



LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith joined together through Christ, offering meaning and hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.

**10 Simmonsville Rd
Bluffton, SC 29910**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024
8:30am and 10:30am**

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Celebration of Worship
Sunday, April 21, 2024 - 8:30 and 10:30am

Silent Meditation (Hymn #722 vs. 4)

“O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.”

Prelude *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Marilyn Ham

Welcome and Announcements Rev. David Johnson

Call to Worship (8:30) Bill Bogle (10:30) Sue Dason

Leader: We gather together for worship, singing our praises to God.

People: Some sing gladly, joyfully, for there is much to celebrate.

Leader: Some sing quietly, nourished by a deep and inner peace.

People: Some sing haltingly, their notes tripping over their fears.

Leader: Some sing longingly, remembering good days past, not yet daring to hope for the days to come.

People: Accept, O Lord, our worship, and by Your loving presence weave our many melodies into one great symphony of devotion.

***Hymn #441** *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

***Invocation** Rev. Herrin

Unison Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, missing your revelation through creation, experiences, and people. We miss opportunities to serve you, and in our selfishness we sin. We repent of our failure to give as you have given us. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive us for forgetting that we are disciples, not spectators. Forgive our silence when you call us as witnesses of good news. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response Hymn #240**

*“Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name”*

Affirmation of Faith** Excerpt from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Gloria Patri # 581**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Johnson

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Change Can Make a Change

Offertory *Would They Love Him Down in Shreveport Today* Bobby Braddock
We Believe by Travis Ryan, Matt Hooper, Richie Fike
Dale Nordby, soloist

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Johnson

***Hymn # 494**

Jesu, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (1, 2 & 4)

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36-48 (pg. 85)

Acts 3:12-15 (pg. 113)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“You Are Witnesses”

Rev. Chris Herrin

***Hymn #722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Festival Voluntary

by Flor Peters

* Those who are able, please stand.

** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” Words and Music by Donald Fishel

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*** Written in 1983 on the occasion of the reunification of the Northern and Southern branches forming what is now the PCUSA. Recognizing realities of diversity and disagreement in both the church and the world, the drafting committee sought to articulate Presbyterians' common identity.

Welcome to worship. All visitors are welcome to LPC where we seek to love and serve Christ. Let us know of your visit using the visitor card in the pew rack and dropping it in the offering basket. Care for infants thru 5 years old during worship is provided in the nursery at the 10:30am service. Activity bags for elementary age children are available in the Narthex.

Food Drive for Agape!! - Today - 11:30am – 1:00pm - Please plan to drive through after the service and we will unload your vehicle. If you forgot your food, there is still time to run across the street.

The LPC Session (pastors, elders and moderator) will have an overnight retreat Friday to Saturday at Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, Georgia. Please pray that all may be drawn closer to Christ and to one another in their time together.

Pinckney Island Bird Walk: Thursday, April 25 at 9:30am, LPC member Robert Shumate will lead a group around Pinckney Island to see birds nesting, and other wildlife. The walk will be about 2 miles and take approximately 2 ½ hours. Wear good walking shoes and bring sunscreen, water, and mosquito repellent. Note that there are no restrooms at the refuge. Groups can carpool from the church for easier parking. Sign up on the Earth Care bulletin board.

Please remember with your prayers:

Robin Lind

**The flowers today are to the glory of God given by Bill & Robyn Wilkey
in loving memory of Bob Wilkey.**

LPC Caregiver Support Group will meet today at 11:45am in the back room behind the nursery. All caregivers are welcome. The group is led by Rev. Herrin and Karen Couser.

Adult Sunday School - Please join us from 9:30 - 10:10am in the parlor Sundays. We are at "I" with the alphabet of faith learning about Isaac and Ishmael. Next Sunday, learning about "J" for Jeremiah. Often called the weeping prophet, he is also the prophet of hope. Come and learn about this important figure in our Old Testament.

Who put the doubt in "doubting Thomas?" Come to the Jesus study to learn about this often misunderstood disciple. Classes are taught by Rev. Johnson, Mondays at 2pm and 6pm in Thomas Hall.

Join us for a 3-week discussion of *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson, Tuesdays at 6pm, in the parlor, April 23rd, 30th, May 7th, led by Rev. Herrin with assistance from Sally Ayotte. The book will be read in sections, with 164 pages to have been read by the first meeting. It is not necessary to attend every week, but the reading is required. Sign-up in the Narthex or at lowcountrypres.org to receive the reading schedule.

Change Can Make a Change for April is One Great Hour of Sharing, a Special Annual Offering of the PCUSA, celebrating its 75th anniversary. Through three life-saving programs, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People, our donations through One Great Hour are making a difference. Make checks payable to LPC, marked for OGHS.

Next Sunday, April 28th at 2pm the Bluffton Kiwanis Club will present one of your favorites, The Evolution Big Band in concert here at LPC, sponsored by Sequins Ballroom. The concert is free and open to the public, with a goodwill offering to be taken. The funds raised will benefit local children through the efforts of the Bluffton Kiwanis Club.

May River Clean-Up is on Saturday, May 4 from 9 – 11:30am. It would be great for a group of us to put on our LPC t-shirts and come out to show our care for the rivers and roads in our community. Sign up on the EarthCare bulletin board in the Narthex.

Worship and Music Conference at Montreat June 23 – 28, 2024. Join a group of LPC-ers who are attending this spiritually enriching event at this Presbyterian conference center near Asheville, NC. The conference includes daily meaningful and creative worship services with outstanding preachers and music, along with Bible study and lectures. For those interested in music, there are choirs and bell choirs for all skill levels. Those who aren't musical will also enjoy the conference. Spending a week in the beauty of the mountains during the summer may be reason enough to go! Members Tom and Linda Smith who have attended several of these, would be happy to answer your questions at 843-706-5423 or twsmith719@hotmail.com. To learn more about the conference and to register, go to montreat.org/events/wm24-wk2, though housing will need to be secured beforehand. Rev. Herrin can also assist.

Children's Ministry Subcommittee forming. Our children are growing, and our children's ministry must grow too! We need a ministry team focused solely on their faith formation: to oversee the existing programs and create new opportunities. If you care about their nurture (a promise we the congregation made at their baptism) and are willing to help, please contact Elaine Branda at hhgolfer@gmail.com.

Upper Room and These Days devotionals for May /June are on the counter in the Narthex.

Sermon Notes: