

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

2 - Tom Moore
5 - Alena Massey
19- Dana Denton
20- Craig Denton
21 - Jack Leedy

26 - Patsy Hillen
27 - Edie Hawkins
29 - Kara Cargill
30 - Ryan Rape

AUGUST PRAYER REQUESTS

Disciples: Kenneth Shuler, Linda Pelletier, Laine Ardrey, Jack Leedy, Denny (Teri Currie’s horse), Roxie Tolman, Gail Stogner, Carol Johns, Nancy Garrison, Craig Denton, William Sims, Doug Sobey

Friends: Luke (grandson of Teri & Scott Currie), Levi (grandson of Donna Sigman’s sister), Margaret (Caroline Robinson’s’ mother), 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: Van Wyck Presbyterian Church (Lancaster, SC) Rev. Carson Montgomery

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 8/31: 9:30 am Shepherds Meeting (VR)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Mon 9/1: NO BIBLE 101

Tues 9/2: 10:00 am Sisters of the Heart (FH)
7:00 pm Integrity Group (FH)

Thur 9/4: 7:00 pm Integrity Group (FH)

Sat 9/6: 10:00 am Integrity Group (FH)

Sun 9/7: 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship & Communion
Congregational Meeting Following Worship
7:00 pm Soul Sisters

Mon 9/8: 7:00 am Bible 101

Tues 9/9: 10:00 am Sisters of the Heart (FH)
7:00 pm Integrity Group (FH)

Thur 9/11: 8:30 am Magic Needle Quilt Group (FH)
7:00 pm Integrity Group (FH)

Sat 9/13: 8:30 am Men’s Breakfast (FH)
10:00 am Integrity Group (FH)

Sun 9/14: 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Rev. Carson will be on vacation from Monday, September 1- Saturday, September 6.

The session has called a congregational meeting to follow the 11am worship service Sunday September 7. The purpose of meeting is to receive a report from the Church Officer Nominating Committee and elect the two ruling elder nominees for the Elder Class of 2028.

FH= Fellowship Hall, VR= Vaughan Room



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Sunday, August 31, 2025

PRELUDE

Eric Grace

PASTORAL WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Carson Montgomery

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Laine Ardrey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Laine Ardrey

(Hebrews 13: 6, 8, 15 adapted)

The gift of faith empowers us to say with confidence:

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?

The good news proclaims our triune God is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God.

*HYMN NO. 39: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CALL TO CONFESSION

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(faithandworship.com)

Eternal God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy. Yet we long to break free, choosing independence, convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting your love and grace.

Forgive us, draw close to us, embrace us once again in your loving arms, and enable us to follow you in worship and grateful service each day of our lives. Amen

PROMISE OF GRACE

Rev. Carson Montgomery

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pass the peace of Christ with one another with a handshake, fist pump, or a hug.

A WORD WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Carson Montgomery

HYMN NO. : 450 "Be Thou My Vision"

PRAYER & SCRIPTURE READINGS

Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (p. 806)

SERMON Singing a Vision in the Valley

Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal p. 36)

PRAISES AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Carson Montgomery

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal p. 35)

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*SUNG RESPONSE

(Hymn No. 606)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Love and Life, be at work in our voices to bring words of comfort; our hands to meet the needs of others; our feet to walk the extra mile; and our lives to live in service to you. Be at work to bless the giving of ourselves and our financial gifts to join your holy and transformative work in our surrounding community and your beloved world. Amen.

HYMN NO. : 649 "Amazing Grace"

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley

POSTLUDE

Eric Grace

Rev. Dr. Steve Lindsley is the Executive Presbyter of Providence Presbytery. In addition, he is a Senior Ministry Strategist with Horizons Stewardship (www.horizons.net). An ordained PCUSA minister, he previously served three congregations, most recently as Senior Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, before answering a call to go from serving a church to serving the church. Steve brings more than three decades of parish leadership, guiding congregations in generosity initiative, visioning, and organizational change. He is an ICF-certified professional coach and consultant to churches and mid-councils. A graduate of Wake Forest University, the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Columbia Theological Seminary and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, he is a singer/songwriter and musician. Steve has two adult sons and lives in Charlotte with his two dogs and two cats.

SERMON NOTES