

Worship Notes

We extend a warm welcome to our guests this morning!

We are very happy that you are in worship with us. Your presence has made this day more meaningful!

If this is your first time at Millbrook Baptist, or if you are a regular visitor, please sign the lavender welcome card located in the pew card rack and include the requested information so that we may welcome you more personally and provide you with information about our church. You may fold the card and place it in the offering plate when passed, or hand it to an usher.

A Word about the Season (or Sundays) after Pentecost:

The Season after Pentecost begins with the day after Pentecost and continues until Advent. During the Season after Pentecost, emphasis is generally focused on the quality of our personal and spiritual lives as well as our growth in the Christian life. More specifically, it is a time to meditate upon our empowerment through the Holy Spirit to be instruments of God's grace and peace in our homes, community and world. This is a time to reflect on creation and what it means to be created by God and to be co-creators with God. This is a season for learning about our faith as we discover whether we have "eyes that will see" and "ears that will hear" and try our best to follow Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the ways of justice, peace, and loving service.

Liturgical Color: Green

Green symbolizes life, growth, hope and the Christian life and is used in the Seasons after the Epiphany and after Pentecost, spans of time usually referred to as Ordinary Time. During these seasons, special days call for the use of white or red.

Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14:1-7; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Children's Worship:

Today's Children's Church leaders are Rebecca Hewitt-Newson and Debbie Sawyer. The children (K-3) will be learning about the parables of the lost sheep and coin (Luke 15). The preschoolers in the nursery will be learning about how God made animals.

Next Week's (Sept 18) Extended Session Volunteers are:

Teresa Dawson, Mary Lou Orr, Marie Brown, and Denise Watson
Please return the Wee Worship Bags after today's worship service.
Children are encouraged to take his/her drawings and papers home.

DVDs of the Worship Service:

DVDs are available on loan from the church library. If you'd like a personal copy, at no cost, please email or call the church office.

Altar Flowers:

The 2016 Flower Calendar for the Altar flowers is now on the small bulletin board in the hallway intersection near the library. Arrangements are \$52.50. Please make your check payable to Millbrook Baptist Church with Altar Flowers in the memo line. Please fill out a dedication form which can be found on the table by the church office or at the welcome desk. You can place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

Please silence all cell phones and pagers during the worship service.
Please do not bring beverages into the sanctuary.

Calendar

Sunday, September 11th

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| Children's Choir | 9:00 am - 9:40 am |
| Sunday School for All Ages | 9:30 am - 10:30 am |
| Chancel Choir Gathering | 10:30 am - 11:00 am |
| Worship Service | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| Churchwide Luncheon | 12:00 pm |
| Handbells Rehearsal | 2:00 pm |

Tuesday, September 13th

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| Adult Bible Study (new attendees welcome!) <i>Meets in Kairos Classroom</i> | 10:00 am |
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Wednesday, September 14th

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| Dorcas Sewing | 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm |
| Family Dinner & Fellowship <i>Roast Pork, Sweet Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Salad Bar, Yeast Rolls & Assorted Desserts</i> | 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm |
| Wednesday Program <i>Dr. Rob Gierka (SPCA)</i> | 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm |
| Choir Rehearsal | 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm |

Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance,
please do not hesitate to contact **Phyllis Garris (919) 424-7306**

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The Millbrook Mission



Millbrook Baptist Church shares God's love by being an open and inclusive community of faith, developing Christian disciples through spiritual growth, and serving the world through mission and ministry.

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Millbrook Baptist Church

September 11, 2016

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Worship Our Lord



Anne Ross Pender
September 11, 2001

*Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.'
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is no one who does good. The Lord looks
down from heaven on humankind to see
if there are any who are wise, who seek
after God. They have all gone astray,
they are all alike perverse; there is no one
who does good, no, not one.*

Psalm 14:1-3

WELCOME

GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Community Life

Andrea Dellinger Jones

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord in worship!

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude

Cornet Voluntary

Travers

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation

Ron Creasman

†Call to Worship

God looks on humankind to see if any are wise.

Who is seeking after God above all else?

**We look to Jesus Christ for wisdom and truth;
we seek out to be strengthened for service.**

The winds of God blow among us to winnow and cleanse.

They sweep through our midst in judgment.

Have mercy on us, O God, and wash away our sin.

Do not let your wrath burn against us.

Remember your promises to us, O God.

Create in us clean hearts and renewed spirits.

We seek to know you and to grow in understanding.

Confront us here and light our way out of the void.¹

†Hymn 607

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

HYFRYDOL

Passing of the Peace

Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Morning 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

PROCLAIMING

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 14:1-7 (*OT p.495)

Dani Reese

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn

O God, Our Hearts Were Shattered

AURELIA

*(Kindergarten-3rd Grade will go to the
2nd floor, Education Building for Children's Church.)*

**O God, our hearts were shattered on that horrendous day;
We heard the news and gathered to grieve and then to pray.
We cried to you and wondered, "where did the violence start?"
The world as we had known it had just been torn apart.**

We heard of those who perished— of heroes' sacrifice.

We paused again to cherish the gifts of love and life.

We worried for the future; we hugged our loved ones then.

We cried, "Can peace be found here?" "We can't let terror win!"

**Some sought to answer terror the only way they knew—
With anger toward the stranger and calls for vengeance, too.**

Yet this is not your answer, nor what you would create.

May we live toward a future where love will conquer hate.

God, give us faith and wisdom to be your healing hands;

Give open minds that listen to truth from all your lands.

Give strength to work for justice; grant love that casts out fear.

Then peace and not destruction will be the victor here.²

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer

Phyllis Garris

Offertory Anthem

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Raney

(Text is found at hymn 405)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)

†Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the Trinity of Love.

Praise God, within, beside, above.

We praise You! We praise You!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

†Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-32 (*NT p.78)

Phyllis Garris

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

LOST: The Original Episodes

Andrea Dellinger Jones

Discipline of Reflection

(The Discipline of Reflection is a brief, quiet time for personal reflection.)

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 587

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

†Blessing

"We, the light of Christ, return to the world."

†Postlude

Festivity

Wagner

*Thou hast turned my mourning into dancing
and filled me with gladness*

— Psalm 30:11

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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or would like to make a public profession of faith,
we invite you to present yourself during the Hymn of Response.
The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would
welcome your inquiry.