

# PATRIOTIC SERVICE

## 9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

### THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Miller

### \*CHORUS/GREETING ONE ANOTHER

“Family of God”

Congregation

### PRELUDE

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Arrangement by Harold Decou

Organist

### \*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP

(9:30)

“The Star Spangled Banner”

Words by Francis Scott Key; Music by John Stafford Smith

Congregation

### \*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE

(9:30 & 11:00) No. 696

“America the Beautiful”

Words by Katherine Lee Bates; Music by Samuel A. Ward, Arranged by David Culross

Congregation

### OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, ruler of all nations:**

**We pray for our nation and its people, and for our leaders.**

**May we be mindful of your favor and obedient to your will.**

**Forgive our shortcomings as a nation, and purify our hearts**

**to know the truth that alone can make us free.**

**Save us from injustice and oppression, from pride and arrogance,  
and from greed and self-centeredness.**

**Increase our concern for people beyond our own boundaries**

**and for the poor and afflicted in our own land, that we may be a**

**blessing and an example to all nations. Bring us at last to that day when**

**the whole world shall know peace and blessedness, through Jesus**

**Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### RESPONSIVE READING

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**Righteousness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people.**

Bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given to you.

**Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures**

**are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.**

**Amen.**

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 66:18-21

### THE SERMON

“Of Flags and Nations...And a Table”

Rev. John Haney

### OUR CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

“Lord, hear our prayer”

### INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and

seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one

another.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed**

**to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have**

**rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the**

**cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our**

**Lord. Amen.**

*All Pray in silence.*

*Leader to people:*

***Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love***

***toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!***

*People to leader:*

***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!***

*Leader and people:*

***Glory to God. Amen.***

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN** (9:30) No. 437 “This Is My Song” Congregation

(11:00) Stanzas 1 and 3

Words by Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness; Music by Jean Sibelius;  
arrangement from *The Hymnal*

### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bob Wisener

### THE OFFERTORY

“Hymn to Freedom”

By Oscar Peterson

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

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Congregation

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, Creator of the universe, Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh, you have placed

us, your people, in this land made rich with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures great

and small.

Here, You set before the founders and pioneers of this nation an opportunity beyond

measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom. Here you continue to call your

people, freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus, to be a sign of your reign in all the

world. For such a place, such a vision and such a calling we give you thanks, praying we may

ever join afresh the dreams you set before us as we join with your people in every land on

earth and with all the company of heaven in your unceasing praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the**

**highest.**

Above all we give you thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, who sends us

into the world to declare the good news of your kingdom to every creature:

Justice to all peoples, Good news to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the

blind, and freedom for the oppressed.

On the night before he was arrested and sentenced to death by the authorities of

his own nation, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and

said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples,

and said, “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the covenant poured out

for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.”

And so we remember and proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died, Christ is**

**risen, Christ will come again.**

We pour ourselves out before you in praise and thanksgiving, a holy and living

sacrifice in union with Christ’s offering for us.

So pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make Christ

known to us in the breaking of this bread, and sharing of this cup. Renew our

fellowship in him, that we may be for the world his body poured out for the

world at this time in this nation, and at that great banquet in the fullness of your

new creation where justice flows like rivers, righteousness like an ever-flowing

stream, where none shall hunger or thirst, neither shall they learn war anymore.

**By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor**

**is yours, almighty God, now and ever. Amen.**

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will**

**be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our**

**sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and**

**deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now**

**and forever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND TAKING OF THE CUP

*The pastor breaks the bread in silence, or while saying:*

**Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake**

**of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.**

*The pastor lifts the cup in silence, or while saying:*

**The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.**

### THE GIVING OF BREAD AND THE CUP

*The bread and wine are given to the people, with these or other words being exchanged:*

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

*The congregation sings hymns while the bread and cup are given.*

*When all have received, the Lord’s table is put in order.*

*The following prayer is then offered by the pastor or by all:*

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**\*HYMN OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION**

(9:30 & 11:00) No. 697 "America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)" Congregation  
 Stanzas 1 and 4 Words by Samuel F. Smith; Music from *Thesaurus Musicus*

**SENDING FORTH:**

*Sisters and brothers, we are not dismissed. We are not just free to go. Christ sends us Go in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord. Go to help and heal in all you do. Thanks be to God.*

**POSTLUDE**

"God of Our Fathers" Organist  
 Arrangement by J. Wayne Kerr

**SERMON NOTES**

"Of Flags and Nations.....And a Table"  
 Isaiah 66:18-21

**WHITE BLUFF  
 UNITED  
 METHODIST  
 CHURCH**

**July 3, 2016**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
 10:30 a.m. Café Connection  
 11:00 a.m. Chapel Service  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups  
 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study Class

Sunday Morning  
 Café Connection

**10:30 A.M.  
 Horton Hall**

Join us for coffee and doughnuts and a great time of fellowship.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

Nursery (Infants– 2yrs)  
 Preschool Rm 15  
 Kindergarten Rm 8  
 2nd-3rd Grades Rm10  
 4th and 5th Grades Rm 13  
 6th-8th Grades Rm 28  
 9th-12th Grades Rm  
 College & Career Class Rm 29

Ampersand/Harmony Class Rm 26  
 Contemporary Single Class Rm 22  
 Covenant Class Rm 21  
 Jack Rushing Friendship Class Rm 5  
 Journey with Friends Rm 9  
 Seekers Class Rm 30  
 (meets at 8:30am)  
 Wayfarers Class Rm 8



**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers are given in honor of Karen Oldland birthday.

The flowers are given in honor of Maggie Briggs birthday.

