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## Vince's View



Dear Family & Friends of Walhalla Presbyterian Church and West Union Chapel,

Are you seeking an authentic personal relationship with God? Maybe you already enjoy the blessings of such a relationship and are wondering about how to deepen your relationship with God? This Lenten season, begin by making a serious commitment to the Sunday morning imperative of that relationship. Make the commitment to show up for the Sunday worship service every week. Worship is what you have been created and saved to do. That's why Paul wrote, "we who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:12)

As Christians who have been miraculously saved by the gracious blood of the Lamb, worship is not something we must be forced to do. Worship is our highest privilege and greatest joy. The best place we could ever be is near to the heart of God, praising Him in the midst of His assembled congregation. (see Psalm 92:12-15, Psalm 100, and Psalm 122)

There are believers all around the globe who live under the threat of punishment and even death if they are caught worshipping God. Isn't it pathetic that we Christians in America, who have fought to the death for the freedom to worship God, do so so casually? Many American believers who consider themselves to be good, practicing Christians; consider worship to be optional. They are oblivious to the truth that worship is essential to their spiritual peace, joy, life and growth.

Worship in the midst of the gathered Body of Christ in the presence of God is your heart's true home. Making the effort to get your physical self out of the house and into the Sunday morning service of God's people gathered for worship is a fundamental spiritual discipline. Worship allows you to find your way back home from the maelstrom of the material world.

"Too often", writes Soren Kierkegaard, "when people come to worship they adopt the attitude of the theater, imagining that the preacher is an actor and they are the critics, praising and blaming the performance. Actually, (in worship) the people are the performers on the stage of life. The preacher is merely the prompter, reminding the people of their lost lines. In the most basic sense, God is the audience."

"In Christian worship, it is unto God whom we offer ourselves. Unto Him we offer our praise, our love, our thanksgiving. Unto Him we confess our wrongdoings in thought and in deed. Unto Him we respond in faith and obedience as we listen to God's Word. Worship is the offering of ourselves individually and together as a community to the only One who is worthy of our praise and adoration."

In Christian worship the congregation is the performer, the minister is the prompter, and God is the audience.

We have failed in our primary service to God in worship if we become distracted from our proper role. It is too easy for us to let ourselves get sidetracked. We wonder whether we are singing our favorite hymns and choruses, or who we will get to sit by, or who we do or don't see, or what the choir chooses to sing, or who the preacher is that day--and how well he or she "performs" for us.

When we leave the Sunday worship service each week we should not be asking, "How well did the pastor or the choir perform?" Rather, we would do well to examine ourselves. Each of us could ask, "Did I offer my full hearted devotion, praise and love in spirit and truth as a worshipper before the audience of One, who is God?"

Consider this response of the pastor from Fifth Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. One Sunday morning the phone rang in the church office and the caller asked if they were expecting the President to be in worship at that church that day.

The pastor replied, "As to whether or not the President is planning to be in worship with us today, I cannot say. But what I can say with absolute certainty, is that the Lord God of the Universe is going to be present. That should be cause enough for a reasonably large attendance."

Come to worship in God's church every Sunday. Worship at God's house wherever you may roam. You can be sure that the Lord Who promised to be there will be in your midst. Come into God's sanctuary of praise expecting nothing less, and desiring nothing more, than to find yourself in the very presence of Almighty God. Let us worship Him in spirit and in truth!

With you for the praise of His glorious grace,

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I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"  
Psalm 122:1

## YOUR SESSION

Because the February Session meeting took place after the *Messenger* deadline, highlights of the meeting will appear in next month's edition. As your Session clerk, I am taking advantage of this space to begin an informational series about one of the great cornerstones of the Presbyterian Church, The Westminster Confession. All text has been excerpted from *The Book of Confessions* which, along with *The Book of Order*, makes up the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

In 1647, the Scottish General Assembly adopted the Westminster Standards for use in the kirk (the church), replacing the Scots Confession of 1560 and the Heidelberg Catechism. (Ed. Note: A catechism is a handbook of questions and answers for teaching the principles of a religion.) The standards came to New England with the Puritans (Independents) and to the Middle Atlantic states with the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. In 1729 the standards were adopted as the confessional position of the newly organized Presbytery synod in the colonies and have played a formative role in American Presbyterianism ever since. The standards lift up the truth and authority of the Scriptures, as immediately inspired in Hebrew and Greek, kept pure in all ages, and known through the internal witness of the Holy Spirit. In appealing to Scripture to formulate a covenant theology, the standards had important implications for political thought and practice, reminding both ruler and people of their duties to God and to each other.

