

DIVINE WORSHIP
The Lord's Day
February 4, 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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Mrs. Janice Jones
Announcements Rev. Richard Thomas

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

PRAISING THE LORD

Introit "Glorify Thy Name" Choir
Call to Worship Psalm 124: 1-8 Rev. Thomas
Pastor: "If it had not been the LORD Who was on our side," Let Israel now say-
"If it had not been the LORD Who was on our side, when men rose up
against us,
People: **Then they would have swallowed us alive, when their wrath was
kindled against us;**
Pastor: Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have
gone over our soul; then the swollen waters would have gone over our
soul."
People: **Blessed be the LORD, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth.**
Pastor: Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers, the snare
is broken, and we have escaped.
All: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.**

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer
*Hymn of Praise "Holy, Holy, Holy" #100
Affirmation of Faith Ruling Elder Mark Smith
Westminster Confession of Faith 7: 1-3
Of God's Covenant with Man

I. The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto Him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of Him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which He has been pleased to express by way of covenant.

II. The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam; and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.

III. Man, by his fall, having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace; wherein He freely offers unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ; requiring of them faith in Him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life His Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe.

Gloria Patri
*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.*

GIVING TO THE LORD

Worshipping the Lord with Tithes and Offerings RE Smith
Offertory Mrs. Phyllis Holder

*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 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Choir
Prayers of God's People RE Smith
(Dismissal of 3 & 4 yr. olds to Children's Church)

*Hymn of Preparation "Blessed Be Your Name"
Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name
*Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say*
*Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name*
Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name
*You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name*

Reading of Scripture Exodus 1 Rev. Richard Thomas
Preaching of God's Word
"Exodus - An Introduction: A Modern Way Out"

DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Response #600 "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"
Benediction
*Postlude Mrs. Jones
***Those that are able, please stand.**

Evening Worship
This evening’s service will take us back to Defending Our Faith. Pastor Thomas will address a Biblical view of creation and the impact it has on those who argue for an old earth. Our God has shown Himself to be majestically powerful in speaking the universe into existence. Let us praise Him for it in worship together!

Sermon Notes February 4, 2018 Exodus 1

"Exodus- An Introduction: A Modern Way Out"

**Insight into Worship:
What is the Gloria Patri and why do we sing it?**
“Gloria patri” is translated from the Latin, “glory to the Father.” This brief hymn gives glory not merely to God the Father, but also to the Son and the Holy Ghost. The first line of this brief hymn was used from the earliest days of the Church as a line of common praise. The second line, “As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen,” was added during the time of the Arian controversy in the early 300’s AD. (Arianism taught that Jesus was more than a man but less than God. This of course would keep our Savior from being part of the Trinity.) Since the time of the Council of Nicea in 325 AD (which decided against the Arians and in line with biblical teaching, that Jesus was fully God and fully man), the Gloria Patri has been sung. But what does it mean? The first line is pretty straight forward. Glory or worship or praise be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. It is usually sung after a confession of our faith like the Apostle’s Creed - how else should we respond to glorious truth but by exclaiming, “Glory be to the Trinity!” The second line, on the other hand, is frequently misunderstood. For instance, the “it” in the phrase, “as it was in the beginning,” refers to the Trinity. The phrase, “world without end” is simply an idiom meaning “eternally.” We are declaring we believe in, and are rejoicing in the truth that God in three Persons has and will exist eternally. The Gloria Patri is a statement of strong conviction, so sing it like you mean it today!

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- Heather Wilson & Linda Klinzing
	6:30 pm- Anya & Noah Swift
Wed. Feb. 7th:	6:30 pm- Bonnie Herbas (youth helper if needed)
Sunday, Feb. 11th:	9:30 am- Wendy Freeman & Michelle Terrell
	6:30 pm- Naomi Sparks
Children's Church:	Today- Lisa Thomas
	Feb. 11th- Sarah McClure

Wednesday Night Supper February 7th

Menu: Cajun Chicken Pasta, Sauteed Zucchini, 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 "to-go" box, by signing up on the pew card and putting it in the offering plate.

