

January 31, 2021

As I look forward to preaching in our unity service this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall/ Worship Center I find myself reflect on what it means to be a church, and more importantly The Church - or as we say in the Apostles Creed the holy catholic church. The meaning of catholic in the context of the Apostles Creed is "universal".

We are one church.

I find that comforting. Despite our differences, worship preferences, the way we dress, our age, politics, identity, despite anything and everything that might separate us we are one universal church in Christ Jesus. Our worship leader for the Link, Justin Mead spoke some wisdom to me the other day during a planning session. In essence he said that music shouldn't matter, our worship of God should. Whether we worship better to the sound of piano or guitar, hymns or more modern music, we seek to draw closer to Jesus Christ and that is what truly matters.

I hope to see you Sunday, in person or online!

Greg

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Rev. Mike McAfee** by Linda & Wallace Twiggs; Joyce Hawkins; Jenny Horton; Bill & Lynn White

In memory of **Jim Dryman** by Linda & Wallace Twiggs; Joanne Cole; Dimple & Norman Davis; Bill & Lynn White

In memory of **Art Bishop** by Linda & Wallace Twiggs; Cynthia McLemore; Dorothy & Mike Johnson

In memory of **Katherine Brabson** by Joanne Cole

In memory of **Harold Moon** by Suzanne Supple; Carol Hammock

In memory of **Charles Kromer, Jr.** by Linda & Wallace Twiggs

In memory of **Julia Holland** by Bill & Lynn White

In memory of **Jean Adams** by Linda & Wallace Twiggs; Shirley Wright; Mary Nell & Mike Blasingame; June & Mike Goyne; Anne & Larry Spell; Lynn & Wes Ezzell; Cynthia McLemore; Joyce Hawkins; Doris Rowe; Betty Woodruff; Cindy & Randy Autry; Shirley Moon; Saunders & John Richey; Jenny Horton; Jennie & Ken Payne; Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Carolyn Holland; Dorothy & Mike Johnson; Suzanne Supple; Carol Hammock; Bill & Lynn White

The Chancel Flowers are given today in honor of the New Seekers Class by Beth & Larry Hendrickson.

Flower Delivery

Lynda Massey

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Jan. 29-31,
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258



Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Jennefer Spell	Kathy Draughon
John and Saunders Richey	Ralph Hammond
Brad Trim	Norma Meadows
Glenn Killough	Lynda Massey
Matthew Allen	Carolyn McCollum
Anne Turner	Teagan Gregory

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Agnes Tew
Family of Julia Holland
Family of Alyssa & Dom Edwards
Family of Renee & Glen Summerlin
Family of Sandy Dryman
Family of Jerry Adams

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 31

9:30 a.m. Virtual Sunday School - Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service -
Fellowship Hall
Rev. Greg Harrison
5:30 p.m. Basement - Youth

Tuesday, February 2

9:45- 12:15p.m. Open Door Circles - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 3

10:00 a.m. Women's Zoom Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Community Prayer - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 4

6:30 a.m. Men's Zoom Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

School Supplies Needed for Wynnton Arts Academy

As schools resume the opportunity for in-person instruction, our Partner-In-Education, Wynnton Arts Academy, needs our help. Over the past several years, we have held a school supply drive at this time and your response has been amazing! We're hoping that your generosity will continue despite the COVID-19 virus that has totally changed the way we do things.

Below is a list of items the school can use. If you are so inclined, please pick up one or more of these items when you are out and about. There will be a collection bin inside the south entrance to the church (where your temperature is taken) beginning this Sunday, Jan. 24; it will remain there through Sunday, Feb. 14. You may also bring your items during the week when the church office is open (Tuesday-Thursday, 9-12). Thank you for your wonderful support of Wynnton Arts Academy.

Glue Sticks
Crayons (preferably, boxes of 24)
Colored Pencils
Markers (preferably the fat Crayola type)
Children's size scissors
#2 pencils
Teachers always need bottles of hand sanitizer and kleenex.

PLEASE NOTE:

They do not need notebook paper, 3 prong folders, or composition notebooks, at this time.

BASEMENT NEWS



Youth will meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m.! Please wear masks. Temperatures will be taken at the door.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Andrew Petersen is an American Christian author and musician. His music is influenced by folk rock and country gospel. Growing up as the son of a pastor, he was an avid reader, listened to metal, and ended up at Bible college. Because of his love of stories and music, he developed a passion for combining them to reflect the beauty of life through the gospel of Jesus Christ. In 2018, Andrew Petersen released, *Resurrection Letters, Volume 1*. Included on that album was a powerful anthem "Is He Worthy?", based on Revelation 5:9-10. Andrew talks about recording voice memos of inspirations as he was writing lyrics and music. He recalls driving somewhere in Nashville and humming a melody to which he would sing a response; we do. He realized he had been thinking about a Kenyan Liturgy that went like this:

Celebrant: Is the Father with us?

People: He is

Celebrant: Is Christ Among us?

People: He is

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

People: He is

Celebrant: This is our God

People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Celebrant: We are His people

People: We are redeemed

"Is He Worthy" was written in similar question-and-answer format, which is believed to enhance the liturgical experience. Andrew believes in the need to join your voice with a group of people, to remind us what is true and to not just listen to the Word, but to participate in it. While thinking about this question-and answer-moment, he thought about how Revelation, in his words, Thunders the love of God.

"Is He Worthy?", is Petersen's attempt to lift up Jesus' victory over death. He describes it like this; Jesus appears, a Lion and a Lamb ascending the Throne, revealing His glory to the angels and archangels and you and me, and Heaven bursts into song. All the bread crumbs of the old testament, the birth, the life and death of Jesus, even His resurrection, lead to something glorious, but astonishingly simple: a new earth, a new creation. He is remaking what the Fall destroyed, He's ransoming a people for Himself, every tribe, nation and tongue, and we shall reign on earth, we will tend a new garden as ransomed, redeemed and resurrected, living to glorify Jesus who deserves blessing and honor and glory.

This Sunday, Unity Sunday, the Chancel Choir will sing "Is He Worthy?" by Andrew Petersen and Ben Shive. We invite all to join in the question-and- answer experience as the Spirit leads you.

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

January 31: Luke 22:39-71, Genesis 40, Psalm 31
February 1: Luke 23:1-25, Genesis 41, Psalm 32
February 2: Luke 23:26-56, Genesis 42, Psalm 33
February 3: Luke 24:1-12, Genesis 43, Psalm 34
February 4: Luke 24:13-53, Genesis 44, Psalm 35
February 5: Hebrew 1, Genesis 45:1-46:27, Psalm 36
February 6: Hebrew 2, Genesis 46:28-47:31, Psalm 37

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

31	Sue Pope
1	Don Davidson
2	Randy Autry, Steve Croft, Glenn Killough
6	Candice Cotton, Addison Harrison

OUR STEWARDSHIP

1-24-21

General Fund.....	11,448.00
Endowment Fund.....	805.00
Other Income.....	802.00
Pre-Paid Pledges.....	4,800.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	200.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Housing.....	200.00

SUNDAY'S SERMON

A New Teaching
Mark 1:21-28
Rev. Greg Harrison