

He Leadeth Me Beside Still Waters

October 2016
Newsletter

Windermere Presbyterian Church
104 Windemere Road,
Wilmington, NC 28405



The Pastor's Pen

WORSHIP PARTS: INTROIT

The Entry Point of Worship

*“Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise his name.” Psalm 100:2,4*

Did you know that Christians may NOT worship God any ol' way that they want? In the Bible God has actually given us instructions on how He wants to be worshiped. While there is great latitude within these bounds, God has set out certain things that He wants, and other things He does not want in His worship services. Our worship service at Windermere may seem strange to some people who did not grow up in a church setting, and some people may even wonder why we don't drop some of the ritualistic elements within the service, but we include every part that we do because God has said it is pleasing to Him. And above all, that is the goal of our worship; not to attract new or young people (although we do hope that happens), but to please God. And what better way to please God in our worship than to do the things that He says are pleasing to Him? On a somewhat regular basis I am going to use the Pastor's Pen to describe some of the Parts of our worship service, and show where God has commanded it, and therefore why we do it. First up is the part of the service called "Introit."

To the untrained ear the introit may seem just like the opening piece of music, but it is deeply connected to the history of the Church and the instructions of scripture itself. The word comes from the Latin word "introitus," which means "entrance." It has been used as a formal piece of Christian worship as least as far back as the 4th century. From its Latin meaning it describes the "entrance" of the minister of the Word and Sacrament into the worshipping congregation and was accompanied by singing and reading from the Psalms. When we worship the introit will prepare our hearts to "enter" into a spiritual space of worship. You will notice in our worship service at Windermere, our introit is immediately followed by singing of the congregation, and the entrance of the minister with the Word of God along with a responsive reading of a Psalm, all because our hearts have been made ready to do these things in an authentic way that honors God. All of these actions connect us deeply to the Christians that have come before us and the true worship of God.

It is not just tradition, however, that justify the introit. God's Word itself tells us how we are to approach God, to enter into a space where we worship Him. The one hundredth psalm says we are to approach the worship of the true God with gladness, joyful song, thanksgiving, and praise to His name. These are the elements we incorporate into the introit which is our spiritual entrance and approach to God. These are the elements that please God and that is precisely why we keep the introit as an important part of our service.

Every piece of the worship service is a tool for you to use to rightly worship God. But I acknowledge that just like an unfamiliar tool in a toolbox, people have to actually know what the tool is for before they can use it. So over the course of many months this article will explore each of those worship pieces. For now, though, use the introit well. When the music is playing and the choir is singing, let it bring your heart and mind out of the ebb and flow of everyday life and cause you to "enter" into a spiritually holy place where you can offer real and authentic worship to God.

Grace and Peace, Pastor John

Finance Report for August 2016

Operating Fund	August	Year to Date	Budgeted YTD
Income	\$ 12,081	\$152,088	\$ 103,897
Expenses	<u>15,833</u>	<u>147,117</u>	<u>151,541</u>
Net income (deficit)	\$ (3,752)	\$ 4,971	\$ (47,644)

In August expenses were \$3,752 more than income. For the year so far our operating income has exceeded expenses by almost \$5,000. The remaining balance in the General Fund is \$33,384.

Outside of the operating budget we have received \$1,060 so far for the pastor's trip to South Korea.

October Ushers — Bob Wolfe, Johnnye Hilliard, Dennis Wood, Deidre Wood, Ben Faircloth, Martha Faircloth

October Liturgists — Oct. 2, Elizabeth Albritton; Oct. 6, Michael Coleman; Oct. 16, Gary Galloway; Oct. 23, Dru Farrar; Oct. 30, Matthew Coleman

Clerk of Session: Paul Albritton 799-4271

Finance: Tom Hebert (chair) 452-5521, Evelyn Morris 799-6808, Fritz Rohde 431-3891

