

Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church

September 27, 202610:00 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, you are the wellspring that never runs dry, the fountain of mercy that flows without ceasing. In your presence, my cup overflows, and my heart is filled with peace that surpasses all understanding. You have clothed me in your righteousness, surrounded me with your favor, and given me joy that no circumstance can steal. Teach me to trust in your provision, even when my eyes cannot see the way ahead. Let my life testify to your generosity and speak of your goodness. Keep me humble in abundance and steadfast in faith, knowing that all I have comes from you. Amen

PRELUDEMorning Has BrokenSmith
Reflection on 'Kelvingrove'McKibben

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Dave Purvis

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 due his name; let us worship the Lord in all of his splendor and holiness.

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

And may we be strengthen by the Lord, and may the Lord give us peace forevermore.

*HYMN 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey. I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, If we survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies. There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne, While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, are present there.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your presence we confess our shortcomings, our lack of faith, our lack of obedience. We pray “thy kingdom come” but act out of our own self-interests. We say “give us our daily bread” and hoard more than we will ever need. We say “forgive us our debts” while holding on to grudges against our neighbor. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us. Strengthen us so that more and more we may choose your will, walk in your ways, and live in your light; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. 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

ANTHEMCome to Me, You WearyMock/Stevens

SCRIPTURE LESSONGenesis 29 & 30

SERMONMore, Please!

*HYMN 175 Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia! Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia! You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, Alleluia! Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, and exploit neighbor and nature. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah

chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Listen, God Is CallingKrentz-Organ

*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 Lord, for the gifts you share. Help us to be good stewards of all that is entrusted to our care, so that your work and your will may be done; to the glory of Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 307 God of Grace and God of Gloryvs.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 God of Grace and God of GloryManz

*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 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. 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 for all ages immediately following worship. Youth and children will meet in the Education Building; adults will gather in Fellowship Hall.

The youth of the church will meet tonight from 5:00-7:00 in the Youth Room; dinner will be included

Next Sunday, the children of the church are planning a road trip to Holiday Farms in Ridgeland, SC. Following worship, kids (and their families) will have pizza before heading out for at their *Great Pumpkin Patch*. Please use the insert to let us know your child(ren) will join us; if you have questions, please reach out to Austin.

The Tuesday Morning Study Group gathers at 10:00 AM in the Education Building. They are working through the Old Testament book of Isaiah.

The Tuesday Evening Women’s study meets in the Education Building at 7:00 PM and is finishing their current study this week; they’ll be making sandwiches this week; and will be starting a new video study on 10/6, *Drive-Thru History*. All are welcome!

The Wednesday Morning Men’s Bible Study meets in Fellowship Hall at 7:15 AM. They are working their way through the book of Exodus.

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

Our VISA (Very Important Senior Adults) group will gather for lunch at Molly McGuire’s (216 Johnny Mercer Blvd) on Thursday, October 15th at 11:45. Please RSVP by using the insert or by contacting the church office.

Day of Service – Saturday, October 17th, 9:00 – noon. Join us as we put our faith into action with projects for all ages and skill levels.

Join us for a Low Country Boil, Sunday, October 18th in Fellowship Hall; cost is \$15pp/\$45 family max. Tickets may be purchased in the office or at the event, but reservations are required. Please use the insert or contact the church office to RSVP.

Our annual Oyster Roast & Auction will take place on Friday, November 6th from 6:00 – 9:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. This event won’t be successful without our church family helping out. Please see the insert for ways you can lend a hand. Tickets will go on sale starting next week. Solicitation letters are available in the church office for those procuring auction items.

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:

- J Wade, recovering from back surgery last week
- Lora Anderson, recent stroke
- Steve Estes’ grandnephew, Aaron, bone cancer
- Former member, Becky Benton, recovering from quadruple bypass surgery
- Felecia Gaines Cone (“Ms. G” from the Inner City Night shelter), cancer
- Jeri Lyn Meeker’s aunt, Debbie Stites, breast cancer
- Brenda Wilner, Ron Krifchin’s sister
- Barb Evans Becker's niece, Lindsay Zeller, cancer
- Pastor Andy’s mom, June Meeker, home hospice
- Rhoda Voth’s brother-in-law, John Lytle, cancer
- Tim Baumgartner’s mom, Kay, hospice
- 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, Cindy Brown

Prayers for Those in Our Armed Forces Including:

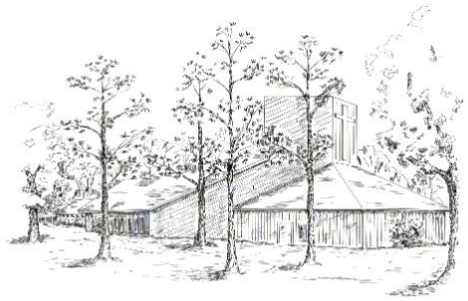
- Tyler Lentini (Kurt & Sue Lentini’s son), US Navy
- Katlyn Flanders (Joy Youngbloods’ great-niece), West Point cadet
- Adam Calderon (Mary Lou Harrell’s grandson); Beale AFB, CA
- Logan Roquemore (Hester Haas’ grandson), US Coast Guard, and Sarah Roquemore (Hester’s granddaughter), US Navy

This Week in Our Church

Sunday 9/27	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Sunday School
	5:00	pm	Youth Gathering
	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
	5:45	pm	Supper
	7:00	pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday			
Friday	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Saturday			
Sunday 10/4	10:00	am	Worship/Communion
	11:00	am	Sunday School
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	5:00	pm	Youth Gathering
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting

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trusting God to build a stronger church through
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