

**All Youth:** No meetings this week (recovering from Awanita retreat this weekend).

**Confirmation:** No meeting this week!

The women of Lake Murray Presbyterian Church would like to invite all ladies to join them for their annual **2021 Spring Gathering Garden Party** for a light dinner. The event will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Monday, May 11 at 6:30 pm. Social distancing and others measures will be used for everyone's safety. Our speaker will be Mrs. Barbara Whitaker whose topic will be "Enhance your Life while Cooking with Herbs". If you would like to participate, we will have an optional plant swap at the end of our program. Bring a plant that you would like to swap and share while taking home a different one. Please RSVP by Monday, May 3rd to LMPCPW@gmail.com if you plan to attend. You may also contact Laura Winfield 803-749-2984 if you have any questions.

**LMPW INDOOR/OUTDOOR RUMMAGE** Saturday, May 22 8-12  
We will be accepting donations Tuesday, May 18 and Wednesday, May 19 from 8 am -9 p.m. Nothing will be accepted after Wednesday. What can you bring? summer clothing, household items, furniture, toys, tools and yard items, books games, sports equipment and much more. Start cleaning your house, attic, garage and storage sheds. Sorry, chemicals, paints, TVs, phones, computers and printers cannot be accepted. Volunteers are needed from May 18-22. Youth are also encourage to join us. Since much of our sale will be held outside we need tailgate tents/ awnings. It you have something you would be willing for us to use please contact Carolyn Owens, 803-446-9606.

Here are the top ten needs for the **We Care Food Pantry** during the month of April: Vienna Sausages, Tuna, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chili Beans, Peas, Jelly/Jam, Caned Potatoes/Yams, Collard/Turnip Greens, Instant Potatoes and Jello.

The annual **Jan Overstreet Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held on May 27th at Mid-Carolina Country Club. Tickets are \$60 each. Contact Elizabeth Pepper for more.

**Good Works Blitz 2021 June 28-July 1** Volunteers of all skill levels and project leaders can sign up (or just show interest in participating) by contact Mary Higginbotham at director.goodworks@gmail.com or (803) 345-2030. The Blitz is a local service campaign, much like a mission trip, except you get to stay in your own bed. Think of it as a mission "stay."

**Please fill out a pew card** and let us know any changes in your contact information. We are doing the slow, important but ever-changing task of updating our data bases and will be sending out a telephone directory soon. The cards may be dropped in the offering baskets by the center door.

Offerings: You may drop your gift in the basket by the door, or text 803-403-1069 or give on our website: www.lmpchurch.org or mail in your check to 2721 Dutch Fork Rd.

The Men's Chorus will practice on May 8th at 10:00 and sing May 9th at the 10:30 service. If you would like to sing in a choir or as a soloist/duet contact Janet Robert-Crump.

**The Session** has approved **LMPC as a VACCINATION SITE** coming soon through DHEC and Lovelace Family Medicine. It will mainly be outdoors on the gym side.

**National Day of Prayer** is Thursday May 6. At 6:00 PM at Crooked Creek Park in the shelter near the tennis courts, we will have a prayer meeting. It is so important to pray for our country especially today.

### Prayer Requests

Health workers, first responders, and essential workers; protection and healing of our land; \*Walter Cuttino; \*Willie Mathias; Angela Powers, sister of Meredith Strawhorn; Danny Murphy upon the passing of his Father; Gaines Boone, \*Andy Boone's father; \*Erma Kaminer; Patsy mother of \*Lamar Comalander; \*Frankie Flowers; \*Dick Gallup; Brownie Sides, friend of \*Alan and \*Jannina Grimsley; Amy Hendrix, sister of \*Joanne Loveless; \*Sarah Blackmon and Family upon the passing of \*Jay Blackmon; \*Gerry Brossard; \*Brenda Rowe; \*John Burriss; \*Irene and \*Ernie Menchinger; Russell Savitz; \*Charles Blau; Baker Smith; \*Louisa Adam; \*Jim Allonier; Joy Rush; Scott Fee; \*Dottie Dunbar; Marion Meetze; \*John Ferguson; \*Nancy Shealy's brother Rick Floyd; \*Mary Hoskins; Ann Summer; \*Allison Jasinski; \*Josh Baxley; Jack Turner; \*Beau Bonvillain; \*Kathy Payne; Bill Blume; \*Marty Milam; \*Earl & \*Loretta Guilford; \*David Ayer; \*Jane Branch; Jean Stancil; \*Dick Wilkins; \*Alyssa Mott; \*Daniel White; friends and family members serving in the military, Jay Darden; \*Donovan Murphy; \*Dylan Meetze; \*Chase McCathern; \*Drew McCathern; (\*members)