Property & Maintenance: Russ Barker (chair) 392-1376, Mark Mathers 279-9691

Strengthening the Church: Debbie Packer Chair)712-1535, Sue Stott 799-4701

Mission and Service: Matthew Coleman (chair) 228-9390, Becky Kalnen 799-9612

Worship: Bebe Brewton (chair) 793-1299, Dave Allen 392-1274

Presbyterian Women: Ellen Allen and Elizabeth Albritton

Men of the Church: Bud Townsend 395-5097

Elder Nominating Committee for 2016 - Dave Allen, Incoming Elder and Chairman, Carol Pearson, Outgoing Elder, Bud Townsend, Men of the Church, Ellen Allen, Women of the Church, Seth Thomas, Youth, Ben Faircloth, Member-at-large and Nancy Wolfe, Member-at-large

Minister: Rev. John R. Pflug, Jr., 910-617-5200, email: revjohnpflug@gmail.com

Secretary: Fran King, 515-6484, email: windermere@bizec.rr.com

Music Director: Candace Williams, 791-5966, email: towerkat_n_mouse@yahoo.com

Pre-School Director: Leslie Moore, 791-8290, email: windpreschool@att.net

Nursery: Donna Kaiser, 508-2296

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Our Missionaries

Shane & Dorenda Hartley—Campus Crusade, Wilmington

Bret & Mindy Taylor-Wycliffe Bible Translators, Waxhaw

Outreach Foundation, Iran

Dustin & Sherry Ellington—Outreach Foundation, Zambia, Africa

Rev. Gary and Marlene Van Brocklin – PCUSA, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh,



MEALS ON WHEELS October 22nd – Please sign up!

Mission Statement:

The mission of Windermere Presbyterian Church is to mutually nurture, support and encourage one another toward spiritual maturity while reaching out to the community in response to God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the world.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

What an exciting circle meeting we had in September! Plans were made for this year and explanations of our purpose in the life of our church and missions around the world. Please join us and share in this. Our meeting is Tuesday, October 11, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will study the first two chapters of our book but it isn't necessary for you to have a book. Following our meeting will be a light lunch and a great time of fellowship together. Don't forget to bring your pennies! See you there.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PURPOSE - Forgiven



and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the

Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Windermere Stewardship Campaign

Our financial stewardship season will begin on October the 30th and conclude on November 20th. It will be a season in the life of our church when you will be invited to consider financial giving and its implications for the church as well as its implications for your own life. We hope by November the 20th you will be prepared to make a good faith financial pledge to the church so that the elders can begin to discern the scope of the ministry to which God is calling us in the new year. The following are the upcoming stewardship related dates for you to engage:

October 30th Stewardship Kick Off Sunday... (There will be a very unique aspect of worship that you won't want to miss!!!) This is actually a Stewardship Sunday that you WILL want to bring friends to (believe me, it is a surprise!)

November 2nd Family night dinner, and our church family finance meeting. It will be a chance for the finance committee to describe our financial circumstances and for you to express your hopes and concerns before the elders begin to put the budget together

November 6th Sermon with a mission focus. And a "minute for mission" on how money is used with a mission emphasis at Windermere

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November 13th Sermon will be on Ecclesiastes as normal, but there will be time set aside to hear the way that giving has effected the lives of your fellow Windermere members.

November 20th Commitment Sunday pledge cards due during worship service this day. This will also be the conclusion of the series on Ecclesiastes.

Pledge cards will be mailed to members during the stewardship season and extras will be available at the church building after October 30th



Every Sunday we collect canned goods, dry goods, & hygiene products for donation to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

Preaching Schedule

October 9 - Guest Preacher (Pastor John will be in South Korea)

October 16 - Ecclesiastes 9:13-18

October 23 - Ecclesiastes 10:16-20

October 30 - 1 Timothy 6:17-19 Beginning of Annual Stewardship Campaign

November 6 - Our Missionary will be preaching

November 13 - Ecclesiastes 11:1-10

November 20 - Ecclesiastes 12:9-14 Culmination of Stewardship Campaign (Pledge Cards Due)



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

(Please call Bebe Brewton at 793-1299.)

