

The text of Hymn 466 comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn Charles Wesley wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. The tune, originally German, was adapted by Lowell Mason.

Worshippers may greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

After the Passing of the Peace, children, Pre-K - grade 2, are invited to Children's Church.

The Prayer for Illumination is a reminder that the reason to gather for worship is to hear the Word of God. This text was designed to be sung before the sermon. Originally there were seven stanzas, but usually only three are sung, and sometimes only one.

***Hymn 466** ○ for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Eternal and ever-present God, we confess that all too often we are arrogant and overconfident when things go well for us, frightened and desperate when things go wrong. We simply forget how good you are in all things and for all time. Keep us aware of the source of our power so that we may seek justice for all, love with mercy, and live humbly in the name of Jesus Christ.

***Silent Prayer**

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response**

Hymn 579

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. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 454, Stanza 1

**Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your teachings true and holy,
drawn from earth to love you solely.**

First Lesson Philippians 1:3-11, page 1070

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Roland E. Martin
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.
Here I find my greatest treasure, hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Second Lesson Acts 16:22-34, page 1011
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Acts of the Little Known Disciples:
(2) "The Philippian Jailer – Doing Salvation" Dr. Bruce Lancaster

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 343** Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

***Affirmation of Faith** from A Declaration of Faith, PCUS 1977

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability and time.

It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.

We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

The text of Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing was written for Pentecost by British Baptist pastor Robert Robinson. The tune, NETTLETON, honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton. The accompaniment in this arrangement quotes Bach's Cello Suite No. 1 in G.

Hymn 343 is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

The Affirmation of Faith is an excerpt from a contemporary statement of faith which the church adopted as "a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration."

The text and tune of Hymn 376 occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

Following worship, all are invited for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Atrium.

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Prayers of the People and 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.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Love Divine, All Loves Excelling David Cherwien

***Doxology** Hymn 592

**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**

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Hymn 376** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Hymn 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

***Postlude** HYFRYDOL Gerald Near

A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the fellowship pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Nurseries for infants and toddlers, available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., are located next to the Children’s Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

To pick up your child from Children’s Church after the service, please go through the Atrium to Fellowship Hall. A Children’s Church teacher will meet you there. During the summer, Children’s Church will be held in the Moses Waddel Room on the 3rd floor where we will continue to use our VBS curriculum, Passport to Peru.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 23

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Youth depart for Montreat Youth Conference
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Bruce Lancaster preaching
- 11:05 a.m. Fellowship, Atrium

Monday, July 24

- 5:00 p.m. Lay Callers' Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Tuesday, July 25

- 8:30 a.m. Jubilee Partners Remodeling Project, 427 Jubilee Rd., Comer
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Room 304
- 6:00 p.m. First Friends, South Kitchen + Bar, 247 E. Washington St.

Wednesday, July 26

- 9:00 a.m. Wonderful Wednesday, Weekday School
- 12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
- 4:30 p.m. Yoga, Room 310

Thursday, July 27

- 8:30 a.m. Jubilee Partners Remodeling Project, 427 Jubilee Rd., Comer

Sunday, July 30

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Bruce Lancaster preaching

LOOKING AHEAD

July 30 - Presbyterian Women Bible Study Overview

August 6 - Blessing of the Backpacks; Recognition of Ms. Wendi Finch, Nursery Coordinator

August 8-12 Pictorial Directory

August 13 - Fall Kickoff Brunch, Two Worship Services Resume

August 13-20 - IHNA Host Week

August 20 - Sunday School Resumes, Stephen Leader Commissioning

The Wayne F. Middendorf Memorial Concert Series presents Music for Organ & Brass

Dr. Bruce Lancaster, Interim Senior Pastor

Dr. Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor

Dr. John Coble, Director of Music and Organist

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Carol Strickland

Lay Reader: Chuck Toney

USHERS

Allen Crowell (head), Ron Cox,
Will Cox, Tom Landrum, Arlene Shirley,
Rosemary Stancil

FELLOWSHIP HOST: Ella Stewart

GREETERS

Jayne Bailey, Stan Bailey, Carroll Gaillard,
Faye Marshall

FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of Harold Hodgson, Jr. and Lynn Hodgson Duke, given by Ruby Hodgson.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

August 8-12

We are producing a new Pictorial Directory. Everyone photographed will have the opportunity to purchase portraits and will receive a copy of the completed directory. Please sign up in the Atrium today. You may also sign up online or by contacting the church office.

IHNA HOST WEEK

August 13-20

Our next Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens host week will be here soon. Please sign up in the Atrium today. You may also check the online calendar or email Patty Whiten (pattywhiten@windstream.net) to volunteer.

IHNA TRAINING

July 30, 1:30 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1080 Julian Drive in Watkinsville will host IHNA training. For questions contact Patty Whiten at pattywhiten@windstream.net.

SUMMER CHOIR

All singers are invited to join us through July. We will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the choir room to rehearse music for that Sunday's service.

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

It's a system for training laypeople to do caring ministry. In Stephen Minister training this fall, members will learn skills and develop their talents for bringing Christ's healing love to those who are grieving, depressed, or experiencing other stresses in life.

PW BIBLE STUDY OVERVIEW

July 30, 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join Dr. Carol Strickland in the Fellowship Hall Break Out Area as she gives a sneak preview of the 2017-18 Presbyterian Women circle curriculum (A Cloud of Witnesses) on the Book of Hebrews. Everyone is welcome.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & HONORING MS. WENDI FINCH

August 6, 10:00 a.m.

The 2017-2018 school year is right around the corner. We invite all of our children to bring their backpacks to be blessed in worship.

Also, Ms. Wendi Finch is retiring after almost ten years as our Nursery Coordinator. We will recognize her in worship, with a special reception to follow the service in Fellowship Hall.