The Westminster Confession gave rise to The Larger Catechism (designed for public exposition from the pulpit) and The Shorter Catechism (written for the education of children). Both catechisms deal with questions of God, Christ, the Christian life, the Ten Commandments, the sacraments, and the Lord's Prayer. This column will end with the first question and answer of the Shorter Catechism; future editions of the *Messenger* will offer more of the 107 question/answer items in the Shorter Catechism. Our readers who grew up as children in Walhalla Presbyterian Church will recall learning these questions and answers as part of their spiritual training, with "Grandmother Long" or Norma Love as their teacher.

### Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

Your Session cares about you. We are here to love and serve you in the name of our Lord. YOUR SESSION PRAYS FOR YOU REGULARLY; PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR SESSION REGULARLY.

Serving You in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Rosemary Bailes, Clerk of Session

## CONGRATULATIONS

For the next year, Clarka Wickliffe will carry the title of Miss Clemson. The Clemson University senior won the title of Miss Clemson 2011 Saturday night during a pageant at Southern Wesleyan University. As Miss Clemson, Clarka gains a berth in this year's Miss South Carolina Pageant to take place in July in Columbia. She is a daughter of Deb Wickliffe of Seneca.

### Submitted by Robert Owens

Robert & Carolyn Owens are proud to announce that their daughter, Dohnia Owens Galloway has received the Betty DeWitt Outstanding Educator Award at the South Carolina Farm Bureau's annual meeting held in Myrtle Beach on December 3, 2010.

This award is presented annually by the Farm Bureau in conjunction with Ag in the Classroom, a non-profit educational foundation sponsored by the S.C. Farm Bureau.

The recipient is selected from a field of South Carolina certified public school teachers of kindergarten through eighth grade who are integrating exemplary agricultural education programs into their school curriculum. The successful nominee must have designated and implemented a lesson/unit/project about the food and fiber industry with the last school year.

Dohnia teaches first grade at St. Johns Elementary in Darlington, SC. She is married to Ryan Galloway of Darlington. Her grandparents are Bob & Vivian Owens.

### Submitted by Annie Brown

In May 2010, Emily Mott Brown, wife of Bailes Brown, graduated from Union Theological Seminary at Columbia University in New York City. At graduation she was awarded the David C. Read Preaching Award. This prestigious award came with a stipend to be used to become a better preacher and an opportunity to preach a sermon at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York.

Bill and Annie Brown traveled to New York in September to hear Emily preach. They have recently learned that an audio of her sermon is on the internet. If you would like to hear Emily's sermon, go to: <http://www.mapc.com/worship/sermons/2010/09/26/where-everybody-knows-your-name> The sermon title is, "Where Everyone Knows Your Name".

Should you have trouble accessing it, Bill will be able to help you.

### Submitted by Gene Nix

Congratulations to Ben and Dawn Milam on the birth of their son, Carter, born on August 5, 2010. George and Becky Milam are the proud grandparents.

## Lenten Lesson 101

(NKJV)

By Donna Riggs

In the book of I Samuel, Chapter 13, Samuel is telling King Saul, verse 14: "But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

'A man after His own heart' is God's description of David; a man with many faults, but a man whose spirit was sensitive to God's will. God shaped David's character while he was on the run from Saul's erratic wrath.

In these distressing times, David learned to trust in God for deliverance. Although he made mistakes, he always turned back to God for mercy. He reigned for forty years and changed Israel into a prominent nation. David was disciplined by God for his pride. He had a repentant heart before the living God. God was still the true King of Israel. (The Nelson Study Bible)

### Two things to remember about David as we go into Lent:

1. His spirit was sensitive to God's will and he was a man after God's own heart.
2. He had a repentant heart before the living God.

As you and I go before God this special reflective season, let us face ourselves truthfully.

Let us prepare ourselves for Holy Week;

with that certainty we have from our relationship with the Giver of Peace.

## Our Daily Rest

P. O. Box 1246, Seneca, South Carolina 29679 864-482-2040

Our Daily Rest, Oconee County's only homeless shelter, has been open for eighteen months now. Due to the generosity of Oconee County Neighbors like you, we have been able to serve over 300 persons from our community.

These clients have come to us with a number of personal issues including unemployment, addictions, legal problems, mental instabilities, physical health problems, no or little legal documentation, disabilities, abuse issues, minimal education and overall lack of life skills.

Our Daily Rest has been able to provide for their tangible needs of shelter, food, clothing, transportations, and counseling. More importantly, Our Daily Rest has provided many additional needs such as safety, structure, productive routines, accountability toward goals, self confidence, caring and respect for others, as well as a new direction for their lives.

While residing at Our Daily Rest and with the help of a small but effective staff, 50% of our clients have been able to transition to independent living. Other clients have been able to establish a foundation to improve their lives.