- Volunteers are needed to periodically change the Church sign out by the street.
- An Advent Coordinator to be in charge of Advent activities (Advent Candle, poinsettias, etc.)
- Person or two interested in serving on the Wedding Guild
- Advent Coordinator to be in charge of Advent decorations and poinsettias

Wednesday Family Night Dinner, Fellowship, Food, and Fun! October 5th at 5:30 p.m.

The menu will be Herb Roasted Pork Loin with potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dessert and beverages. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and a \$15 maximum for families. Remember to be sure to sign up for Family Night at the Church Sign-Up Center in the Narthex! Please sign up if you can help clean up! Thank you! Mark your calendars!



The fire truck and the firemen were a big hit at the September Family Night! The adults really enjoyed the evening - especially Carol Pearson and Dave Allen!

Minute for Missions —Matthew Coleman

The Missions & Service Committee is hard at work planning an evening of food, fun, and sharing, all intended to help “Feed your body, mind, and soul.” We're talking about the 2016 Missions Fair!

Windermere spreads the love of Jesus Christ in our local community and all over the world. Come learn about the groups, activities, and organizations that we're involved with here in Wilmington and all over the world.

On November 5th, come join us for the 2016 Missions Fair! The theme this year is “Feed your body, mind, and soul.” This is your chance to meet several of the missionaries the church supports regularly, hear their testimonies, learn about what they represent, and ask questions. We'll have a dinner, dessert, small talks, exhibits, and our keynote speaker will be Sasan Tavasoli, who's work focuses on building churches in one of the most volatile places on Earth: Iran.



Stay tuned for details. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, reach out to Matthew Coleman, or contact any member of the Missions & Service committee. In the meantime, mark your calendar for November 5th, and come “Feed your body, mind, and soul” at the 2016 Missions Fair!



NEWSLETTER NOTES FROM CANDY OCTOBER 2016



**NEW MEMBERS INVITED -
OPEN MEMBERSHIP -
NO AUDITIONS -
COMMITMENT EXPECTED**

The Windermere Adult Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we begin rehearsing “Candles and Carols”, a cantata to be presented on Sunday morning, December 11. Our choir will be accompanied by an instrumental ensemble, strings, clarinet, flute, oboe, trumpet, organ and piano. We welcome beginners as well as professional singers. Contact our Director with any questions, Candy Williams (910-313-0243).

New Choir Members Welcome!

Annual RETREAT for WINDERMERE MUSICIANS - Saturday October 1 at the White Lake home of Paul and Elizabeth Albritton. We will gather for food, fellowship, fun on the lake, and a work/listening session on the Christmas/Advent cantata.

Windermere Chime Choir meets on Mondays at 12:00 noon to rehearse. Please contact Candy Williams if you are interested in joining the chimers or if you would like to be on the substitute list as a fill-in.

Support Our Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 255 will have their annual BBQ Fundraiser to be held at the church on Saturday, October 15th.

Fun and Fellowship!

The Youth will have a Packing Party in October to fill the shoe boxes for Christmas.

The Youth meet the third Friday of each month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.





October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Choir Retreat
2 8:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship  6 pm Bible Study	3 12 noon Chime Choir 7 pm BST 255 7 pm Bible Study	6 9:15 am TOPS 12-12:30 Pre-school/LC room 12 noon Minlsters Mtg. & Lunch 7 pm Property	5 5:30 pm Family Night Dinner 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir	6 6 :30 pm Cub Scouts	7	8 8-12 Church Work Day 
9 8:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship 6 pm Men of the Church 6 pm Bible Study	10 12 noon Chime Choir 2 pm Finance 7 pm BST 255 7 pm Bible Study	11 9:15 am TOPS 10:30 am Circle/ Lunch 12-12:30 Pre-school/LC room	12 10 am Worship 10 am Preschool Board Mtg 2 -4 pm Sewing Circle/L.C. Rm 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir	13 6 pm Strengthening of the Church Comm. 6 :30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Misslon & Service Comm.	14 6-8 pm Youth Group/ Packing Party	15 7:30-4 pm BST 255 BBQ
16 8:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship 6 pm Bible Study	17 11am-12pm Bible Study / Laura Coley room 12 noon Chime Choir 7 pm BST 255 7 pm Bible Study	18 9:15 am TOPS 12-12:30 Pre-school/LC room WIHN	19 9:30 Preschool/ Chapel/Sanc. WIHN 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir	20 WIHN 6 :30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Session	21 8-12 Meals on Wheels prep. in Kitchen	22 8:30 am Meals on Wheels
23 8:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship 6 pm Bible Study	24 11am-12pm Bible Study / Laura Coley room 12 noon Chime Choir 7 pm BST 255 7 pm Bible Study	25 9:15 am TOPS 12-12:30 Pre-school/LC room	26 9:30 Preschool/ Chapel/Sanc. 2 -4 pm Sewing Circle/L.C. Rm 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir	27 6 :30 pm Cub Scouts	28	29
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PRAYER CONCERNS



