

Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church
Worship/Communion
May 5, 2024 10:00 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord, renew our spirits and draw our hearts unto you that our work may not be to us a burden, but a delight. Let us not serve you with the spirit of bondage as slaves, but with the cheerfulness and gladness of children, delighting ourselves in you and rejoicing in your work. Amen.

Benjamin Jenks, 1646-1724

PRELUDE *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Schram
Bread of the World Saxton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jason Chambless

PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118:24; Psalm 95:1,2)

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

*HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to come before you in humble adoration, but too often our pride gets in our way. We minimize our shortcomings and overlook our faults. But we know that you see all things, even the thoughts and attitudes we try to keep hidden. In your great mercy, forgive us, O God, and cleanse us. Strengthen us so that we may turn away from those things that separate us from you and others, so that more and more we may follow your will and walk in your ways. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 *You Are Holy* Harling/Helgen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS John 15:5-11
Philippians 4:4-9

SERMON *A Joyful Faith*

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

John 15:11

*HYMN 619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* (vs.1,2,4)

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
Glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor
Shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Angels, teach us adoration,
You behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
Dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Shackley

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION & THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

At the conclusion of the prayer, all join in the Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors"). Please come forward at the pastor's invitation, following the instructions

*HYMN 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*
(first time through, choir; second time, all)

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; (clap, clap)
The trees of the field will clap their hands; (clap, clap)
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)
While you go out with joy!**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Larson

*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. **Special thanks to Jerri Jo Tackett, our nursery volunteer today...and we could use some more volunteers who are willing to give of their time to serve our youngest disciples-in-training.** Call the church office or use the Sign-up Genius page on the Weekend Update email to volunteer.

Join us following worship this morning for a multi-generational mission event and luncheon as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo. A Mexican breakfast casserole (along with the good ol' sausage and egg casserole) will be served; following brunch, all are invited to pack items for care bags that will be distributed through Union Mission.

The Deacons still have BBQ pulled pork available for purchase. Frozen, one pound bags can be purchased from any Deacon following worship.

Family Promise Week begins today. Once again, WIPC is taking its turn providing meals for Family Promise, a ministry that helps homeless families in our community as they work to find more permanent housing. *Thank you* to all those who will be providing meals; also *thank you* to those who will be delivering the meals to White Bluff Presbyterian Church where the families are housed.

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 a baked potato bar featuring pulled pork, cheese and other toppings, prepared by Clare & Ken Utter. Use the insert or call the church office to RSVP.

Next Sunday is Mothers' Day. There will be no Sunday School that day as we take time to honor and remember our moms, and all those who show us God's love through their love.

VISA – our “Very Important Senior Adults” will meet Friday, May 16th, at 11:45 AM at Zunzibar on Tybee (1115 Hwy 80). Please use the insert or call the church office to sign up.

Vacation Bible School, May 28th – May 31st, will be here before we know it, and we are still in need of folks to help provide daily snacks and treats for our volunteers. If you would like to help, please use the bulletin insert. In addition, volunteers are invited to stay after worship on May 19th as we begin to transform our sanctuary (and other campus spaces) into “Camp Firelight”!

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:

- Michael, Emily & Conrad Ceccarelli who welcomed Clyde Franklin, born 5/1, into their family (Bob & Deanna Molnar are pretty excited about their new grandson, too!)
- Tim Baumgartner & family on the death of Tim's father, Doug, 4-27
- The family of Ed Brantley, who passed away 4/10
- Bob Bower, Joanne's husband, Encompass rehab
- 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
- 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
- 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 5/5	10:00	am	Worship/Communion
	11:00	am	Mission Event & Lunch
	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
	7:00	pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:30	am	W.I. Garden Club
Friday	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Saturday	9:00	am	Heathy Choices Support Group
Sunday 5/12	10:00	am	Worship
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting

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