*Remember the Church in your will!*

#### Church Staff

Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Pastor  
Rev. V. Blaine Hill, Associate Pastor  
Rev. James Cubie, Evangelist  
Mike Fields, Administrative Director  
Zeta Hastings, Director of Youth Ministries  
Melinda Rogers, Director of Children's Ministries  
Laura Mars, Business Administrator  
Sherri Miller, Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Janet Roberts, Director of Music, Children's Choir Director  
Ken Anderson, Organist  
Christy Martin, Day School Director

### Ushers for the week of Sunday, April 25

**8:30 Service (need at least two people):** Bill Shattuck, Jason Joannides and Lamar Comalander

**10:30 Service (need at least two people):** Karl Skoog, Lou Ann Summers, Becky Hash, Buddy Harmon, Brad Davis and Maggie Davis.

**Liturgist/Elder on Call:** Billy Higginbotham

### Ushers for the week of Sunday, May 2

**8:30 Service (need at least two people):** Steve Shepard, Mike Murrell and Tom Hampe

**10:30 Service (need at least two people):** Gerald Rye, Andy Boone, Charlie Harden, Preston Diggle, Mark Furse, Josh Edwards and Brooks Allen.

**Liturgist/Elder on Call:** Derrick Hines

### Calendar

**May 2** Session Meets  
**May 6** National Day of Prayer  
**May 11** PW Garden Party 6:30  
**May 22** PW Rummage Sale  
**May 23** Youth Sunday  
**May 27** Jan Overstreet Memorial Golf Tourney

**June 28-July 1** GOoDWorks Blitz  
**July 12-16** Vacation Bible School

**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**

**April 18 General Fund Offering: \$12,256**  
**2021 Annual General Fund Budget: \$1,127,170**  
**Cumulative through April 18:**  
**Budget to date: \$346,850**  
**Actual receipts: \$352,280**  
**Actual vs Budget: +\$5,430**  
**Actual expenses: \$289,742**

## Lake Murray Presbyterian Church



**APRIL 25, 2021**

**10:30 am**

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Serving in worship today:  
Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Pastor; Rev. V. Blaine Hill, Associate Pastor;  
Dr. Janet Roberts-Crump, Director of Music, Children's Choir Director  
Ken Anderson, Organist

**Thank you for joining us in worship today!**  
**If you have had Covid in the last ten days, please stay home until next time.**  
**We want all who come to feel as healthy as possible.**

—————ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME—————

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God according to your unfailing love.

People: According to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.

**All: O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.**

❖Processional Hymn: “*On Eagles Wings*”

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, “My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain:

And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

❖Call to Confession:

Leader: According to the mercy of the Lord, let us confess our sin.

**People: According to the steadfast love of Christ, let us seek cleansing  
of our iniquity.**

❖Prayer of Confession: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to  
your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my  
transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me  
from my sin.**

❖Silent Prayer of Confession

❖Kyrie Eleison #551

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

❖Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**People: We hear the Good News, and rejoice! Hallelujah, Amen!**

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

—————PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD—————

The Children’s Time: .....Dr. J. Ben Sloan  
*After the prayer, children ages three through kindergarten are led to Children’s Church.  
Children first grade and older return to the pews for the remainder of the service*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 51

Response to Scripture reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “A Prayer for Mercy” .....Dr. J. Ben Sloan

❖Hymn of Dedication: “*Change My Heart, O God*”

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay,

Mold me and make me; this what I pray.

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

❖Affirmation of Faith: Summary of the Law

Leader: Our Lord Jesus said:

**People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

Leader: This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

**People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Leader: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

Pastoral Prayer

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.**

—————GO IN GOD’S NAME—————

Hymn “*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

❖Benediction

❖Postlude

❖*All are invited to stand.*

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**Reception of New Members: Front Pew by the Baptism Font**

**A warm and cordial welcome** is extended to all who worship with us.  
If you would like to join, you are invited to come to the baptism font after  
worship where elders will meet and assist you. Membership in a church  
is an important part of discipleship. The church family is where we  
receive care, nurture and teaching, but also plug in to give care, giving of  
ourselves using our gifts, talents, and service for God’s glory.

**Lemonade on the Lawn.** Please stop by and grab some lemonade and  
cookies courtesy of the LMPC Fellowship Committee.