

Our Service Through Worship
August 8, 2021

Pastor, Dr. J. Michael Wilkins
Worship Leader, Mrs. Lucy Wilkins
Organist, Mrs. Alysyan Raymond

At the prelude, let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship the Lord.

Prelude *Here I am to Worship*

Welcome

Life of the Church

Responsive Reading (*1 Chronicles 16:23-25* – NIV adapted)

Pastor: Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim the good news that he saves day after day.

People: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Pastor: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

People: He is to be honored above all others.

Hymn of Praise # 68 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Morning Prayer

Special Music *In Christ Alone* Jennifer Fuller-Spears (video)

Scripture Mark 4:3 - 8; 13-20

Sermon "Dirt Matters"

Hymn of Commitment # 391 *We Are Called to Be God's People*

Benediction

Doxology # 668 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Postlude *Heavenly Sunlight*

As a courtesy to other worshippers please remember to silence your cell phones.

If you would like to make a gift in support of the ministries of this church, please place it in one of the offering plates located around the sanctuary.

Church Picnic

Join us **today from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm** for our annual church picnic. This year we will gather **at the Rockbridge County High School shelter** (located near the football stadium/bus parking lot). The church will supply the meat and drinks, but **everyone is asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share.**

Bible Readings

The Bible Readings for the week of **August 9 - 13**: Monday: Acts 19:20: 1-6, Tuesday: Acts 20:7-12, Wednesday: Acts 20:13-24, Thursday: Acts 20:25-38, Friday: Acts 21:1-9.

Blessing of Backpacks

Next Sunday, August 15, join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year! Students of all ages and education staff are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases or tote bags to the **11:00 am worship service** for a special prayer of blessing, guidance, wisdom & protection.

Deacon's Meeting

The Deacons will meet **next Sunday, August 15.**

Music Ministry

If you are a former (pre-Covid) member of the **Adult Choir** or would like to join, **we will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 11 at 6:15 pm** in the choir room. Rehearsals will run approximately 1 hour. Requirements for membership in the choir are: a love for God, a love of music, willingness to take direction and being fully vaccinated. If you enjoy using your love of music to lead others in worship, now is the time to come and be a part of the choir.

The **Children's Choir** will meet the first 15 minutes of Children's Worship on Sunday mornings. Please encourage your children to participate! Children's Worship Choir will begin **Sunday, September 5 at 11:00 am.**

The **Praise Band** will continue to meet this Fall. If you have talents as an instrumentalist or singer, please contact John Wranek (jwranek@marshallfoundation.org) if you would like to join the group.

The **Meador-Steele Handbell Choir** will not be active this year. Once a new music director is chosen, we hope to resume this ministry.

Retirement Luncheon

Please join us immediately following Pastor Mike's last sermon on **Sunday, September 5 at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall** for a catered Retirement Luncheon in honor of Mike & Lucy Wilkins. **Please RSVP with the church office (463-4181) by Sunday, August 29 if you are able to attend.**

RAT Sunday

August 29 is RAT Sunday! If you are willing to lend your cell phone for the RATs to use to call their families, please bring it to the Fellowship Hall when you come for Morning Bible Study. They will be returned before the worship service.

Student Adoption

Each year college students from VMI attend our church and seek people who will provide a home away from home for them. You and your students decide together the level of support you wish to offer. It may be as little as a meal in your home or restaurant every once in a while, to as much as making them a part of your family visiting your home each Sunday. **Please contact the church office (463-4181) if you would be willing to help with this wonderful ministry!**

Volunteer Drivers Needed

We need volunteers to pick up RATs on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am** in front of JM Hall. If we have enough volunteers, you would only be asked to pick up once every 4-6 weeks. **Please contact the church office if you are willing to volunteer!**

2022 Budget Requests

Remember that requests for the 2022 church budget need to be submitted in writing and with an explanation of how the money would be used, **by Sunday, September 5.** Requests may be submitted to the church office or the Stewardship Committee Chair, John Wranek.

Church Deacons

Begin praying as to whom God would have serve him at Manly Memorial as a Deacon beginning in 2022. Those currently serving are ineligible for nomination. Deacon nomination ballots will be out on the tables in September.

Rockbridge Area Relief Association

Item of the month for August is **school supplies.** Please leave your donations in the box outside of the choir room. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Requests stay on the list a month, unless the church office is asked to keep them on longer.

August 8: Sam Horne Family (Jane Chittum's brother), Freddie and Sue Seaman, Diane Pirinian, Molly Kay Moore (scope procedure 8/12), Deborah & Christopher Moore, Eric Catlett, Cash Gorlowski Family, Monica Staton Family, Priscilla Jamison's grandson Joe Jamison (is participating in a 6 week pilgrimage to Santiago), Derek Garrett

July 25: Joe Wilkins (Pastor Mike's brother), Eddie Lilly, Susan Hall, Joann Harper (Carole Judy's sister), David & Diane Smith (friends of the Galloways) Jeff Diplock (friend of the Heckman's), Henry Schreiber, Betty Swisher, Brandy Hostetter, Sandy & Mitch Mitchell, Betty Hostetter

July 18: Sharon Wohlford (Jerri Keen's sister), Judy Davis, Carol Bozeman, Teresa Ewing (Curtis Caylor's sister), Kristen Coleman, Ellis Hundley (Jerri Keen's Brother), Julia Wallace (Daughter of Skip Wallace, the Virginia Baptist Field Strategist), Peter Shaner (Grandson of Pete and Betty Shaner, Laurie Kosonovich (Jill and Wayne Straub's daughter)

Remember Our Shut-Ins...

At Home: Bonnie Slater

Baldwin Park: Harry Carter

English Meadows: Dr. Charles E. O'Roark

Heritage Hall: Maxine Smiley

Kendal: Doris Womeldorf

The Palmettos: Joan Huff

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