



Lake Murray

Presbyterian Church

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

8:30 & 10:30 am

First Sunday of Advent

Prayer of Confession & Preparation: Lord, can we not make an exception to being joyful, prayerful and thankful? We confess being joyful, prayerful, and thankful is a burden that goes against our complaining and fearful nature. Forgive us. Heal us. Your joy is our strength.

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: and also with you

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” (Solo)

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” (Solo)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

Prelude

Advent Lighting

Call to Worship: from Psalm 96

Leader: Come let us sing for joy to the Lord.;
People: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation.

Leader: Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving

People: And extol Him with music and song.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God,
People: The great King above all gods.

Leader: Come let us bow down and worship.
People: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker,
All: For He is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the flock under His care.

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)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: John 15: 1-9 (Read in Unison)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Christ Comes in Listening and Prayer”.....Dr. J. Ben Sloan

GIVE THANKS TO GOD: GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

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.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

**#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*

**John 15:1-9**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**Sunday School** is back! Come if you can/able at 9:30 at the church.

**All Youth: No meetings this week! See you next week! Happy Thanksgiving!!**

**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. Thanks Al Hernandez and Thurston Chavis.

**The Giving Tree** is up. Please select a tag and return all gifts by December 13, 2020.

We encourage all church members who have not done so to submit their pledge for 2021.

Please join us for the **Justin Pepper (Drive-Thru) Tweens and Teens gift drive!** Saturday, December 5 from 8am-11am.

**Staff Love Offering:** We are so fortunate to have an outstanding staff at LMPC. As one of several women and men of the church who volunteer to work in the church office, I have seen first - hand the hard work and dedication of the staff. This has been a difficult year for our church, but the staff has willingly taken on the unforeseen challenges of the times whether working from home or on the church campus.

They are the ones who make things happen by organizing, managing our finances, counseling, nurturing, teaching, preaching, and so many other acts that contribute to our church fellowship and to the glory of God. You will find Love Offering envelopes in the pews – recognizable by the big red heart printed on them. For those not attending worship services in person, please consider joining me in mailing your Love Offering to the church office.

Thank you. Jane Jameson, Chair Personnel Committee of the Session

**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; \*Andy McCathern and Family upon the passing of his mother; \*Don Dicus; \*Dennis Dabbs; \*Cynthia Morrow; \*Becky Hash; \*Ann Abrams; Matt Wass, brother of \*Cynthia Shepard; \*Keith Wright; Marion Meetze; \*Mary Goodwin; Betsy Dix; \*John Ferguson; \*Phil Trefsgar; \*Shirley Kirby; \*Nancy Shealy’s brother Rick Floyd; \*Fred Yandle; \*Mary Hoskins; Bernie Johnson, mother of \*Mark Johnson; Joslyn Stinchcomb; Mike Jordan, friend of Debbie & Rick Pascal; Ann Summer; Ted Vaugh; \*Ann Sullivan; \*Jim Palassis; Joyce Hyatt; \*Charles Blau; Valerie Ross; Gage Jeffcoat; Paul Yohn; \*Allison Jasinski; \*Jane Kirby; \*Harmon Reed; \*Josh Baxley; Jack Turner; \*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; \*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)

**Helping with today’s worship:**

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

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

8:30 Service: John and Laura Winfield  
10:30 Service: Fred and Debbie Yandle

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**Ushers for the week of Sunday, December 6th**

Trey Harrell, Elizabeth Pepper, Eric Rogers, Melinda Rogers, Walter Hall, Trip Chavis, Jim Pepper and Todd Oswald.

<b>November 22 General Fund Offering:</b>	<b>\$16,371</b>
<b>2020 Annual General Fund Budget:</b>	<b>\$1,174,000</b>
<b>Cumulative through November 22:</b>	
<b>Budget to date:</b>	<b>\$1,061,116</b>
<b>Actual receipts:</b>	<b>\$888,416</b>
<b>Actual vs Budget:</b>	<b>-\$172,700</b>
<b>Actual expenses:</b>	<b>\$779,142</b>
<b>Pledges to date: 99</b>	<b>\$416,311</b>

<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> <b>Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm</b>