

**DIVINE WORSHIP**  
*The Lord's Day*  
**February 24, 2019**

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 **"Jesus Is My Hope"** *Mrs. Janice Jones*  
Announcements *Rev. Richard Thomas*

**PRAISING THE LORD**

Call to Worship **John 4: 23-24**

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer *Rev. Thomas*

\*Hymn of Praise **"Indescribable"**

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings, all exclaiming

*Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name, You are amazing God  
All powerful, untameable, Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim, You are amazing God*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night, none can fathom

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\*Hymn of Praise #173  
**"Praise Him! Praise Him!"**

Affirmation of Faith *Mr. Brian McCollough*  
**Westminster Shorter Catechism 4-6**

**Q. 4. What is God?**

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

**Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one?**

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

**Q. 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead?**

A. There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Gloria Patri *Mr. McCollough*  
*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 *Mr. McCollough*

Offertory **"According to Thy Gracious Word"** *Mrs. Jones*

\*Doxology *Mrs. Jones*  
*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 **"I Will Glory in the Cross"** *Choir*

Prayers of God's People *Mr. McCollough*

Hymn of Preparation #172  
**"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"**

Reading of Scripture **Exodus 19** *Rev. Thomas*

Preaching of God's Word **"A Close Encounter with God"**

**DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD**

\*Hymn of Response #533  
**"I Am Thine, O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice"**

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Mrs. Janice Jones*  
**\*Those that are able, please stand.**

**Evening Worship**

In the Evening Service, Eric Sparks will preach for us and Pastor Thomas will serve the Lord's Supper. Join us as we exalt our great God!

**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.

**Deacons on Duty**

**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>**- Will Freeman, Skip Rentz, Gary Klomparens, & Hutson McClure

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Brian Plexico, David Wilson, Ricky Scott, & Jim Perry

**Sound System Assignment**

**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>**- Cole Graham

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Bill Pierce

**Sermon Notes**  
February 24, 2019

**"A Close Encounter with God"**

Exodus 19

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**Insight into Worship:  
What is the Doxology?**

What we know as the Doxology is actually the last verse of the hymn, *Awake, My Soul, And With the Sun*, written by Thomas Ken in 1709. It has been used in worship services ever since as a song of brilliant praise to God. The Doxology has been used in various ways including as a hymn to open a service and as we often do, to dedicate tithes and offerings to the One who provided them and gave us the opportunity to worship Him through them.

This beautiful hymn is of course Trinitarian, exalting Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Also, our great God is exalted for being the source of every single blessing. The epistle of James teaches this same fact: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights..." (1: 17) What is often overlooked in the Doxology is the invitation to all the creatures on the earth (praise Him, all creatures here below) to join all the angels in heaven (praise Him above, ye heav'nly host) in praising God. At that moment in our worship service, we are seeking every living being in the universe to praise God together. And why would we do that? Because He is worthy!

## Weekly Events

<b>Nursery Today:</b>	9:30 am-	Linda Sanders & Betsy Newman
	11:00 am-	Stacie Stewart (with Bobbie Hatchett)
	6:30 pm-	Judy Coleman
<b>Wed. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>:</b>	6:30 pm-	Jen Davis
<b>Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>:</b>	9:30 am-	Stephanie Freeman & Heather Wilson
	11:00 am-	Beryl Burns (with Bobbie Hatchett)
	6:30 pm-	Makaria & Charis Sanders
<b>Children's Church:</b>	Today-	Lisa Thomas
	March 3 <sup>rd</sup> -	Bobbie Hatchett

### Wednesday Night Supper Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

**Menu: Loaded Beef Nachos, Fruit Salad Bar, & 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.

### Lunch Today

To all Visitors: If you have been visiting Mt. Calvary for the last few months, or weeks, you are invited to lunch TODAY immediately following Sunday School in our Family Life Center. One of our adult classes is hosting lunch with the desire for us to get to know you better, and answer any questions you may have about Mt. Calvary and the ministry going on here. It is casual and you don't have to bring ANYTHING! We hope you will make plans to join us!

