

All Youth: Confirmation: We will meet Sunday from 3:30-5pm.

JJs/Middlers will meet from 5-6pm.

Sr. Highs meet 6:15-7:15.

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. If 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, Canned 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/duetist contact Janet Robert-Crump.

The Session has approved **LMPC as a VACCINATION SITE** each Tuesday from 2:00 to 5:00, 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.

The Worship Committee invites us to start singing together, but kindly asks that we use masks when we sing for the time being.

Prayer Requests

Health workers, first responders, and essential workers; protection and healing of our land; The Family of *Walter Cuttino upon his passing; Joe Bonnette, brother in law of *Fred Yandle; *Willie Mathias; Angela Powers, sister of Meredith Strawhorn; 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
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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, 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

Ushers for the week of Sunday, May 9

8:30 Service (need at least two people): Sam Cullum, Robert Shealy and Bill Bearden

10:30 Service (need at least two people): Jordan Berry, John Winfield, Brad Brannon, Jay Johnson and Chip Raffinie

Liturgist/Elder on Call: Bruce Loveless

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.**

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

Lake Murray Presbyterian Church



MAY 2, 2021

10:30 am

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us
so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

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

—————ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME—————

Prelude

Call to Worship: (Numbers 6)

Leader: The Lord Bless you

People: The Lord Keep You

Leader: The Lord Make His Face Shine upon you.

All: May the Lord be gracious to us and bless us and give us His peace.

❖Processional Hymn: *“How Firm a Foundation”*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!

What more can be said than to you God hath said,

to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

❖Call to Confession:

Leader: “How lovely is the dwelling place of the Lord”

People: yet we wander from our happy home, prodigal children.

Leader: Let us come to our senses, and turn back to our heavenly

Father in confession.

❖Prayer of Confession: Happy are those who live in your house, Lord, but we have

forsaken our home with you. Forgive our sin. “Prone to wander, Lord I feel it.” Seal

our hearts for your courts above. Enfold us in our true home, with you.

❖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: “Welcome home!,” says the Lord our God.

Hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

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 67

Response to Scripture reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “May God Bless us to be a Blessing”.....Dr. J. Ben Sloan

❖Hymn of Dedication: *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

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

—————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:

❖Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

❖Prayer of Dedication

❖Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn: *“Great God of Every Blessing” (Vs. 1)*

Great God of every blessing,

of faithful, loving care,

you are the fount of goodness,

the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you?

Our praise is but a start:

sincerely and completely

I offer you my heart.

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Communion (Please come forward and take the elements)

—————GO IN GOD’S NAME—————

Hymn *“Great God of Every Blessing” (Vs. 3)*

Your Spirit is our teacher,

the light that guides our search,

transforming broken people

into the holy church.

For feeding us with mercy,

for wisdom you impart:

sincerely and completely

I offer you my heart.

❖Benediction

“The Blessing”

The Lord bless you

And keep you

Make His face shine upon you

And be gracious to you

The Lord turn His

Face toward you

And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen

Amen, amen, amen

❖Postlude

❖*All are invited to stand.*

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.