Sweet Saints Dinner

Our 2nd annual Sweet Saints Dinner will be on **Friday, February 9th, at 6:00 pm.** All Senior Saints are welcome! Our menu for the evening will be Beef Tenderloin, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Brian's office by Wednesday, February 7th. Join us for a fun night of food & fellowship!!

Children's Valentine Brunch

Attention parents of children ages K-4 through 5th grade. There will be a **Children's Valentine Brunch** on Saturday, Feb. 10th, from 9:00-11:00 am in our Fellowship Hall. This will be a wonderful time of food, fun, and Ministry!

In the WORD in 2018

Do you have a desire to be more in the Word this year? Our annual Scripture Memory Program has officially begun, and we invite you to join us. It's not too late to get started! This year's list of verses is available on blue-colored sheets at all sanctuary entrances. Listeners will be available every morning before worship to hear you recite your verses and to encourage you in your progress. Our church wide passage this year is Ephesians 2: 1-10. Let's meditate on God's living and active Word and be blessed together!

Valentine Boxes

WIC will be packing our Valentine Boxes for our college and military men on **Wed., February 7th.** If you are new to Mt. Calvary, we send things like hot chocolate, homemade goodies, pens, gift cards, crackers, pudding packs, ramen noodles, nuts, gum, etc. This is a HUGE blessing to these students and military guys! Right now, we are planning for 15 boxes based on information we have, but that number may increase. Just to make sure we don't leave anyone out, please let us know if you have a college student or family member in the military:

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

College Attending/ Military Branch: _____

News & Announcements

Weekly Financials

Weekly Budget Needs :	\$ 12,608.00
Undesignated Tithes for 1-28-18:	\$ 12,970.59
YTD Budgeted Need:	\$ 50,432.00
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 58,662.00
YTD Difference:	\$ + 8,230.00
Building Fund Contributions 1-28-18:	\$ 355.00

Important Dates

February 22nd-25th- High School Ski Retreat @ Snowshoe, WV. Cost is \$200. Please sign up on the Youth Board.

March 3rd, Saturday- March Madness Basketball. Games begin at 4:00 with a pizza break at 5:00 pm.

March 9th-11th- Middle School Beach Retreat @ North Myrtle Beach, SC. Cost is \$100. Please sign up on the Youth Board.

June 18th-22nd- Vacation Bible School

July 9th-14th- RYM Sr. High Camp. Please sign up on the Youth Board.

July 23rd-27th- Ridge Haven Jr. High Camp

February Circle Meetings

WIC Board Meeting- Today, **Feb. 4th, 5:00 pm** in the Ladies Parlor.

Morning Circle- Monday, **Feb. 12th, 10:00 am** in the Ladies Parlor.

Evening Circle -Tuesday, **Feb. 13th, 7:00 pm** at the home of Janice Cooper.

****We will be studying our new book, Treasures of Encouragement ****

February Birthdays:

1. Kate Perry, Tyler Queen
2. Jay White
5. Janice Cooper, Angie Smith, Lindsay Terrell
6. Jay Freeman
7. Carl Sorensen, Leah White, Orlando Barrientos
9. Baylie Sisk
10. Aubrey Williams, Claire Wilson
11. Maria Garcia
12. Ethan Casey
13. Noah Swift
15. Rachel Terrell
16. A. J. Hill, Simeon Sparks
19. Nikki Sisk
21. Betty Newman
23. Melody Hyatt, Maribel De La Garza
25. Bob McClellan, Joan Cogdill, Ella Perry, Landyn Terrell
26. Micki Roddy, Margaret Rambish, Riley Queen

February Anniversaries:

1. Carroll & Gaylea Turner
17. Ray & Brenda Hatchett

Deacons on Duty

Feb. 4th- Randy Stewart, Will Freeman, Robert Ross, & Gregg Casey

Feb. 11th- Jay Bagwell, David Wilson, Sammy Roddy, & Gary Klomprens

Sound System Assignment

Feb. 4th- Tuck Burnette

Feb. 11th- Steve Hyatt