Our Daily Rest depends on financial donations from local businesses, churches and private individuals to maintain our operation. I hope that you will consider supporting Our Daily Rest during 2011 in order for us to continue this much needed ministry within the framework of the local community.

Matthew 25:35

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you invited me in,  
I needed clothes and you clothed me,  
I was sick and you looked after me.

# Hymn of the Month

Submitted by: Doug Keel

## Rejoice, the Lord is King

1744

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you...  
Zecharia 9:9 (NKJV)*

**B**y the 1740's, Charles Wesley was regularly preaching to thousands in the open air, but opposition was developing. He first encountered physical danger when a doctor in Wales, angry over Charles' sermon, stormed up to him and demanded an apology for having been called a "Pharisee."

Charles who wasn't known for his tact, replied, "I still insist you are a Pharisee.... My commission is to show you your sins, and I shall make no apology for so doing.... You are a damned sinner."

The doctor struck Charles with his cane, causing a melee involving several men and women. This was the beginning of a period of dangerous ministry. Here's an entry in Charles' diary from July 22, 1743:

*I had just named my text at St. Ives... when an army of rebels broke in upon us... They began in a most outrageous manner, threatening to murder the people, if they did not go out that moment. They broke the sconces, dashed the windows in pieces, tore away the shutters... and all but the stone-walls. I stood silently looking on; but mine eyes were unto the Lord. They swore bitterly I should not preach there again; which I disproved, by immediately telling them Christ died for them all. They beat and dragged the women about, particularly one of a great age, and trampled on them without mercy. The longer they stayed, and the more they raged, the more power I found from above...*

It was during these days of danger that Charles wrote his triumphant hymn, "Rejoice, the Lord Is King," the third verse of which says:

*His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Interestingly, this entry appeared in Charles' journal a few years later, on Sunday, July 13, 1746: *At St. Ives no one offered to make the least disturbance. Indeed, the whole place is outwardly changed in this respect. I walk the streets with astonishment, scarce believing it St. Ives. It is the same throughout all the county. All opposition falls before us...*

### SUPPORT

Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund  
While you shop at Bi-Lo

OPSF helps people in need to pay utility and food costs. Copies of the OPSF Support card may be found in the foyer or see the church secretary.

Ask the checkout person at BiLo to scan the card to make a contribution. (It's a one-time scan and 1% of your purchase will go to OPSF every time you shop at Bi-Lo until **May 31st**. Thanks!

### Lunch 4 Life



The Walhalla Presbyterian Church and West Union Chapel will be providing L4L on Saturday, March 13th, beginning at 11:30am 'til 1:00pm at 311 South John Street, Walhalla. If you have an interest in serving those of our community who are in need, please contact Rosemary Bailes or Carol Sislby. A helping hand is always welcome.

For those who have helped in the past, our continued thanks for your precious time.



### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

March 9th is the date for our next Wednesday Night Dinner. The Fellowship Team will be serving a Soup and Sandwich Supper, along with dessert and beverage. Please see your bulletin insert to make your reservation or call the church office. There is a \$5 charge per person.

The program of the evening will be on the D.A.R. School presented by, Sharon Welfare. Thanks, Sharon!

Please join us as we warm up for Spring with food and fellowship!

## Walhalla Presbyterian Church Rosters March 2011

- 6th** Communion Sunday Prep –  
Don & Cheryl Morocco  
Lay Reader– John Palmer  
Head Usher— Don Manly  
Counters— Annette Morrah & Gene Nix
- 13th** Flowers in the Church— **Available**  
Lay Reader— Jim Elder  
Head Usher– Annette Morrah  
Counters— Annette Morrah & Gene Nix
- 20th** Flowers in the Church— **Available**  
Lay Reader— Susan Neal  
Head Usher– Robert Owens  
Counters – Annette Morrah & Gene Nix
- 27th** Flowers in the Church— **Available**  
Lay Reader—Gene Nix  
Head Usher– Lynda Alexander  
Counters – Annette Morrah & Gene Nix










### ...BIRTHDAY...

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|------|-----------------------|
| 3.1  | Annette Neville-Saxer |
| 3.7  | Michael Houtzer       |
| 3.9  | Don Morocco           |
| 3.12 | Carlene McCall        |
| 3.16 | Jack Workman          |
| 3.17 | Phyliss Elder         |
| 3.18 | Dr. Alton Barnett     |
| 3.27 | Alan Houtzer          |
| 3.28 | Marian Lebeis         |
| 3.30 | Gayle Griffin         |
| 3.31 | Arlene Elder          |

# MARCH 2011

**Walhalla Church Services**  
9:45AM Sunday School  
11:00AM Sunday Worship

**West Union Chapel Services**  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00AM Sunday Worship  
4:30 PM Sunday Bible Study

