DIVINE WORSHIP The Lord's Day April 29, 2018

The worship of Almighty God is man's highest calling. In John 4, God tells us that He is actively seeking those who will worship Him in spirit and truth. Thus, we must prepare to love God corporately with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength in the worship service. Take a moment now to reflect on the glory and wonder of God. Pray and ask God to assist the minister in the leading of worship and the preaching of the Word and to open your heart to receive the truth that you will be enabled to commune most deeply with your Savior.

Prelude

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Mrs. Janice Jones

Announcements

Rev. David Sanders

Signature of Friendship

(Please sign the red signature pad in the pew rack.)

PRAISING THE LORD

Call to Worship

Matthew 11: 28-30

Rev. Sanders

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Sanders

*Hymn of Praise

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"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Affirmation of Faith

Ruling Elder Bill Pierce

Apostles' Creed

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 Pilot; 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

Gloria Patri RE Pierce

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Membership Vows

Rev. Richard Thomas

Roderick John Sydney Hendricks

GIVING TO THE LORD

Worshipping the Lord with Tithes and Offerings

RE Pierce

Offertory

"Think On Me"

Mrs. Jones

*Doxology

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.

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

Anthem	"O Great God"	Choir
	O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart	

Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me

Prayers of God's People

(Dismissal of 3 & 4 yr. olds to Children's Church)

Hymn of Preparation

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea, A great high priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart, I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free, For God the just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.

I bow before the cross of Christ and marvel at this love divine, God's perfect Son was sacrificed to make me righteous in God's eyes, This river's depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood, The Lord most high has bowed down low and poured on me His glorious love, And poured on me His glorious love.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness, The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood, My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God, With Christ my Savior and my God.

Reading of Scripture

Exodus 6: 1-13

Rev. Thomas

RE Pierce

Preaching of God's Word

"I Will"

DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Response

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"Be Still, My Soul"

Benediction

*Postlude

Mrs. Jones

*Those that are able, please stand.

Sermon Notes April 29, 2018	"I Will"	Exodus 6: 1-13

Insight into Worship

Why use the Apostles' Creed in worship?

The Christian Church has used creeds (Apostles', Nicene and others) at least as far back as the second century as tools for worshipping God. Thus we are careful not to simply recite a creed, but rather to see them as conduits to worship, briefly summarizing what we believe about God and driving us to praise. The Bible contains about 800,000 words and the Apostles' Creed, about one hundred. These succinct truths contained in the Apostles' Creed ought to amaze us and bring great joy. As we repeat these words in worship, our hearts should fly up in adoration to our loving Lord. Consider how wonderful these truths are: God is our Father! Or the miracle of Jesus being "born of a virgin." Or that our sins can be and are forgiven in Christ. How can we rehearse them and not rejoice in our God? Keep in mind that though they are not Scripture, they are derived from the Bible. As they rest upon the solid foundation of the Bible and have stood for nearly two millennia, we gladly use them in our worship to God.

Evening Worship

We hope everyone will join us at Reidville Presbyterian Church at 6:30 this evening for Fifth Sunday Night Worship (no evening service here at MCPC). Pastor Grover Timms will be preaching and we will enjoy a time of fellowship and food afterwards. Don't miss what is always a wonderful time of encouragement and worship as we gather with the other PCA churches of Spartanburg county.

Visitors

We welcome all of our visitors today and hope you experience vibrant worship and warm fellowship. You are heartily invited to enjoy a cup of coffee in our fellowship hall after the close of worship. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today.

Weekly Events

Nursery Today:	9:30 am- 6:30 pm-	Lea Ann Sorensen & Linda Klinzing No Evening Worship at Mt. Calvary
Wed. May 2nd:	6:30 pm-	Carol Cole (youth helper if needed)
Sunday, May 6th:	9:30 am- 6:30 pm-	JoAnn Rentz & Michelle Terrell Richard & Callie Blalock
Children's Church:	Today- May 6th-	Marsha Ross Merilee Pierce

Wednesday Night Supper May 2nd

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls, & Dessert. The cost is \$6.00/adult and \$4.00/child under 12 with \$20.00 max per family. Please let us know if you plan to attend, or if you will need a "togo" box, by signing up on the pew card and putting it in the offering plate.

