

## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

2 - Tom Moore	26 - Patsy Hillen
5 - Alena Massey	27 - Edie Hawkins
19- Dana Denton	29 - Kara Cargill
20- Craig Denton	30 - Ryan Rape
21 - Jack Leedy	

## AUGUST PRAYER REQUESTS

**Disciples:** Craig Denton, William Sims, Doug Sobey, Roxie Tolman, Gail Stogner, Carol Johns, Nancy Garrison  
**Friends:** Charlie Faulkenberry, Chip & Michelle Oglesby, Phyllis Gamble (Michelle Oglesby's mother), Joy Pettit, Shannon St. John, Chris & Carmen, Tido & family, Steve Lindsley, Steve Hillen, the family of Billy Bridges, Matt Smith, Janet Baker, Ella Jean Fitzgerald, Dan Haseley, Bernard Bagley  
**Community:** Van Wyck and Lancaster communities, teachers and students  
**Providence Presbytery:** Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church (Kershaw, SC) Vacant  
**Wider World:** Iran, California wildfires, Israel and Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Russia, our country and elected leaders  
**Youth:** Cody Campbell, Vivi Campbell, Harrison Cargill, Rachel Graham, Stuart Graham, Sarah Graham, Charlie Haynes, Alena Massey, Kate McCalmont, Rowan Strohmeyer  
**Vocational and College Students:** Devon Overstreet, Fritz Walker  
**Session:**  
Class of 2025: Holly Massey, Craig Denton  
Class of 2026: Janet Campbell, Julie Graham  
Class of 2027: Laine Ardrey, Mika Sinclair  
**Staff:** Donna Fox, Stuart Graham, Barbara McAfee, Rev. Carson Montgomery



*Thank you for faithfully supporting our ministries.*

# CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun 8/17: 11:00 Worship  
12:00 "New to VWPC" Luncheon (FH)

Mon 8/18: 7:00 pm Bible 101

Tues 8/19: 7:00 pm Integrity Group (FH)

Wed 8/20: 6:00 pm Building and Grounds Committee Meeting (VR)

Thur 8/21: 7:00 pm Integrity Group (FH)

Sat 8/23: 10:00 am Integrity Group (FH)  
1:30 pm \*Movie Social at Carol Lyon's House  
5:00 pm Strengthening Committee Meeting (VR)

Sun 8/24: 10:00 am Sunday School Resumes  
11:00 am Worship followed by Ice Cream, Cookies, and Lemonade in the Fellowship Hall  
1:30 pm Stated Presbytery meeting (virtual)

Mon 8/25: 7:00 pm Bible 101

Tues 8/26: 7:00 pm Integrity Group (FH)  
7:00 pm Session (VR)

Thur 8/28: 7:00 pm Integrity Group (VR)

Sat 8/30: 10:00 am Integrity Group (FH)

FH= Fellowship Hall, VR= Vaughan Room

Are you new to VWPC? Learn more about who we are, what is unique about being Presbyterian, and next steps if you desire to make VWPC your church home. A simple lunch will be provided by Rev. Carson following worship Sunday August 17. RSVP [vwpcpastor@comporium.net](mailto:vwpcpastor@comporium.net)

**\*Ladies' Movie Social at Carol Lyon's house Saturday August 23 at 1:30pm. Please RSVP to Carol directly or by email ([dwilliford1956@gmail.com](mailto:dwilliford1956@gmail.com)).**

A small group is forming for parents of children and youth to read and discuss "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt. Contact Rev. Carson if you are interested.



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# Van Wyck Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, August 17, 2025

### PRELUDE

Janesta Williams

### PASTORAL WELCOME

Rev. Carson Montgomery

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Clark

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura Clark

(Psalm 82: 3-4, adapted)

The kingdom of God gives justice to the weak and the orphan;

**The Lord maintains the right of the lowly and the destitute.**

The kingdom of God rescues the weak and the needy;

**The Lord delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Worship prepares us to participate in God’s work in the world. Let us humble ourselves before the Lord our God in spirit and truth.

\*HYMN NO. 49: “The God of Abraham Praise”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Laura Clark

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(by Virginia Bairby, Presbyterian Outlook)

**Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable and non-controversial. You are eternally at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us, O God.**

By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Teach us faithfulness and perseverance for the journey ahead. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

### PROMISE OF GRACE

Laura Clark

(By Virginia Bairby, Presbyterian Outlook)

Friends, look around! We are indeed surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. We are the body of Christ, the family of faith, all of us both saints and sinners. The grace we receive in baptism washes away our shame and brokenness and unites us with one another in bonds of love and kinship. Proclaim the good news with me: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

### \*SUNG RESPONSE

(Hymn No. 581)

### A WORD WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Carson Montgomery

HYMN NO. : 291 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

### PRAYER & SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Jeremiah 23: 23-29; (p. 726)

Luke 12: 49-56 (p. 75)

### SERMON Kingdom Relationships

Rev. Carson Montgomery

### REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith, 4 (Hymnal p. 38)

### PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Carson Montgomery

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Hymnal p. 35)

### THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

### \*SUNG RESPONSE

(Hymn No. 606)

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(by Virginia Bairby, Presbyterian Outlook)

**Generous God, receive these gifts as investments in your kingdom of love, justice and peace. Use this money and use our lives to bring about the world as you intend it. With gratitude we pray, Amen.**

HYMN NO. : 295 “Go to the World”

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Carson Montgomery

### POSTLUDE

Janesta Williams

### SERMON NOTES



**Living with Kingdom Clarity**  
Strive for the kingdom, and these things will be given to you. – Luke 12:31

Aug 3	Kingdom Priorities (Luke 12: 13-21)
Aug 10	Kingdom Confidence (Luke 12: 22-32)
Aug 17	Kingdom Relationships (Luke 12: 49-56)
Aug 24	Kingdom Power (Luke 13: 10-17)
Aug 31	Kingdom Posture (Luke 14: 1, 7-14)

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