

# Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church

## Worship/Compassion Sunday

April 28, 2024

10:00 AM

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Tender God, touch us.*

*Be touched by us;*

*make us lovers of humanity,*

*compassionate friends of all creation.*

*Gracious God, hear us into speech;*

*speak us into acting;*

*and through us, recreate the world.*

*Amen*

PRELUDE *The Gift of Love/Thy Word* Carter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Bob Hastie

MISSION Barbara Kaneiwa  
*Compassion International*

### PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 89)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, and I will  
proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**For your love has been our foundation, and your  
faithfulness has been the roof over our world.**

Let the cosmos praise your wonderful ways, O God, and  
let the assembled sing forth your faithfulness.

**For nothing compares to you, O lord, and we sing  
forth our praises this day and always.**

#### \*HYMN 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* vs.1,2,4,6

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother wind with clouds and rain,  
You nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O sister water, flowing clear,  
Make music for your Lord to hear.  
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,  
All who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
So, even in the midst of tears,  
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
And worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have not always loved you  
with our whole hearts and minds and strength, nor have  
we always loved our neighbors as ourselves. We walk  
right past the needs of others so wrapped up in our own  
concerns that we fail to even notice. Forgive us, O God,  
for things done and left undone, for things said and left  
unsaid. Help us to reflect your love in all that we say and  
do as we seek to delight in your will and walk in your  
ways; we ask in Jesus' name. 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

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* Hopson

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Exodus 34:1-9  
Matthew 9:35-10:1

SERMON *A Compassionate God*

#### \*HYMN 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (vs. 1-4, 6)

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

### CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

#### OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* Carter

#### \*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 and praise, O Lord, for your goodness  
that created us, your love that saves us and your grace that  
sustains us. Help us use the gifts entrusted to our care to  
further the work of your kingdom; we ask this in Jesus'  
name. Amen.

#### \*HYMN *God, Bless Your Church with Strength!*

(sung to the tune of 268, "Crown Him with Many Crowns")

God, bless your church with strength! Wherever we may be,  
Upbuild Your servants as we work in common ministry.  
Urge us from fledgling faith to venture and to soar  
Through open skies, to sing the praise of Christ whom we adore.

God, bless Your church with life! May all our branches thrive,  
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, abundantly alive.

From you, one holy vine, in freedom may we grow;  
Sustain us in our mission, Lord, your love and peace to show.

God, bless Your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,  
May we in chaos shine to light a pathway through life's maze.  
May justice be our aim, and kindness ours to share,  
In humbleness O may we walk, assured our God is there!

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *All Creatures!* Pavlechko

\*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 greet 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 Sunday School for all ages following worship this morning. Children and Youth will meet in the Education Building; Adults will meet in Fellowship Hall. The adults will continue watching/discussing “The Chosen.”

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.

**Wednesday Night Supper:** Join us in Fellowship Hall this Wednesday at 5:45 PM for chicken enchiladas, refried beans & fruit salad prepared by Jerri Jo Tackett. Please use the insert or call the church office to RSVP.

Join us following worship next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Family Promise Week May 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**Help Needed!** Join us following worship on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, as we begin our Vacation Bible School (May 28-31) decorating in the sanctuary and other spaces. Help us as we prepare for the 77 children who will be joining us for VBS this year. Many hands make light work! For more information, please contact Marty Susie.

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:**

- The Deacons offer prayers of thanksgiving for all who came out to support their BBQ sale yesterday!
- The family of Ed Brantley, who passed away 4/10
- Bob Bower, Joanne’s husband, Encompass rehab
- Emma Sprouse’s brother-in-law, 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 4/28	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Sundy School For All
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Monday	1:00	pm	Mahjong
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
Sunday 5/5			Family Promise Week Begins
	10:00	am	Worship/Communion
	11:00	am	Brunch and Mission Event
	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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