Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2026 **10:00 AM**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Your reign is always coming, Lord Jesus, subverting our comfortable self-interest; and, even though we know we should be watching, we miss it too easily and too often. But then when we remember, when we set our hearts to see and our eyes to search, we begin to recognize the signs, the unexpected evidence of your glory. And so, we praise you for your reign that is constantly breaking into our world, that opens us to the new, the possible, the eternal. And we praise you for the capacity to watch, to see it coming, even though sometimes watching is the last thing we do. Amen.

John van de Laar (adapted)

PRELUDE *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* Pethel
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Bober

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Mary Simpson

PRAYER OF ADORATION & PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 78:1-4)

People of God, open your ears! Come and celebrate the story of our God;

A story of compassion and mercy, of redemption and love;

A story passed down from generation to generation, so that God's people never forget the wonderful things our God has done!

Like countless generations before us, let us praise the Lord our God together!

*HYMN 35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again,
Gladly for aye we adore him.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have given us the good news of Jesus Christ and poured out your Spirit to lead and guide us. Yet, we confess that we do not always turn to you. We cling to old habits, hold tightly to our own desires, and resist the changes you seek to make in us. Forgive us, Lord, and give us hearts that are willing to follow where you lead. Continue to fill us with your Spirit, strengthen our faith, and give us courage to join you in the work you are doing as we share the hope we have in Christ, in whose name we pray, 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 *In the Garden* Drennan
Emily Calhoun, cello

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 15:1-13

SERMON *Later!*

*HYMN 720 *Jesus Calls Us*

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

*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 *Land of Rest* Prouix

*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 all your blessings. May our hearts be tuned to yours so that we may do your will, walk in your ways, and sing forth our praises, this day and always; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (vs. 1,2,4,5)

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.

O, lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
O, feed me, Lord, that I may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
Until your blessed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Micheelsen

*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. 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.

A special "thank you!" to Emily Calhoun who is sharing her musical gifts with us this morning.

Join us for Sunday School today for all ages immediately following worship. Youth and adults will meet in the Education Building; children will gather in Fellowship Hall for a cooking project.

The youth of the church will meet tonight with Middle Schoolers meeting from 5:00-6:00 and High Schoolers meeting from 6:00-7:00.

The Tuesday Morning Study Group gathers at 10:00 AM in the Youth Room of the Education Building. They will watch and discuss "*Drive Through History – The Gospels.*"

The Tuesday Evening Women's study meets in the Education Building at 7:00 PM; they continue to watch and discuss "*Drive-Thru History*."

The Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study is taking a break over the coming weeks and will resume on December 2nd in Fellowship Hall at 7:15 AM.

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.

The Christian Education Committee is working on a brand-new Christmas Pageant to be presented in worship on December 13th. There will be speaking part opportunities for those who are interested, as well the need for shepherds, sheep and angels for those who would simply like to participate. Be watching for additional information from Austin in the coming weeks.

The Mission Committee is asking for donations of clean & unused packets of *takeout utensils* for the Inner City Night Shelter. Drop them off in the bin in the narthex or the church office. Thank you!

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:

- Thank you to all who contributed to making Friday's Oyster Roast & Auction a success!
- Mark Best & family on the passing of Mark's father, Duane Best, 10/18
- Lora Anderson
- Steve Estes' grandnephew, Aaron, bone cancer
- Joan Harwood's friend, Mary, vision issues
- Felecia Gaines Cone ("Ms. G" from the Inner City Night shelter), cancer
- Jeri Lyn Meeker's aunt, Debbie Stites, & sister-in-law, Stephanie Dykstra, both with breast cancer
- Brenda Wilner, Ron Krifchin's sister
- 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
- Nick Evans (MaryAnne's son), Army National Guard boot camp
- 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 11/8	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Sunday School
	5:00	pm	MS Youth; 6:00 HS Youth
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Monday	1:00	pm	Mahjong
	7:00	pm	Deacons
Tuesday	10:00	am	Bible Study
	7:00	pm	Women's Bible Study
	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday	5:45	pm	Supper
	7:00	pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday			
Friday	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Saturday			
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trusting God to build a stronger church through
worship, education, service and stewardship.

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