Office Closed (Independence Day)	July 4, 2016		
Staff Meeting	July 5, 2016	9:00 A.M.	Room 20
Nominations Committee Meeting	July 5, 2016	5:30 P.M.	Room 20
Organ Task Force Meeting	July 11, 2016	6:30 P.M.	Room 20
Trustee's Meeting	July 12, 2016	6:00 P.M.	Room 20
Transition Team Meeting	July 12, 2016	7:00 P.M.	Room 21
Office Closed	Friday's for the Summer		

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Polly Pilgrim	Wilma Strickland	Debbie Floyd	Rachel McBrayer	Virginia DeMouche
Molly Ryon	Mae Jon Exley	Stuart Lewis	Ira Hefner	Carolyn Manson
Dot Reno	Pat Straw	Ora Jean Kniphfer	Mike Swinford	Buddy & Mary Ogle
Ken Trout	Jackie Hood	Elizabeth Lenderman	John Ashley	Gayle Spilliards
Duaine Swenson	Sara Chilton	Lisa McGalliard	Pete Vasta	Jo Gibson
George Sanders				

**TO OUR GUEST-WELCOME!**

We want to extend a special welcome to you as you worship with us here at White Bluff United Methodist Church. What a blessing it is to have you share with us in worship. Our hope is that you will experience the warmth and love of this church family and will decide to make this your church home or visit with us again.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH?**

You are welcome to come forward during the Invitational Hymn during our worship service. If you would like to know more about our church contact:

Rev. John Haney, Senior Pastor at (912) 925-5924 or email: pastor@wbumc.org

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

www.wbumc.org



T-Shirts for Resonate, the new name for the youth ministry of White Bluff, are available, please consider supporting the youth and ordering one. See Shawn Summers for orders. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our students.

**Emergency for On Call Minister or Staff Member**

If you have an emergency over the weekend while the office is closed, contact the staff member on call.

07/01/16- 07/03/16	Shawn Summers
07/08/16- 07/10/16	Rev. John Haney
07/15/16- 07/17/16	Ronn Alford
07/22/16- 07/24/16	Shawn Summers

**July 3, 2016**

**9:30 am Worship**

**Communion**

**Worship Host/Hostess**  
 Ann Wilson, Renee Bowles,  
 Harlon Schell, Jennifer Kelly  
 Carol Kemp, Peggy Cone,

**Connection Café Hosts**

Carol Downs, Sharon Lynch  
 Amy Murphy

**Ushers**

Billy Kelly-Captain, Lawton Mathis,  
 Tommy Swinford, Ed Gamble  
 Bill Skinner

**Acolytes**

Thomas Bradley, Frankie Mozingo

**Lay Reader**

Bob Wisener

**Photographer**

Susan Rehtzigel

**Church Nursery**

**Sunday School Nursery**  
 Sarah Garcia, Nicole Alford

**VIP Outreach**

Barbara Anderson

**Children's Church**

None

**Covenant SS Greeters**

Martha Adams

**Altar Guild**

Mac and Patty Thompson

**Fellowship Coffee Clean-Up:**

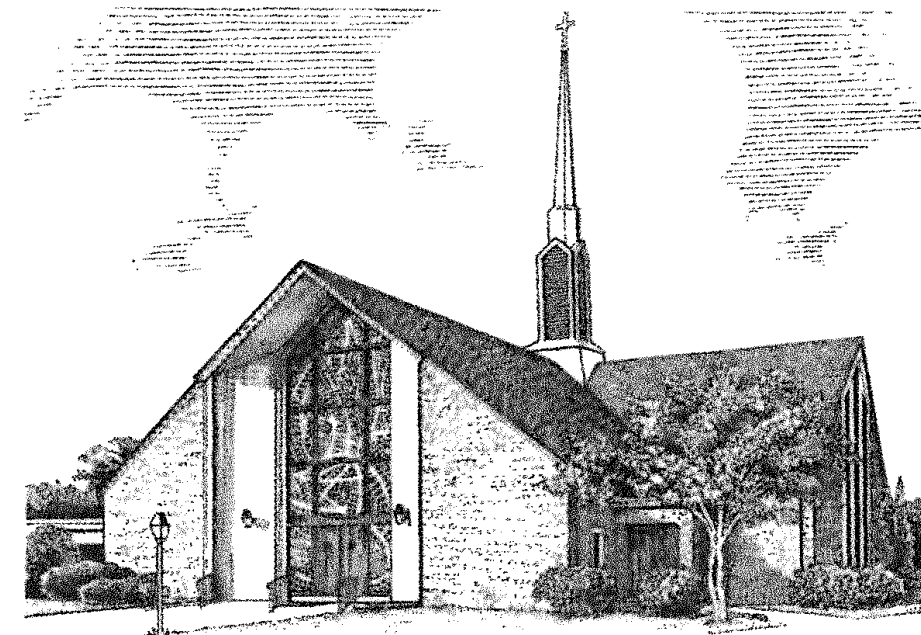
Ampersand/Harmony

**Pianists**

Jane Beare  
 Susan Ganas  
 Kathy Smith  
 Brian Walker  
 Suzanne Woodrum

**Audio/Visual**

Cliff DeVan  
 Jenny DeVan  
 Rebekah Branch  
 Al Harris



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