### 2019 Session

E.C. Burnett	Tracy Malone
Tuck Burnette	Bill Pierce
Johnny Galloway	Robert Ross
Dwayne Hatchett	David Sanders
Mauricio Herbas	Al Stephens
Josh Killen	Lindsay Terrell
Mack Leonard	Richard Thomas, Moderator

### 2019 Deacons

Jimmy Biggerstaff	Jim Perry
Gregg Casey	Brian Plexico
Will Freeman	Skip Rentz
Gary Klomparens	Ricky Scott, Chairman
Dean Ledford	Randy Stewart, Treasurer
Hutson McClure	David Wilson

### Ladies Salad Supper

Mark your calendars for our Annual Ladies Salad Supper on **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm** where we'll gather with ladies from sister churches. We also encourage our ladies to bring their daughters (6<sup>th</sup> grade & up). Special music will be provided by some of our Mt. Calvary girls that you will not want to miss! We are so excited about our speaker, Michelle Johnston. She is like many of you...a wife, a mother, very involved with her church...and she has a passion for her relationship with Jesus. She will share from her heart what the Lord has been teaching her. So dig out your favorite salad recipe, and invite a friend to come and join you for this very special evening of fellowship and encouragement! If you are willing to decorate a table, please sign up below and put in the offering plate, or see Tammy Smith. We will need 10 tables to be decorated. You always do such a beautiful job of making the Family Life Center look so fabulous!!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be willing to decorate a table.

## News & Announcements

### Weekly Financials

Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 13,918.00
Undesignated Tithes for 2-17-19:	\$ 9,143.00
YTD Budgeted Need:	\$ 97,426.00
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 80,789.00
YTD Difference:	\$ - 16,637.00
Building Fund Contributions 2-17-19:	\$ 180.00
HVAC Contributions to date:	\$ 4,820.00

### Important Dates

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**- Middle School retreat to N. Myrtle Beach. ETA today 5:00 pm.  
**February 24<sup>th</sup> & March 10<sup>th</sup>**- No SPUR Groups due to Weekend Youth retreats.  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday, 5:00 pm**- Normal SPUR Groups.  
**March 8<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>**- High School Retreat to Savannah, Georgia.  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>**- Vacation Bible School  
**July 8<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup>**- RYM  
**July 22<sup>nd</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>**- Ridge Haven

### Sunday School Room Changes

Sunday School changes due to the Youth Room Renovations:  
\*6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Graders- Room C-5 with Eric Sparks.  
\*12<sup>th</sup> Graders- Room C-8 with Steve Sorensen.

### March Birthdays:

- Mary Lewis Tiller
- Lia Burns
- Savannah Freeman
- Brad Davis, Bennett Smith
- Joe Littlefield, Jack McClure, Brian McCollough, Kaylee Ramos
- Brenda Coggins
- Johnny Galloway, Ben McClure, Sophie Davis
- Nathan Riggs
- Ray Hatchett
- Kim Biggerstaff, Vicki Rhodes
- Ray Fowler, Madison Hatchett, Joyce Swistak, Maggie McCollough
- Sharon Jackson, Corrie Lee
- Doug Henjes
- Caroline Hedbloom
- Paul Jones, Robert Cogdill
- Edith Holcombe, Peyton Hill
- Harrison Tiller, Carlee Burnett
- Teresa Burnett, McKenzie Pierce
- Grant Smith
- Bennett Henjes
- Karen Klomparens

### March Anniversaries:

- Lewis & Nancy Harrison
- Lewis & Debbie Galloway, Bill & Merilee Pierce
- Mark & Tonya Woody
- Jeff & Allison Rhodes
- Charlie & Kim Barnett
- Lindsay & Michelle Terrell