



*Lake Murray  
Presbyterian Church*

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

**8:30 am**

Prayer of Confession & Preparation:

**Lord, we were created to honor you, yet we give ourselves credit in our pride. We are humble now before you. Cleanse our minds and hearts that we may focus on you.**

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: and also with you (Honk!)**

**“Give Thanks”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.

**“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Prelude

**Call to Worship: Ps. 136**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods.

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: To the One who remembered us in our low estate.

**All: His love endures forever. Let us worship Him! (Honk)**

Invocation

*Welcome and Concerns of the Church*

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 (Read in Unison words on inside)

Response to Scripture reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “Thankful for you” .....Dr. J. Ben Sloan

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

❖Affirmation of Faith: Brief Statement of Faith #3

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit. Everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come Lord Jesus.”**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Dr. Janet Roberts-Crump

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.**

**“Let All Things Now Living”**

Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God’s banners are o’er us;  
pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished,  
all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces,  
the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God  
divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and  
praise!

❖Benediction: Halverson Benediction: **Remember you go nowhere by accident. Where you are going, God is sending you. Where you are He has placed you. God has a purpose for your life- right where you are. Christ Jesus who dwells in you has something He wants to do in and through your life- right where you are. Believe this and go in His grace, in His love, and in His power, In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Honk! Amen.**

**#542- God Be With you until we meet again**

1 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.

**1 Thessalonians 1:2-10**

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord’s message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank you for joining us in worship today! Because of the surge of the coronavirus, please stay socially distanced or in your cars.**

**Ways to Give** Mail your check to 2721 Dutch Fork Rd, Chapin, SC 29036 OR give online at [www.lmpchurch.org](http://www.lmpchurch.org) OR text (803) 403-1069.

**September 13**– Today we will have our Youth Xtravaganza 5-7:00 outside or in the gym building. 5th grade and up are invited to come join us today. After this we are planning a staggered schedule. Parents come sign your youth up.

**Foundation Presbyterian** (Our daughter church) will be having their Rally Day today at 10:30 in the Y on Kennerly Rd. We will present a pulpit to them today.

**Co-ed Thursday Disciple Bible Study** resumes this week at 10 am on Zoom. Blaine Hill or website for details.

**WOW** online this Wednesday at 6:00 pm on Facebook and youtube

*Thank you for your continued prayers for our church, day school ministry and Supplemental School Ministry.*

**September 26**- National Day of Prayer for Healing of our nation. We will have a 12:00 prayer meeting at the lake (925 Sugar Mill Rd). Come join us and invite a friend. Note the change in time.

**Sunday School** is back! Come if you can/able at 9:30 at the church. Children will be in the CMB, Youth in the gym, adults in the fellowship hall.

**Helping with today’s worship:**

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

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*Prayer Requests*

Health workers, first responders, and essential workers; protection and healing of our land; Troy Mars; \*Jonathan Derrick and family upon the passing of his father, James Derrick; \*Nancy Shealy’s brother Rick Floyd; \*Effie Overstreet and Family upon the passing of her grandson, Chris Overstreet (please no visitors at this time); \*Fred Yandle; \*Gina Breland and family upon the passing of her mother; \*Mary Hoskins; Bernie Johnson, mother of \*Mark Johnson; Joslyn Stinchcomb; Rick Jordan, friend of Debbie & Rick Pascal; Ann Summer; Ted Vaugh; \*Ann Sullivan; \*Jim Palassis; \*John Winfield; Joyce Hyatt; \*Charles Blau; Valerie Ross; Gage Jeffcoat; Paul Yohn; \*Allison Jasinski; Michael Buddin; \*Jane Kirby; \*Harmon Reed; \*Josh Baxley; Jack Turner; \*Mary Goodwin; \*Beau Bonvillain; \*Kristin Paschall; \*Kathy Payne; \*Jim Algar; \*Charles Casebeer; Bill Blume; Larry Rudder; Jackson Diehl; \*Erma Kaminer; \*Marty Milam; \*Tommy and Marcia Warren; Merle Norris; \*Earl & \*Loretta Guilford; \*David Ayer; \*Jane Branch; Jean Stancil; Betsy Dix; \*Dick Wilkins; \*Alyssa Mott; \*Daniel White; friends and family members serving in the military \*Dylan Meetze; Grant Frick; \*Chase McCathern; \*Drew McCathern; \*Alex Shuler; (\*members)

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| <b>September 6 General Fund Offering:</b> | <b>\$11,928</b>    |
| <b>2020 Annual General Fund Budget:</b>   | <b>\$1,174,000</b> |
| <b>Cumulative through September 6:</b>    |                    |
| <b>Budget to date:</b>                    | <b>\$812,745</b>   |
| <b>Actual receipts:</b>                   | <b>\$673,687</b>   |
| <b>Actual vs Budget:</b>                  | <b>-\$139,061</b>  |
| <b>Actual expenses:</b>                   | <b>\$563,427</b>   |

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| <b>Minister On-Call:</b> 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. |
| <b>Church Office Hours:</b><br><b>Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm</b>  |