

Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church

August 16, 202610:00 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Father, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth, that our consciences may be quickened by your holiness, our minds nourished by your truth, our imaginations purified by your beauty, our hearts opened by your love, our wills surrendered to your purposes; and may all this be gathered up in adoration, as we ascribe glory, praise and honor to you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Howard Booth

PRELUDEWhen Morning Gilds the SkiesBergquist
O Worship the KingSchwarz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Dave Purvis

MOMENT FOR MISSION Mary Simpson
Savannah Presbytery’s Pilgrimage to Atlanta

PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118:24-29)

This is the day the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Blessed are all who come in the name of the Lord.
We will praise the living God from the house of the Lord.
For the Lord is our God, and we are God’s people.
May we sing forth our thanks and praise as we worship the Lord this day.

*HYMN 403 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.
Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
Where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be;
To my heart, O enter thou; let it be thy temple now.
Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

*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 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 and your truth in all that we say and do as we seek to delight in your will and walk in your ways; in Jesus’ name we pray. 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

ANTHEMThe Lord Will ProvidePassion
Lizzy Knight, soloist

SCRIPTURE LESSONActs 2:42-47

SERMONBack to Basics: Worship

*HYMN 22God of the Sparrow(vs.1,3-6)

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,
How does the creature say Awe, how does the creature say Praise?
God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,
How does the creature say Grace, how does the creature say Thanks?
God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal,
How does the creature say Care, how does the creature say Life?
God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,
How does the creature say Love, how does the creature say Peace?
God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy, how do your children say Home?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHThe 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 &
THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts & debtors”)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY What a Beautiful Name It IsHillsong
Lizzy Knight

*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 Savior. Amen.

*HYMN 23God, You Spin the Whirling Planets(sung to “AUSTRIAN HYMN” tune)

God, You spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind and rain.
We, created in your image, would a true reflection be
Of your justice, grace and mercy and the truth that makes us free.
You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward your goal.
God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there’s work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in your image, we’ll proclaim Christ everywhere.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDEToccata in SevenRutter

*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 create 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. 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.

Today we welcome Lizzy Knight, favorite (and only!) granddaughter of Diane Warren, to share her musical gifts with us. Lizzy has a degree in Music Therapy from the University of Evansville (IN) and works at Savannah Christian School.

Join us for Sunday School this morning following worship as we'll be having "Playground, Popsicles & Parents" – kids can enjoy time on our playground and parents can enjoy visiting and getting to know one another. Next Sunday, there will be intergenerational Bible Bingo!

After a lovely gift from the Women's Chorus last Sunday, it is the men's opportunity next Sunday. All men are invited to make a "joyful noise unto the Lord" at a rehearsal this Wednesday at 6:30; this will be followed by a rehearsal for the entire choir – men and women – at 7:00. All are invited!

The Tuesday Morning Study Group is gathering each week at 10:00 in the Education Building. They are currently discussing Rabbi Harold Kushner's classic book, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. All are welcome!

The Tuesday Evening Women's study is meeting in the Education Building at 7:00 PM and is working their way through "From Daughters to Disciples, Women of the New Testament."

Our VISA (Very Important Senior Adults) group will gather for lunch at Basils Pizza & Deli (216a Johnny Mercer Blvd) this Thursday, August 20th at 11:45. Please RSVP by using the insert or by contacting the church office.

All (adults) are invited to a *Bella Sera* (Italian for "beautiful evening") on Friday, August 28th at 6:00 PM at the home of Tom Marsicano (1116 Wilmington Island Rd.) overlooking the Wilmington River. Bring a lawn chair, your own beverage, and an appetizer/dessert to share as we enjoy an evening of fellowship together. Please RSVP using the insert or by contacting the church office.

The Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study is hosting a gathering of the men of the church on Sunday, August 30th at 4:00 PM for food and fellowship...and swimming at Tom Marsicano's home/pool/dock (1116 Wilmington Island Rd). There will be grilled brats & sides to share. RSVP using the insert or by contacting the church office. Questions? Talk with Tom or Andy.

Wednesday Night Supper – Join us in Fellowship Hall as we resume our Wednesday Night Suppers on September 2nd at 5:45 PM. See the insert for menus and to sign up, or call the office to RSVP.

Savannah Presbytery has two upcoming events that might interest you: School of the Laity, October 3-4 (including a special class on "Spiritual Discernment") and a Racial Justice Pilgrimage to Atlanta, October 10-11. For more information, talk with Marty Susie, Mary Simpson, or Pastor Andy.

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, to Pastor Andy, or to 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:
- Whip Whipple & family on the passing of Whip's mom, Rozanne, 8/9
 - J Wade and family on the death of her sister, Pat Wade, 7/28
 - The family of Betty Grubbs, who passed away July 22nd
 - Felecia Gaines Cone ("Ms. G" from the Inner City Night shelter), cancer
 - Jeri Lyn Meeker's aunt, Debbie Stites, breast cancer
 - Jenny Brown, Sacred Heart music leader, 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, cancer
 - Rhoda Voth's brother-in-law, John Lytle, cancer
 - Tim Baumgartner's mom, Kay, hospice, and friends, Donnie & Kelly Hopkins
 - 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 and Sarah Roquemore (Hester's granddaughter), US Navy

This Week in Our Church

Sunday 8/16	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Sunday School
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Monday	1:00	pm	Mahjong
	7:00	pm	Session
Tuesday	10:00	am	Bible Study
	7:00	pm	Women's Bible Study
	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday	6:30	pm	Men's Chorus Rehearsal
	7:00	pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	11:45	am	VISA Lunch - Basils
Friday	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Saturday			
Sunday 8/23	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Sunday School – Bible Bingo
	2:00	pm	AA Special Event
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting

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worship, education, service and stewardship.

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