Our Body of Christ

Betty Jo Register, Charlene Farrar, Nettie Peterson, Robert and Diane Stevens, Irene Gerhartz, Clara Wilson, Bob Huntley, Roland Register, Sylvia Smith, Layne Kuiper, Bob Leech

Our Extended Body of Christ

Shelia Groves, Carol Bowers, Baby Rogan, Trent and Anjie McCumbee and their son Levi, Mary Summerlin, Melinda Sumrall, Janis Bedsole, Jimmy Steinmetz, Joe Schlegel, Fred Jones, Diane Workman, Ann Kirby, Carolyn Martin, The Pyle's granddaughter, Fiona, Cathy Weaver, Peggy Powell, Lois Williamson, Larry & Gladys Packett, Kathy Tearnio, Allan Rochelle, Caroline Cropp, David Johnson, Chuck Massie, Elizabeth Donaldson, Scott Brandon, The Yahweh Center Children, Our Missionaries

Who to Call ...

Usher Coordinator	Pam Aherne	319.3070
Communion Coordinator	Becky Kalnen	799.9612
Women of the Church	Elizabeth Albritton	799.4271
	Ellen Allen	392.1274
Men of the Church		
Funeral Coordinator	Ellen Allen	392.1274
Wedding Coordinator	Ann Barker	392.1376
Wednesday Family Night Dinners	Sue Stott	799.4701
Meals on Wheels	Michael Coleman	262.8771
Youth Group	Alison Sayer	620.6603
Hands 4 Christ Quilting Group	Becky Kalnen	799.9612
Church Work Day	Russ Barker	392.1376
Operation Christmas Child	Janet Coleman	262.3189
Sunday School Coordinator		



October Anniversaries

Keith & Laurie Register	10/20
Guy & Phyllis Sickmond	10/20
Walter & Estelle Link	10/25
Fred & Layne Kuiper	10/28

October Birthdays

Scottie Coleman	10/02
Ellen Allen	10/03
Dennis Brandon	10/03
Collin McClearn	10/03
Nancy Wolfe	10/03
Jeannette Ramsey	10/05
Mike Packer	10/06
Ann Horne	10/07
Angelique Mathers	10/07
Terry Thomas	10/08
Sue Stott	10/10
Darrin Hoffman	10/11
Frances George	10/13
David Allen	10/15
Katelyn Kelly	10/15
Rev. John Russell Pflug, Jr.	10/15
Jacob Register	10/15
Julia McGuan	10/23
Robert Stevens, Sr.	10/23
Patrick Reams	10/27
Fred Kuiper	10/28
William Savage	10/28
Emily Clemens	10/29
Ted Kalnen	10/29
Bob Wolfe	10/30

Hands 4 Christ Quilting



Assisted Living:

Doris Erkes, Brightmore of Wilmington, 2324 41st St., Wilmington, NC 28403

Nettie Peterson, Brightmore Commons of Wilmington, 2324 41st St., Rm. 16, Wilmington, NC 28403

Session News for October 2016

Approved Boy Scout Troop 255 annual BBQ fundraiser on October, 15.

Approved request from Presbytery and Board of Pensions to hold a 4 day retirement seminar at Windermere using the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm each day from Monday, January 23, 2017 to Thursday, January 26.

