuel 23: 1-7

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING (p.245) Revelation 1: 4b-8

SERMON **He Who Rules**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Confession of 1967, 9.32-9.33)

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ have set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice.**

**In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

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 (Psalm 132: 7—9)

**All: Sovereign God, we have come to your dwelling place. We have worshiped at your footstool. We desire to be your godly ones who sing for joy. Bless the bounty of our offerings that they may give glory to your sovereign love. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 367 Come Ye Thankful People, Come

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Carson Montgomery

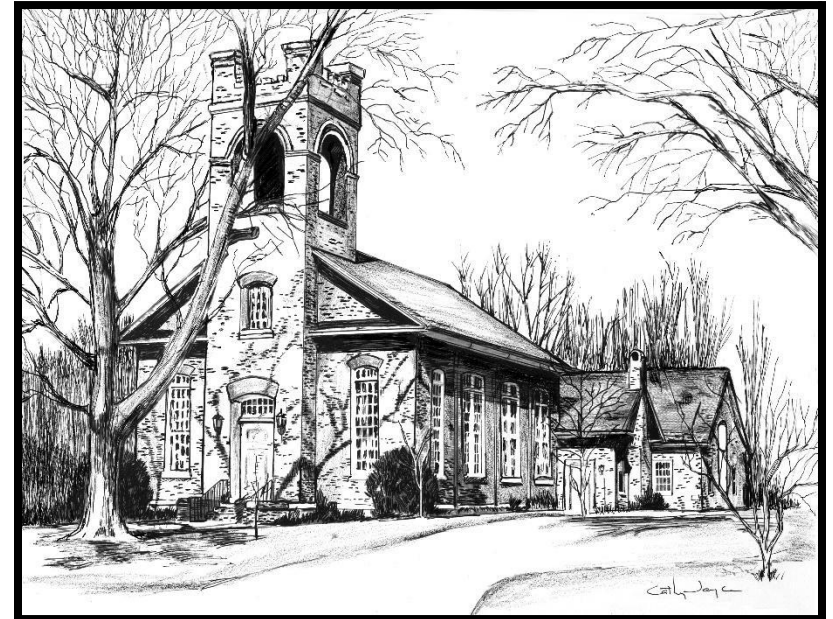
Liturgy today is from The Book of Common Worship (Office of the Theology of Worship for the Presbyterian Church (USA)).

**Elder of the Day**

This Week: Craig Denton      Next week: Julie Graham

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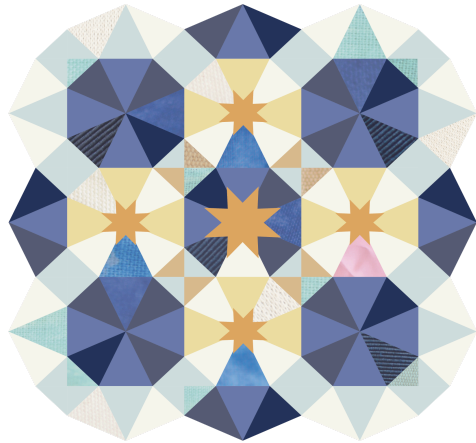
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# WORDS FOR THE BEGINNING

**Advent Sermon Series**  
**Sundays @ 11:00am**

Advent is a season of endings and beginnings.  
As the calendar year comes to a close, a new church year rushes in.  
Christ's birth ushers us into new ways of living and loving.

Dec 1 **You Are a Blessing** (Luke 1: 26-38; Isaiah 43: 1-7)

Dec 8 **We Can't Go Alone** (Ruth 1; Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12)

Dec 15 **Do the Good That Is Yours to Do**

(Luke 3: 7-16; Isaiah 58: 9b-12)

Dec 22 **Hope Is Worth the Risk** (Matthew 1: 18-25; Luke 1: 46-55)

5pm Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight service

**Love Knows Your Name** (Luke 2: 1-20)

## Church Calendar

<b>Sunday Nov 24</b>	10:00am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Worship 1:00pm Mission Team Passing Out Thanksgiving Baskets (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Monday Nov 25</b>	10:00am Decorate the Church for Christmas All Are Welcome To Join! 7:00pm Bible 101
<b>Tuesday Nov 26</b>	10:00am Sisters of the Heart 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Session Meeting (Vaughan Room)
<b>Thursday Nov 28</b>	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
<b>Sunday Dec 1</b>	10:00am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Worship and Communion And Special Storm Relief Collection 12:00pm *Congregational Meeting 12:00pm Children and Youth Christmas Party with lunch, cookie decorating, and games

\*The session has called for a congregational meeting to follow worship on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>. The purpose of meeting is for the Church Officer Nominating Committee to give the 2 nominees to elect a slate of ruling elders to serve in the Class of 2027.

## Hosting Community Groups @ VWPC

<b>Monday Nov 25</b>	6:00pm Town Council Workshop Session (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tuesday Nov 26</b>	7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Thursday Nov 28</b>	7:00pm Integrity Group Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Saturday Nov 30</b>	10:00am Integrity Group (Fellowship Hall) 2:00pm Van Wyck Christmas Parade

Visit [townofvanwyck.net](http://townofvanwyck.net) for more information on the Town of Van Wyck (TOVW)

## Happy NOVEMBER Birthday to YOU!!!

4 – Charles Vaughan	12 – Gabby Rape
7 – Mary Baker	12 – Henry Manus
7 – Sam Ardrey	21 – Jen McCalmont

## November Prayer Requests

**Disciples:** Dianne Moore, Shirley Cauthen, Donald Baker, Claudia Thompson  
**Friends:** The family of Janie Straight, David Adams, Daniel and Robyn Adams, the Foster family, Patti Harris, John (Mary Baker's brother) Chip Oglesby, Bernard Bagley, Charlotte (Rosa Sansbury's niece)  
**Community:** Van Wyck and Lancaster communities, our teachers and students  
**Providence Presbytery:** Allison Creek Presbyterian Church (York, SC) (Vacant)  
**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