

Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church
Sunday, January 26, 2025 **10:00 AM**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy and ever-blessed Lord, teach us, we ask you, to love one another, to exercise forbearance and forgiveness towards even our enemies; to return no evil for evil, but to be merciful even as you, our Father in heaven, are merciful: so that we may continually follow after you in all our doings, and be more and more conformed to your image and likeness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

adapted from 1876 *New Church Book of Worship*

PRELUDE *Boundless Love* Hazard
Amazing Grace Walz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jason Chambless

PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25:1-10)

To you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; to you, O God, do I put my trust.

Make your ways know to me, O Lord, and teach me to follow in your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me your ways, for you are the God of my salvation.

For the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness for all those who keep God's covenant and follow his decrees.

*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

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you and a will to serve you. But we confess that our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, and our obedience incomplete. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive us and help us to be your disciples, serving you and others in all we say and do. 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 *Led by Your Word* Ramona Jeffries

SCRIPTURE LESSON Galatians 1:3-10, 2:15-16

SERMON *Junk Drawer Faith*
The Ruler

"I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel..."
Galatians 1:6

*HYMN 703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

Jesus, thy boundless love to me, no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there.
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; my self to thee entirely give.
O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.
O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away, where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Heidelberg Catechism*
What is your only comfort in life and in death?
That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *To God Be the Glory* Edwards

*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

O Lord, thank you for all the gifts that you have given us. Help us to find new ways to use these gifts to further the work of sharing your Good News with our broken world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* vs.1,3,4

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Since I Have Been Redeemed* McDonald

*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 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.

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.

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

A new 10-week study of Revelation: All Creation’s Halleluia, led by Pastor Andy, will take place on Tuesday mornings, 10:00 AM, beginning February 18th. This study will help us better understand the context, language, and imagery of this last book in the Bible, how the early Christians received it, and what it might be saying to us today. Please use the insert to sign up, and contact Pastor Andy or Marty Susie for more information or questions.

Preschool 2025-2026 registration opens tomorrow for the general public. Tell your friends and neighbors.

Wednesday Night Supper – Join us in Fellowship Hall this Wednesday at 5:45 PM for a variety of soups, fresh bread & salad prepared by Clare Utter. Please use the insert or call the church office to RSVP.

There will be a meeting of the Mission Committee next Monday, February 3rd, at 7:00 PM in the Office Conference Room. All are invited to join the conversation on how our congregation can participate in mission endeavors.

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



Please remember the following in your prayers:

- Those impacted by snow storm in the south and wild fires out west
- Jack Susie
- Bob Bower, Thunderbolt Rehab
- Liz Ewbank’s son, Seth
- Carol Covington
- Bruce Anderson
- Patricia Helmlly
- Lucille Schaffner’s daughter-in-law, heart bypass surgery, 1/29
- Jim and Debbie Baker’s granddaughter, Caroline
- Bill Harwood & Cortney Cox’s friend, Wally Hattrich & family, car accident
- J. Wade’s friend, Jackie Klein
- Bob Hastie’s brother, Sandy
- Lex Bailey’s friend, Paul Hebert, ALS
- Steve & Lydia Cheshire’s friend, Rick Lantz
- Nancy Sesterhenn’s niece, Samantha
- Joanne Bower’s daughter, Rhonda
- Deanna Molnar’s aunt, Margaret, & cousin, Chloe
- Mary Lou Harrell’s cousin, Tammie Dooley
- 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 1/26	9:00	am	Christian Ed. Committee Meeting
	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Sunday School
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Monday	1:00	pm	Mahjong Group
	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
	5:45	pm	Supper
	6:30	pm	High School Youth
	7:00	pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday			
Friday	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Saturday	9:00	am	Heathy Choices Support Group
Sunday 2/2	10:00	am	Worship/Communion
	11:00	am	Sunday School
	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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