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Sundays 4:30p Bible Study/WUC *First Sunday of the month, Prayer and Healing Service 6pm at WPC *Third Sunday Luncheons, 12:15pm/WUC	*3rd Monday of the Month Bible Study at the home of Don & Sylvia Rumer 7:00pm 	*Tues, Good News Club at Walhalla Elementary 2:45pm 	*2nd Wed. Family Night Supper 6:00pm *Wed Choir Practice 7:00pm at WPC & WUC *4th Wednesday Session Meeting 5:30pm		*Every Friday 8:00am Old Joe Men's Breakfast—Kountry Kupboard 	 RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS: <b>TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!</b> REMINDER: <b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS</b> MARCH 20
		1	2	3	4 World Day of Prayer	5
6 Walhalla Presbyterian Church Communion Sunday 6pm Prayer & Healing Service at WPC	7	8 7pm Norton Dendy Circle/WPC Young Life Banquet 6:30pm Ed Garrison Arena	9 6pm Family Night Supper <b>Ash Wednesday—Lenten Season Begins</b> 7pm Choir	10 3pm Nettie Long Circle/WPC	11	12 WPC Serves Lunch 4 Life 11:30am-1pm 311 South John St. DST Begins Mid-night
13 First Day of Daylight Savings Time 	14 9:30am Carolyn Meyers Rogers Circle/WUC 7pm Evangelism Team Meeting	15	16	17 	18	19
20 First Day of Spring 12:15pm Third Sunday Luncheon/WUC Messenger Deadline	21	22 No Good News Club—Teacher Workday	23 5:30pm Session Meeting/WPC	24	25 12-2pm Christmas All Year—Small Group Meeting	26
27	28	29	30	31		
<b>UPCOMING....</b>	April 17 Palm Sunday	April 20 WPC hosts Holy Week evening svc 7pm	April 22 Good Friday—WUC hosts Holy Week svc. 7pm	April 24 Easter 7:30am Sunrise Service at WUC 11:00am Communion at WPC	<b>NO FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER IN APRIL DUE TO HOLY WEEK</b>	*Ongoing Events



TO: Phyliss Elder  
Many Thanks for all you've done to brighten our church.

## Thanks to God's Flower Girl

WPC has been blessed to have one of the best of "God's Flower Girls" active in our church for a number of years. Phyliss Elder, who has coordinated our flower ministry for almost as long as most of us can remember, has decided to retire from her assignment. In addition to maintaining the roster of flower donors for the sanctuary communion table, Phyliss has blessed us with many of her beautiful personally created arrangements in the sanctuary, the foyer, and Fellowship Hall.

We all send a huge "thank you" to this talented and gracious lady for enhancing our worship and fellowship experiences with her floral contributions. Although we will miss her flowers, we can still look forward to enjoying her smiling presence and her alto voice in the choir each Sunday.

**THANKS, PHYLISS,  
FOR YOUR MANY FORMS OF SERVING GOD IN  
WALHALLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!**

P.S. Will God's next "Flower Girl" please step forward?

## Need Your Help!

Oconee A.I.D. Association is in need of filler foods for their food bank. Ideas would be: rice, macaroni & cheese, instant potatoes, canned meats, canned pasta dinner, peanut butter, rice-a-roni, pasta side dishes.

Open your hearts and bring your donations to the church and put it in our food basket, or deliver to Oconee Aid at:

**Oconee A.I.D. Association**  
105 Harrison Avenue  
Walhalla, South Carolina 29691  
638-6963

## Presbyterians in the Kitchen

### Corned Beef and Cabbage

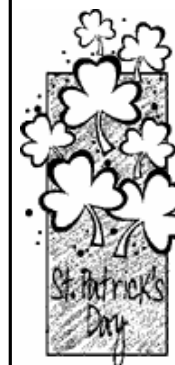
Submitted by Rebecca Sobeck

- 3 pounds corned beef brisket with spice packet
- 10 small red potatoes
- 5 carrots, peeled and cut into 3-inch pieces
- 1 large head cabbage, cut into small wedges

#### Directions

1. Place corned beef in large pot or Dutch oven and cover with water. Add the spice packet that came with the corned beef. Cover pot and bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer approximately 50 minutes per pound or until tender.
2. Add whole potatoes and carrots, and cook until the vegetables are almost tender. Add cabbage and cook for 15 more minutes. Remove meat and let rest 15 minutes.
3. Place vegetables in a bowl and cover. Add as much broth (cooking liquid reserved in the Dutch oven or large pot) as you want. Slice meat across the grain.

## St. Patrick's Day Trivia



St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th, his religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over a thousand years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the United States; New York City and Boston are home to the largest celebrations.