



WESLEY
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Weems, Virginia

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

Matthew 28:19 NIV

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pre-Call to Worship Hymn: #3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Call to Worship

Pastor: All your works shall give thanks to you, O God, and all your faithful shall bless you.

Congregation: For you uphold all who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down.

Pastor: All look to you; you give them their food in due season.

Congregation: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Pastor: We lift our hearts and hands in thanks to you.

Opening Prayer

God who provides, we proclaim that your power, at work within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. Where we see scraps, you envision a feast; when we fret about scarcity, you set a table of abundance. In a society based on consuming and owning, teach us the way of receiving instead of taking and the path of gratitude instead of grumbling. Guide us in generosity towards those in our neighborhoods and around the globe who lack basic necessities or struggle in poverty and famine. This we pray through Christ, who fills us with love that surpasses all knowledge. Amen.

Hymn: #143 This Is My Father's World

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, when the crowds surrounded you, hungry for bread and for your word, you took an offering—five loaves, two fish— and made for them a feast. Still, O Lord, we doubt the abundance of your grace. Still, O Lord, we are hesitant to share the gifts we have. Still, O Lord, we wonder whether there is enough for all. Forgive us, O God, and make of us a more generous people. Empower us to share the gift of our lives, and enlighten us to see the miracles around us. For you are the giver of grace upon grace, the one who turns want into plenty. In Your holy name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer 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 and ever. Amen.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Compassionate Father, thank you that you are our strength and our song, you fill our hearts with joy. May we give our offerings to you with gladness and joy. Everything we have belongs to you and we rejoice to give some of your abundant gifts back to you. Bless the tithes and offerings we give today. Let the majesty of the Father be the light that guides us, the compassion of the Son be the love that inspires us and the presence of the Spirit be the power that empowers us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Hymn: #597 Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated

Prayer for Illumination

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Church

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 51

Jonah 2:6-9

Luke 13:1-5

Sermon: The Right Turn

Hymn #479 Softly and Tenderly

Benediction

Sending Song: May the Lord, Mighty God . .

Prayers: <https://calltoworshipjournal.org/july-28-2024-tenth-sunday-after-pentecost-proper-12/>; 30 Best Offertory Prayers for Tithes and Offerings – ConnectUS (connectusfund.org) ConnectUS

Announcements

Gospel Sing featuring **Streets of Gold**, along with the Morattico Baptist Church Praise Band - Friday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at Morattico Baptist Church, 924 Morattico Church Road, Kilmarnock. (804-577-3043)

If you are still interested in purchasing plants, please contact Nancy Sanders at 804-436-6564 and arrange to pick them up, or Nancy will bring them to church the following Sunday. Available are:

- Portulaca
- Blue Violet Verbena
- Vinca
- Black-eyed Susan

All flowers are in bloom

Prices for plants range from \$1.50 to 6.00. Herbs are also available - Sage, mint and basil.

Kaylyn and Lydia Brown are selling **hand-crafted bracelets**, \$5 each or two for \$9. They come in a variety of colors. Choose or order yours today!

Thank you to all who have contributed to the new **Wesley Cookbook** so far. If you haven't yet, it's not too late. The committee will be finishing the layout and proofing the first week in August. If you still have some recipes you would like to submit, please e-mail them to Cheri at Cwink4th@gmail.com or to Kathie at kathleengalgano@gmail.com. Or if you would like to submit your recipes directly online, go to: **typensave.com** and enter **Wesley316** for the username, and **simmer659** for the contributor password. It is a very easy process.



Please remember to set aside any items you come across that might be donated for our yard sale or Christmas Bazaar this year.