Elected Bebe Brewton as Commissioner for Presbytery meeting on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at First Presbyterian, 102 Ann St., Fayetteville NC.

Approved Women's Council request for a Joy Gift potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service on December 4, 2016.

Approved printing material for Chris Carlisle's Haiti ministry to children.

Approved participating in the Habitat for Humanity Presbyterian Build.

Approved the removal of a dead tree at a cost of up to \$500.

Approved use of the church facilities by the Pre-school for the 2016-2017 school year.

Approved the Griffith wedding for November 19, 2016.

Preschool News

It's hard to believe that September has already come and gone. Our days at the preschool have been filled with smiles, giggles, and lots of fun as the children are meeting new friends and learning new routines. We have also started chapel with Pastor John and the kids are thoroughly enjoying that each week.

October is always a busy month at the preschool as we move into Fall and talk about pumpkins, fire safety, and families. Please link your Harris Teeter VIC card to number 8112 to help raise money for the preschool.

Thank you for your continual support for the preschool!!!

Leslie Moore, Director



Monday Morning Preacher

The Bible Study will not be held October 3rd and 10th as Pastor John will be on a mission trip to Korea. Please join him again on October 17th to continue the study of Ecclesiastes.



Mission Spotlight

Minute for Missions – Meet Sasan Tavassoli

The Rev. Dr. Sasan Tavassoli is a missionary of The Outreach Foundation serving Iranians in Iran and among the Diaspora. Dr. Tavassoli is a former Shi'ite Muslim from Iran. He came to faith in Christ as the result of the ministry of a group of American missionaries while living in Portugal. Now Sasan has devoted his life to the building up of the body of Christ among Iranians. He leads Iranians inside and outside of Iran to faith in Christ, trains leaders for the house churches of Iran through multiple ministry platforms, and educates North Americans about Islam and how God is at work bringing Muslims to Jesus Christ.

Sasan will be our featured speaker at the upcoming Missions Weekend on November 5th and 6th. Sasan has been supported by our congregation for a number of years through Outreach Foundation. He has an exciting personal story as well as a wonderful outreach to the Iranian community, both within Iran and to those living outside its borders. Please mark your calendar so you won't miss this opportunity to meet him personally and to hear what he has to say. He is an engaging speaker!

Celebrating Pastor John's One Year Anniversary September 2016



We thank God for the wonderful blessing of Pastor John, Brittany, and Emma. We thank you, Pastor John, for your service in the Lord and may God continue to bless you and your family!

Family Promise—WIHN

The dates for our next turn doing Windermere's homeless family ministry have been changed to Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, October 18-20. The signup chart has been posted in the narthex. Perhaps it is time for you to have a part in this ministry. You can find your part doing one of the following: fix a dish at home and bring it to Windermere or Pearsall, help serve dinner at Pearsall church, being an evening or overnite host, or driving the program's van either early in the morning (6 a.m.) or in the afternoon (4:30 p.m.). If you have any questions, please contact Walt Griffith (392-3772).

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Presbyterian Counseling Center

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FORGIVENESS

“Refusing to forgive is like taking poison and hoping that the person who has harmed us will die.” (source unknown)

Our society equates forgiveness with weakness. The thinking is that forgiveness means we must allow the wrongdoer repeated opportunities to harm us. If that were the case forgiveness would be an impossible options. We would inevitably hang on to our resentments. As a result those angers would eventually leave us bitter and even make us emotionally and physically ill.

True forgiveness is very different from the popular conception. It involves two challenging and life-giving benefits. As we genuinely forgive, we choose to no longer be angry with the perpetrator because: 1) it enhances our emotional health, and 2) in repentance, he or she asks for our forgiveness. The first is a gift to us. The second is gift to the other person. Neither action requires that we allow the person who has harmed us with an opportunity to hurt us again.

Forgiveness is not pretending we are no longer hurt or angry. It is healing deep hurts with patient insight and concern. It may well involve the supportive assistance offered by the caring staff of the Presbyterian Counseling Center.

Call 910-452-7370, and visit the Center: www.presbyteriancounselingcenter.org and www.smhealing.org

Doug Edwards, Counselor