

Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church

July 26, 202610:00 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God of love, we pray that you give us love: love in our thinking, love in our speaking, love in our doing, and love in the hidden places of our souls; love of our neighbors near and far; love of our friends, old and new; love of those with whom we find it hard to bear, and love of those who find it hard to bear with us; love of those with whom we work, and love of those with whom we take our ease; love in joy, love in sorrow; love in life and love in death; that so at length we may be worthy to dwell with you, who are eternal love. Amen.

William Temple, 1881-1944

PRELUDE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Butler
They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Diane Warren

PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Let us give the Lord the glory; let us worship the Lord in splendor and holiness.

The voice of the Lord is powerful and majestic – let us listen for God’s voice this day.

And may the Lord strengthen us in all we do, and may the Lord give us peace forevermore.

*HYMN 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*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 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 GOD582

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 This Is the Glory Gillette
Micah Gillette, violin

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13:34-35

SERMON Jesus: His Essential Message
Final Words

*HYMN 300 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. Chorus

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride. Chorus

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son;
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. Chorus

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Iona Community of Scotland

We believe in God,
Who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; a God who is beyond describing, and yet knows each of us by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

Flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone; who came in body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable, and endured slander, persecution and death.

We believe that God’s Kingdom comes on earth,
Through Christ’s suffering love. He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. Christ ascended to heaven to be present at all times to all people.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God’s children, who works through prayer and politics through justice, care of creation, and the healing of nations.

We celebrate the potential God has given:
The life in our bodies, the yearning of our souls, and the promise of good things in store for those who live and love and serve their Maker. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &
THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts & debtors”)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Solar Eclipse Hague
Micah Gillette, piano

*DOXOLOGY609

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 the many blessings that are ours. May our whole lives – our thoughts and our deeds, our words and our actions – be a reflection of the love and grace we have so freely received through Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

The Church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.

If what we have, we freely share to meet our neighbor’s need,
then we extend the Spirit’s care through every selfless deed.

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Concertino on "Nettleton" Brauer

*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 take a moment to find, fill out, and pass the Friendship Pad at the end of each pew; and please fill out and wear a name tag so that we may greet one another by name following the service.

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

Sunday School and many of our regular Bible studies will be taking a break during the summer months. Please take advantage of this reduced schedule by spending time together with family & friends and doing your own devotion & study. Looking for resources? Contact Pastor Andy.

Join us next Sunday, August 2nd. During the worship service, we will have a “Blessing of the Backpacks” for children heading back to school; we will bless and pray for our teachers, too. Following worship, there will be a hotdog picnic luncheon as well as an inflatable water slide for kids (of all ages!), so come prepared! Let us know you will be joining us by using the One-stop insert or by contacting the church office.

Our Tuesday Evening Women’s Study, will resume on August 4th with a new study: “From Daughters to Disciples: Women of the New Testament” by Lynn Japinga. They will gather in the Education Building at 7:00. Talk with Mary Simpson if you would like more information or would like to participate.

The Mission Committee is still collecting school supplies for P.A.C.K. (People of Action Caring for Kids). Collection bins can be found in the narthex and the church office.

The Mission Committee is making plans for a “Day of Service” on a Saturday this fall, and they need your input. Are there projects/groups to work with that you are passionate about? Are you willing to help lead/facilitate a project? Please use the insert to share your ideas with the Mission Committee. Thanks!

We are looking to hire an additional Nursery Attendant. If you know someone who would be a good candidate, please have them reach out to the church office, Pastor Andy, or Austin Freeman.

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 bulletin cover that will bring you to our church’s online giving portal.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- The family of Betty Grubbs, who passed away July 22nd; a funeral service will be held this Saturday morning, August 1st, at 11:00 with a reception to follow. If you would like to help provide for the reception, please contact Sheri Estes
- Felecia Gaines Cone, i.e. “Ms. G”, beloved cook at Inner City Night shelter, began course of chemo and radiation for cancer
- Jenny Brown, Sacred Heart music leader, recent liver transplant
- Cindy Brown
- Lora Anderson
- Carol Covington
- Brenda Wilner, Ron Krifchin’s sister
- Barb Evans Becker's niece, Lindsay Zeller, cancer
- Pastor Andy’s mom, June Meeker, gall bladder cancer
- Rhoda Voth’s brother-in-law, John Lytle, cancer
- Bobby Barbee’s sister, Helen, Alzheimer’s
- Tim Baumgartner’s mom, Kay, hospice, and friends, Donnie & Kelly Hopkins
- J Wade’s sister Pat Wade, hospice care
- Joanne Bower’s daughter, Rhonda
- Jim and Debbie Baker’s granddaughter, Caroline
- Bob Hastie’s brother, Sandy
- Lex Bailey’s friend, Paul Hebert, ALS
- Nancy Sesterhenn's niece, Samantha
- Deanna Molnar’s aunt, Margaret, & cousin, Chloe
- Mary Lou Harrell’s cousin, Tammie Dooley
- John Whitcomb, Patricia Helmly, Tom & Bebe Dunlap, Drew Clark

Prayers for Those in Our Armed Forces Including:

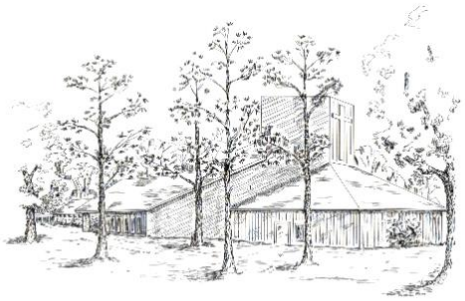
- Tyler Lentini (Kurt & Sue Lentini’s son), US Navy
- Katlyn Flanders (Joy Youngbloods’ great-niece), West Point cadet
- Adam Calderon (Mary Lou Harrell’s grandson); Beale AFB, CA
- Logan Roquemore (Hester Haas’ grandson), US Coast Guard
- Sarah Roquemore (Hester Haas' granddaughter), US Navy

This Week in Our Church

Sunday 7/26	10:00	am	Worship
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Monday	1:00	pm	Mahjong
Tuesday	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Saturday	11:00	am	Grubbs Funeral Service
Sunday 8/2	10:00	am	Worship/Communion
	11:00	am	Congregational Picnic & Water Slide
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting

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