Thank You

The family of James Martin Miller expresses our heartfelt thanks to our Mt. Calvary family for your thoughts, prayers, visits, food, and all of your expressions of sympathy during this time of sadness. Your ongoing care and love sustain us as we grieve, and we are blessed to be part of this wonderful church family.

Much Love, The Miller Family

Senior Saints BBQ

Attention all Senior Saints! You're all invited to a BBQ on Saturday, May 26th at 4:00 pm at the McCollough's house. Please bring a side dish or dessert; the meat will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet outside Brian's office.

Visitors & Inquirers Class

The **Visitors & Inquirers Sunday School Class** began last Sunday, but it's not too late to jump in. This is a 15-week Class that will meet in our Pastor's office, located just out the organ-side door of the sanctuary. It's an introduction to our church and Presbyterianism; it's also a great time to ask questions. Please see Ruthie Bloxham or Richard Thomas if you are interested in attending.

May Birthdays:

2.	Michael West	19.	Bonnie Herbas
3.	Gary Klomparens	20.	Jim Klinzing
8.	Jennifer Turner	22.	Gregg Casey, Merilee Pierce
9.	Sarah McClure	23.	David Hinson, Beth Richwine
11.	Sarah Hinson	23.	Santa Barrientos
11.	John Thomas Hedbloom	25.	Mauricio Herbas
13.	Mark Smith	26.	Robert Ross
17.	Kristen Casey	28.	Coleman Burnette
18.	Evelyn Sorensen, William Thomas	30.	Chuck Turner
19.	Travis Faulkner, Judah Swift		

May Anniversaries:

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۷.	Butch & Margaret Rambish	20. Sammy & Micki Roddy
2.	Jay & Holly Bagwell	23. Mark & Angie Smith
3.	Richard & Lisa Thomas	30. John & Nancy Turner
12.	Gary & Joyce Swistak	31. Brad & Kelly Hedbloom
16.	Charles & Marie Vise	

News & Announcements

Weekly Financials

Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 12,608.00
Undesignated Tithes for 4-22-18:	\$ 10,175.00
YTD Budgeted Need:	\$ 201,728.00
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 210,829.00
YTD Difference:	\$ + 9,101.00
Building Fund Contributions 4-22-18:	\$ 200.00

Important Dates

<u>April 29th, Today, at 4:00 pm</u>- Communicants Class will meet today; Pastor Thomas will be speaking on the membership vows. Parents can pick up their child at 5:30, or they can ride the bus to Reidville Presbyterian for Joint Worship.

April 29th, Today- No SPUR groups or Children's Choir practice.

June 18th-22nd- Vacation Bible School

<u>July 9th-14th</u>- RYM Sr. High Camp. Final \$160/student is due on May 6th. <u>July 23rd-27th</u>- Ridge Haven Jr. High Camp. \$100 deposit is due on May 6th.

Children's Choir

We will be giving the choir a break for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th, and the Covenant Children, ages 4K - 5th Grade, will be singing the special music during the Morning worship service. There is one more practice on May 6th during evening worship in the classroom off the Fellowship Hall. They will sing, do a study about Mothers in the Bible, play some games, and enjoy a light snack.

Peru Fundraiser Dinner

Help the McCollough's raise funds to get to Peru! There will be a dinner on May 11th from 5:30-7:00 pm where you can enjoy some Baked Ziti, Olive Garden Salad, and Bubbly Sherbet Floats for \$5/person. Have dinner and hear the McCollough's share their vision about Peru. Sign up outside Brian's office or via online invite.

Deacons on Duty

<u>April 29th-</u> Lindsay Terrell, Josh Killen, Curry Burnett, & Jimmy Biggerstaff

<u>May 6th-</u> Robert Ross, Randy Stewart, Jay Bagwell, & Gregg Casey

Sound System Assignment

April 29th- Tuck Burnette Steve Hyatt

Graduate Sunday, May 20th

These are the graduates we have for 2018. If we have forgotten anyone, please let David know as soon as possible.

David Bloxham- University of South Carolina
Julianne Cooper- Presbyterian College
Jacey Bagwell- Dorman High School
Sarah Biggerstaff- Dorman High School
Olivia Bloxham- Dorman High School
Caroline Hedbloom- Oakbrook Preparatory School
Lance Henson- Dorman High School
Chandler Turner- Woodruff High School

Covered Dish Lunch

Sunday, May 20th, we will be honoring our graduates with a covered dish luncheon. Please bring your favorite dishes to share immediately following the Sunday School hour.