

Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church

Worship

April 21, 2024

10:00 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, we confess that we often look back. We look back on mistakes we have made, work left undone, people we have hurt, excuses we have made. We see these as things for which we feel guilty, and we overwhelm ourselves with regret. Free us, O God, from all that immobilizes us. Allow us to remember that you call us to look back: to remember those times of joy; to remember those people who were kind and compassionate; to remember that you journey with us each and every day of our lives. May we continue to grow in grace and truth, all in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rosemary Mitchell

PRELUDE *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* Biery

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Judy Walker

PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Lord,

With heart and minds, hands and voices.

Come, let us worship the Lord,

With shouts of thanksgiving and with songs of praise.

Come, let us worship the Lord,

For the Lord is a great God and greatly to be praised!

*HYMN 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*

Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!

Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!

Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!

All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!

Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!

Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!

Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!

Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!

In the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!

All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!

Singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your presence we confess our shortcomings, our lack of faith, our lack of obedience. We pray "thy kingdom come" but act out of our own self-interests. We say "give us our daily bread" and hoard more than we will ever need. We say "forgive us our debts" while holding on to grudges against our neighbor. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us. Strengthen us in our faith so that more and more we may choose your will, walk in your ways, and live in your light; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen

*PERSONAL REFLECTION & SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORY TO GOD 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME Barbara Kaneiwa

ANTHEM *Come, People of the Risen King* Getty/Larson

SCRIPTURE LESSONS John 21:15-19; Acts 9:1-6, 17-20

SERMON *Whose We Are, Not Who We Were*

*HYMN 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (vs. 1,2,3,4)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing

the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts...debtors*)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Christ is Arisen* Leupold

*DOXOLOGY 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the gifts you share.
Help us to be good stewards of all that is entrusted to our care, so that your work and your will may be done; to the glory of Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory* Manz

*Congregation may stand in body or in spirit

Congregational responses said in unison are in bold

Welcome All – Members, Friends & Visitors! We thank you for worshipping with us today. We trust the Spirit of God in this place will encourage and strengthen you in your devotion to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you would like to learn more about the membership and ministry of our church, please contact Pastor Andy.

Please find, fill out and pass the black Friendship Pad at the end of each pew...and take, fill out and wear a nametag so that we can great one another by name.

Our staffed Nursery, located in the Office Building, is available for children up to 4 years of age during worship. Worship bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for younger children. The Parlor, located in the back of the sanctuary, is equipped with speakers so that while you enjoy the worship service your young children can enjoy more freedom.

There will be no Sunday School following worship this morning. Instead all are invited to join us for brunch. Ham, cheesy potatoes au gratin, fruit salad and rolls will be on the menu.

All are invited to join one of our regular weekly study groups:

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00, Education Building
- Tuesday Evening Women's Study, 7:00, Education Building
- Men's Bible Study, Wednesday mornings, 7:15, Fellowship Hall

For more information on any of these groups please contact Marty Susie.

April Mission – The Mission committee is asking for donations of toothpaste & deodorant for the Salvation Army. You may drop off your items in the church office or in the narthex on Sunday mornings. In addition, Inspiritus, a local agency helping refugees and those with disabilities, is in need of clothes hangers. If you have any to spare, please drop them off in the church office next week. Thanks to all who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering: \$3,378 was given by our members and friends, and this has been matched by the Mission Committee for a total of \$6,756! Thanks to all who contributed.

Join us following worship on Sunday, May 5th for a multi-generational mission event and luncheon as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo. After enjoying a Mexican meal, all are invited to pack items for care bags that will be distributed through Union Mission. Please use the insert to let us know you are coming.

Wednesday Night Supper: Join us in Fellowship Hall this Wednesday at 5:45 PM for a Rigatoni, garlic bread & salad prepared by Rhoda Voth. Please use the insert or call the church office to RSVP.

Vacation Bible School, May 28th – May 31st: registration is closed with 77 registered children. There will be a VBS volunteers' meeting next Sunday, April 28th, at 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall. The nursery will be staffed. Please make plans to join the meeting if you are helping out.

The annual Deacons' BBQ Sale will take place this Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 – 2:00 (or until they run out). Pre-sales are being taken in the office or from any Deacon...and please share the word with your neighbors and friends!

Family Promise Week May 5th – 11th: Once again, WIPC will take a turn providing meals for Family Promise, a ministry that helps homeless families in our community as they work towards permanent housing. Volunteers are needed to provide dinner each day that will be delivered to White Bluff Presbyterian Church by others. Watch your weekend update emails to sign up or contact the church office.

To make a gift to the church, offering plates will be passed, or you may train your phone's camera on the QR code on the front of the bulletin which will bring you to our church's online giving portal.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- Our Preschool Board, which will be interviewing Director candidates this week
- The family of Ed Brantley, who passed away 4/10
- Bob Bower, Joanne's husband, Encompass rehab
- Emma Sprouse's brother, Charles Brown, pneumonia
- Ron Krifchin's great niece, Rachael, breast cancer
- Bill Ingram, recovering from recent hip replacement surgery
- Melissa McCurry's grandmother, Carolyn Hill, health issues
- J Wade's friends, Ray Kirbo, Alison Friedman & Jim Fisher
- Joy Youngbloods' friend, Scott Corsetti
- Melissa McCurry's friend, Susie Voyle & family, on the death of her niece Kaylee
- Donna Mobley's 7-year-old niece, Kayla
- Tom and Bebe Dunlap
- Nancy Sesterhenn's niece, Samantha
- Leighson Estes
- Joanne Bower's daughter, Rhonda
- Deanna Molnar's aunt, Margaret, & cousin, Chloe
- Linda Olson
- Mary Lou Harrell's cousin, Tammie Dooley
- Tim Baumgartner's parents, Doug & Kay
- Amy Estes' cousin, Wanda
- Irene Lester, Cindy Brown, Bebe & John Whitcomb, Elaine Simmons

Prayers for Those in Our Armed Forces Including:

- Katlyn Flanders (Joy Youngbloods' great-niece), West Point cadet
- Adam Calderon (Mary Ellen Callais' son; Mary Lou Harrell's grandson); Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ
- Wally Lytle (Rhoda Voth's nephew), US Marine Corp
- Tyler Lentini (Kurt & Sue Lentini's son), USN, Guam
- Logan Roquemore (Hester Haas' grandson), US Coast Guard

This Week in Our Church

Sunday 4/21	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Congregational Brunch
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Monday	1:00	pm	Mahjong
	7:00	pm	Deacons
Tuesday	10:00	am	Bible Study
	7:00	pm	Women's Bible Study
	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday	7:15	am	Men's Bible Study
	4:30	pm	Middle School Youth Gathering
	5:45	pm	Supper
	6:30	pm	High School Youth Gathering
Thursday	7:00	pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Saturday	9:00	am	Heathy Choices Support Group
	10:00	am	Deacons' BBQ
Sunday 4/28	9:15	am	VBS Volunteers' Meeting
	10:00	am	Worship – Compassion Sunday
	11:00	am	Sunday School – All ages
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting

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We are a Christian community trusting God to build a stronger church through worship, education, service and stewardship.

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