

REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) 2261 Walton Way, Augusta, Georgia 30904

#### SOUNDING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters

Please sign and pass the friendship pad to your neighbor.

PRELUDE

Allemande from French Suite No. 2

J.S. Bach (1685—1750)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP1

We hear the Lord calling:

Come to the celebration!

We hear the Lord calling:

You are invited and welcomed to my table!

We hear the Lord calling:

Let us attend to the Lord who calls us to gather together.

Let us come with praise and singing!

Let us worship the Lord!

\*HYMN 396

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

**HOLY MANNA** 

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Boyd Lien

Lord of the celebration, we hear you calling to us to come away from our work, from our idle entertainments, from the daily chores and sit at your table for a little while, yet we make excuses for our absence from You. We complain that you interrupt our routine. We find ourselves ruled by the calendar and occupied with our schedules rather than attending to your invitation to come and sit, rest, and feast, in your presence. Re-prioritize our hearts, Lord, that we may heed your call. May we live at the ready to celebrate with you in the abundance of grace, mercy, and love you give us in Christ.

\*SILENCE

#### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

In Jesus we have our Savior, who was not ashamed of our humanity but became incarnate to feel the ache of our joints, the sorrow of loss, the joy of fellowship, and the desire to share in the hope that was for all—the lowly and the mighty, the least of these, and those who had not yet learned their need for such hope. In all this Jesus took our part and died for our sins, returned that we might live a new life. So let us embrace our life with joy in the resurrection and hope for all!

May it be so for each of us! Thanks be to God! Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Dr. Casto-Waters

ANTHEM

O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort

Johann Wolfgang Franck (1644—1710)

O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me ne'er in sorrow pine.
My heart, my soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus trust alone in Thee.
Thou Prince of Peace, Thou Pearl from heaven, True God, true man, my Morning Star.
O come, Thou precious Sun most radiant, Thy beams illumine my heart and soul.

O Jesus, with Thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind In true humility I welcome Thee, Jesus Christ, my Joy divine. My thoughts, desires, and all my longing I dedicate, O Christ to Thee.

\*HYMN 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See **OPEN MY EYES** 

Dr. Lori Raible PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 14:7-24

**SERMON** 

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND LABORS

Rev. Lien

OFFERTORY Consolation, No. 3 Franz Liszt (1811 - 1886)

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ellsworth-Moran

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. Amen.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Lien

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.

\*HYMN 720 Iesus Calls Us **GALILEE** 

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Danish Amen

\*All who are able please stand

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# Sunday, January 26, 2025 Participating in Worship

Worship Leaders
Dr. Lori Raible
Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters
Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran
Rev. Boyd Lien

*Musicians*Dr. Wayne Lord
Chancel Choir

Friendship Pad Pick-up Linda Boyd Acolyte

> Hayes Usry Ushers

Hubert Cooke Ben Dusenbury Ed Moody, III Bennett Yort Donna Steiner Jones Miller



## Rev. Dr. Lori Raible

Our fall theme "You are Welcome" will carry us into the new year as we discuss, debate, and consider all the ways we can embrace hospitality as a cornerstone of our faith and a way to move us forward and outward as a church in the midst of complex and every evolving world. Our guest speaker and preacher for the day will be Reverend Lori Raible from Charlotte, NC. Lori is a dynamic, funny, spunky, and not afraid to ask challenging questions. She will bring her years of experience in the pulpit and knowledge gained by leading her own church to bear at our Faith Seeking Understanding event in January 2025.

Lori's resume is long and distinguished already, and this is only the briefest glimpse from her biographical statement: Reverend Lori Archer Raible has served the congregation of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church since 2008. She is a graduate of Wake Forest University where she was a member of the Cross-country and Track and Field teams. She earned her Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary of Charlotte in 2006 and recently earned her Doctor of Ministry from Union Presbyterian Seminary with a focus on gender, authority, and congregational leadership.

Plan to stay for lunch in the CLC after worship today and enjoy some fellowship around the tables!



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