



*Lake Murray*

*Presbyterian Church*

**JANUARY 3, 2021**

**8:30 & 10:30 am**

**2nd Sunday of Christmas  
Ordination/Installation Sunday**

Prayer of Confession & Preparation: **God of the past, present and future, as we enter into a new year, give us hope in you. You have called us all to serve. Equip us by the power of your Holy Spirit to fulfill our calling. Help us to support one another in love and grace in the new year.**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**People: and also with you**

*“What Child is This” (vs 1) (Solo)*

*“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (vss. 1 & 3)(Solo)*

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the Alpha and the Omega”

**People: He is with us at birth, rebirth, and into eternal life.**

**All: Lead a life worthy of your calling— with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Invocation

*Welcome and Concerns of the Church*

*Children’s Sermon: (10:30 Service)*

*(Children under 1st grade are welcome to go to Children’s church in the CMB)*

***Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons:***

*Representing the whole church of Jesus Christ, the Session of Lake Murray Presbyterian Church now ordains the following to ministry and installs them:*

***Elders:*** Bobby Baxley, Anna Edwards, Billy Higginbotham, Derrick Hines,

*Bruce Loveless, David Parler, Elizabeth Pepper, Tom Hampe, Jay Locker.*

***Deacons:*** Samantha Butler, Mary Griffin, Becky Hash, Courtney Hood,

*Kristy Livermore, Maddy Reid.*

*Questions for the New Officers*

*Questions for the Congregation*

*Prayer for Ordination and Installation*

*Declaration of Ordination and Installation*

*The Right Hand of Fellowship*

❖Affirmation of Faith: **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.**

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 78:70-72; Acts 14:23 (Read in Unison– see back)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “Leaders in Fellowship”.....Dr. J. Ben Sloan

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD: GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

Invitation to Communion

Blessing and Words of Institution

Taking of the Bread (In Unison)

Taking of the Cup (In Unison)

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.**

***“We Three Kings”***

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar. Field and fountain, moore and mountain following yonder star.

**Refrain:** O star of wonder, star of night, start with royal beauty bright, Westward leading still proceeding Guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now, behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice. Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

**#542- God Be With you until we meet again (Led by Zoom Choir)**

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

❖ *All are invited to stand*

**Psalm 72:70-72**

He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel His inheritance. And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

**Acts 14:22, 23**

Strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith they said, "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting committed them to the Lord in whom they had put their trust.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:**

Today Dr. Sloan is beginning a hybrid Sunday School class that will meet in the conference room at 9:30 (for now). They will be studying the scripture around the sermon.

A new 90 day Bible study will begin each Sunday night at 6:00– 6:30 using the Youversion App- "Prayers for Your Neighborhood" For more information email Dr. Sloan bens.lmpchurch@gmail.com. Zoom links are on the online section of the website www.lmpchurch.org.

**All Youth:** No youth this Sunday! Enjoy your family time! See you January 10th.

**FOOD BLESSING BOX MINISTRY**– We are working with Oak Grove PCUSA to have a socially distanced way to give food to hungry people. We will fill the box rotating once a week with Oak Grove.

Please pray for our **Officer Retreat** January 9th, 9:00– 12:00 in the fellowship hall.

**We Care** needs for January: Grits, Syrup, Spaghetti Sauce, Baked Beans, Pork & Beans, Canned Potatoes/Yams, Chili Beans, Dry Beans, Peas, Jello. They are always in need of dish and laundry detergent and cleaning supplies.

*Thank you to all who gave in 2020 and who pledged for 2021.  
May we be a blessing together to God for the coming year.*

**Thank you for joining us in worship today! Please stay socially distanced and wear a mask. We want all who come to feel as healthy as possible.**

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**Prayer Requests**

Health workers, first responders, and essential workers; protection and healing of our land; Joy Rush friend of Janina & Alan Grimsley; \*Andy Hastings; \*Sally Sandifer; \*Lois Cathcart and family upon the passing of her daughter; Betsy Dix; \*Ken Jermac and Family upon the passing of his mother; Scott Fee; \*Eileen Rickman and Family upon the passing of her mother; \*Dottie Dunbar; Richard Kenan; \*Cynthia Morrow; \*Ann Abrams; Matt Wass, brother of \*Cynthia Shepard; \*Keith Wright; Marion Meetze; \*Mary Goodwin; \*John Ferguson; \*Phil Trefsgar; \*Shirley Kirby; \*Nancy Shealy's brother Rick Floyd; \*Fred Yandle; \*Mary Hoskins; Bernie Johnson, mother of \*Mark Johnson; Ann Summer; Ted Vaugh; \*Ann Sullivan; \*Jim Palassis; Joyce Hyatt; \*Charles Blau; Valerie Ross; \*Allison Jasinski; \*Jane Kirby; \*Harmon Reed; \*Josh Baxley; Jack Turner; \*Beau Bonvillain; \*Kristin Paschall; \*Kathy Payne; \*Jim Algar; \*Charles Casebeer; Bill Blume; \*Erma Kaminer; \*Marty Milam; Merle Norris; \*Earl & \*Loretta Guilford; \*David Ayer; \*Jane Branch; Jean Stancil; \*Dick Wilkins; \*Alyssa Mott; \*Daniel White; friends and family members serving in the military  
\*Dylan Meetze; \*Chase McCathern; \*Drew McCathern; \*Alex Shuler;  
(\*members)

**Helping with today's worship:**

Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Senior Pastor; Rev. V. Blaine Hill  
Janet Roberts-Crump (Choir Director), Ken Anderson (Organist/Pianist)



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<b>December 27 General Fund Offering:</b>	<b>\$29,743</b>
<b>2020 Annual General Fund Budget:</b>	<b>\$1,174,000</b>
<b>Cumulative through November 29:</b>	
<b>Budget to date:</b>	<b>\$1,174,000</b>
<b>Actual receipts:</b>	<b>\$1,055,393</b>
<b>Actual vs Budget:</b>	<b>-\$118,607</b>
<b>Actual expenses:</b>	<b>\$886,941</b>
<b>(Not Final)</b>	
<b>Pledges to date: 157</b>	<b>\$638,051</b>

**Minister On-Call:** If you have a pastoral emergency and the office is closed, please call Ben Sloan at 727.3476 or Blaine Hill at 422.0049. If you cannot reach the ministers, please contact the elder-on-call.

**Church Office Hours:**  
**Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm**