

**Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church**  
**November 17, 2024** **10:00 AM**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O gracious God, who so generously lavishes our lives with goodness, create in our hearts a deep center of gratitude, a center that grows so strong in its thanksgiving that sharing freely becomes the norm and the pattern of our existence. Remind us often of how much you cherish us, of how abundantly you have offered gifts to us, especially in the hours of our greatest need. May we always be grateful for your reaching into our lives with the surprises of joy, growth and unearned love. Amen.* Sister Joyce Rupp

PRELUDE *Let All Things Now Living* Cherwien

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jason Chambless

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

I will exalt you, my God and my King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.  
God's greatness is unsearchable.**

Generations will speak of your mighty acts; they will tell of the greatness of your deeds.

**Let us all celebrate your abundant goodness, O Lord,  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness and your  
grace.**

\*HYMN 37 *Let All Things Now Living*

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you call us to "sing a new song to the Lord," yet all too often our lives are out of tune with your Song of Life. We like to march to the beat of our own drum rather than follow the cadence you provide. We like to toot our own horns rather than give you the credit for the blessings that are ours. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive us. Continue to strengthen us so that our spirits may be tuned to your Holy Spirit and the music of our lives may be pleasing to you. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*PERSONAL REFLECTION & SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HYMN OF WELCOME 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

CHILDREN'S TIME/PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

ANTHEM *It Is Well With My Soul* Purifoy

SCRIPTURE LESSONS 2 Kings 17:8-16; Mark 12:38-44

SERMON *A Tale of Three Widows*

\*HYMN 691 *Lord, When I Came Into This Life*

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;  
Today I come, commit myself, responding to Your claim.

Within the circle of the faith as members of Your cast,  
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,  
Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:  
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was

conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts...debtors)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Land of Rest* Proulx

\*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 God, for calling us and claiming us as your own. Help us to respond to your love and grace with lives of generosity and obedience, all in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

\*HYMN 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Recessional* Osman

\*Congregation may stand in body or in spirit  
Congregational responses said in unison are in bold

Welcome All – Members, Friends & Visitors! Thank you for worshiping 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 & pass the black Friendship Pad at the end of each pew... & 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.

Join us for Sunday School today. There are classes for children, youth & adults. Adults will be watching and discussing an episode of *The Chosen*, and will be meeting in the Education Building while the kids do some cooking in Fellowship Hall.

Today we welcome into our church family the following new member:

- Courtney Cox (107 Dukes Way, 31419; 912-658-5888) A native of Brunswick, Ohio, Courtney moved to Savannah while in high school and has lived here ever since. She has worked in healthcare for 20+ years. She loves making new “Friends,” working with children, and singing.

There will be a community Thanksgiving service at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (51 Wilmington Island Rd.) next Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM. Come join neighbors and friends from our fellow churches in giving thanks to God.

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
- Wednesday morning Men’s Bible Study, 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 smoked chicken leg quarters, baked beans & salad prepared by Clare Utter. Please use the insert or call the church office to RSVP. There will be no supper on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Our next supper will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup> which will be followed by our annual “*Hanging of the Greens*.”

**VISA – Our Very Important Senior Adults** will gather at Papa’s BBQ & Seafood this Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:45 AM for their monthly lunch. Please RSVP by using the insert or by contacting the church office.

**Socktober –** Even though the calendar now says November, the Mission Committee is continuing to collect new men’s and women’s socks for the Inner City Night Shelter. Donations may be dropped off in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or in the office during the week.

**Winter Festival – Volunteers Needed!** December 7<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Deacons are asking for your help to make this fun community event a success. Please use the insert to indicate how you would like to help out. ALSO...Please invite your friends & neighbors to join us; there will be games, inflatables, a petting zoo, food & drinks...and a visit from Santa Claus himself!

It’s time order Poinsettias that will adorn our sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Each plant costs \$15. Please use the One-Stop insert. They also may be purchased online using our giving portal (see the *Poinsettias* box on the landing page).

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 secure online giving portal.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- Family of Bobby Bailey on his death, 11/5
- Jennifer Kachmar & family on the passing of her father, Doug, 11/13
- Mike Smith & family on the passing of his grandfather, 10/30
- Jack Susie
- Joanne Bower’s husband, Bob, nursing home
- Liz Ewbank’s son, Seth
- Carol Covington
- Bruce Anderson
- Jim and Debbie Baker’s granddaughter, Caroline
- J. Wade’s friend, Jackie Klein, chronic lymphocytic leukemia
- Sissy Simpson’s uncle (and donor cousin), successful kidney transplant surgeries last week
- Bob Hastie’s brother, Sandy
- Lex Bailey’s friend, Paul Hebert, ALS
- Steve & Lydia Cheshire’s friend, Rick Lantz, cancer
- Ron Krifchin’s great niece, Rachael
- Melissa McCurry’s grandmother, Carolyn Hill, health issues
- Nancy Sesterhenn’s niece, Samantha
- Joanne Bower’s daughter, Rhonda & husband, Bob
- Deanna Molnar’s aunt, Margaret, & cousin, Chloe
- Mary Lou Harrell’s cousin, Tammie Dooley
- Amy Estes’ cousin, Wanda
- Cindy Brown, John & Bebe Whitcomb, Tom & Bebe Dunlap

Prayers for Those in Our Armed Forces Including:

- Katlyn Flanders (Joy Youngbloods’ great-niece), West Point cadet
- Adam Calderon (Mary Ellen Harrell’s 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 11/17	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Learning Hour – All Ages
Monday	1:00	pm	Mahjong Group
	7:00	pm	Session
Tuesday	10:00	am	Bible Study
	7:00	pm	Women’s Evening Bible Study
	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday	7:15	am	Men’s Bible Study
	5:45	pm	Supper
	6:30	pm	High School Youth
	7:00	pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	11:45	am	VISA Lunch – Papa’s BBQ
Friday	5:00	pm	Middle School Youth
	6:00-7:00	pm	Youth Sunset Worship – Ed. Bld.
	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Saturday	9:00	am	Heathy Choices Support Group
Sunday 11/24	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Learning Hour – All Ages

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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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