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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 23, 2022

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"The God of Abraham Praise" arr. Vicki Collinsworth

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of Love;
Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.*

Welcome and Announcements

(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)

Choral Call to Worship

"Sanctuary"

Thompson & Scruggs

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.*

With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
Jeremiah 29:11*

Opening Sentences

Elder Greg Maready

Leader: The LORD reigns! Let the peoples tremble.

All: He is enthroned between the cherubim.

Leader: Let the earth quake.

All: The LORD is great in Zion;

Leader: He is exalted above all the peoples.

All: Let them praise your great and awe-inspiring name. He is holy.

*Hymn #49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

LEONI

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1*

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we confess that we have preferred others to take the lead in telling the story of Jesus Christ. We have thought others better positioned and better equipped to do so. Forgive us, Lord. Bring us into awareness that we all are called to be your witnesses and each of us has an important part of the story to tell. Help us to find ways and means to be part of a great, great story. Empower our words so that they may transform others. Empower our words in such a way that we might model for others the faithfulness of adding their story to Your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

"For we walk
by faith, not
by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7



*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Scriptures declare that if we confess our sin,

All: God is gracious and just to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Therefore, in the name of Christ I declare our forgiveness.

All: Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Elder Carol Steen

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants . . . to those who share the faith of Abraham."
Romans 4:16

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 29:10-14

Elder Greg Maready

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 3:13-14

Sermon

"A Strategy for Christian Living"

Dr. Tom Murray

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.



GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering



*"We praise you,
living God! We
praise your holy
name: the first,
the last, beyond
all thought, and
still the same!"
Hymn #49, "The
God of Abraham
Praise," in Glory
to God: The
Presbyterian
Hymnal*



Offertory

"Standing on the Promises"

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.*

*Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Affirmation of Faith: The 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, 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.

*Hymn #838

"Standing on the Promises"

PROMISES

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

A & H Donaldson

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

*"Work out your
own salvation
with fear and
trembling; for it is
God who is at
work in you,
enabling you both
to will and to
work for his good
pleasure."
Philippians
2:12b-13*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 23	9:30 am	Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & via Zoom
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship in person and live stream/Dr. Tom Murray, Preacher/Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Ministry Offering
Monday, October 24	7:00-8:00 pm	Bible Study via Zoom
Tuesday, October 25	5:30 pm	PW Coordinating Team Meeting/Blue Room
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, October 26	10-11:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304 and via Zoom
	6:00 pm	Handbells Practice
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **We welcome** Dr. Tom Murray as our preacher today. Dr. Murray is an Honorably Retired Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) minister. He and his wife, Dawn, live in Leland. They worshiped with us for a while during the pandemic, both online from Iowa and in person at WPC. Welcome, Tom!
- * **Please join** the minister for our weekly Bible study on Monday, October 24 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom or on Wednesday morning, October 26 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 and via Zoom. This week we will read and talk about Luke 19:1-10, the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus the tax collector. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister. Please keep Fred, Patsy, Darleen, Hayes, Greg, Kelli, Joyce, Danielle, Curt, Hope, and Phil in your prayers.
- * **Congratulations to** Jacob Hargrove and Lauren Long who were married yesterday at Baytree Lakes in Harrells, NC. Jacob is the son of Kelli Norris.
- * **Christian love** and sympathy is extended to Curt Simpson and family on the death of his aunt, Hazel Simpson on October 17.



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Earleene Southerland, Margaret Green, and Susan Jarman in loving memory of James & Oleta Southerland and Jimmy Southerland.



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING Today

This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.



Today October 23



10/23:

Joyce Ange &
Hope Turnbull



Greg Maready
Royal Johnson
Curt Simpson

Opening Church

Building

October

16-31:

Greg Maready

Children's Church

10/23:

Mary Laine
Rouse