

**DIVINE WORSHIP**  
*The Lord's Day*  
**January 7, 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 **"Lead On, O King Eternal"** *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 **Psalm 29: 1-2** *Rev. Sanders*

"Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise #53

**"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"**

Affirmation of Faith *Ruling Elder Dwayne Hatchett*

**Westminster Confession of Faith 13: 1-2**  
*Of Sanctification*

I. They, who are once effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart, and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them: the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified; and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

II. This sanctification is throughout, in the whole man; yet imperfect in this life, there abiding still some remnants of corruption in every part; whence arises a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

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 Hatchett*

Offertory *Mrs. Phyllis Holder*

\*Doxology **"How Great Thou Art"**

*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**

\*Hymn of Praise **"There is a Redeemer"**

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

*Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done*

Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah, hope for sinners slain

When I stand in glory, I will see His face  
And There I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place

Prayer of God's People *RE Hatchett*  
(Dismissal of 3 & 4 yr. olds to Children's Church)

\*Hymn of Preparation **"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"**

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment, of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive  
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes

Reading of Scripture **I Peter 1: 1-25** *Rev. Justin Kendrick*

Preaching of God’s Word  
**"For This is the Will of God, Your Sanctification"**

**DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD**

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

\*Benediction

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

**Evening Worship**

In this evening’s worship service, Pastor Thomas will take us back to our study on Defending Our Faith. Over the last few months, we have looked at various ways in which the Scriptures are attacked or at least, doubted. Tonight we will look at the question often raised, “How can I trust the Bible if it teaches the stoning of children?” Many have used the requirements of the Old Testament law to marginalize God’s truth. Well, how do we handle those issues, especially in the Old Testament, that seem so out of step with us today? Join us tonight as God through His Word answers our questions.

Sermon Notes

I Peter 1: 1-25

*" For This is the Will of God, Your Sanctification"*

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**Insight into Worship:  
Why use Creeds and Confessions in worship?**

Many have asked this question especially in light of the fact that these worship forms are not inspired and inerrant like the Bible. Creeds (like the Apostles’ and Nicene) and Confessions (like the Westminster) are subordinate to and derived from the Scriptures. Subordinate because they are human documents which could presumably be amended if found to be out of accord with biblical teaching. Derived in that they find their origin in the Word; all the truths found in them are firmly rooted in the Scripture. Their assistance to the Church is found, first of all, in their brevity. The 800,000 words of Scripture are summarized in thirty-three chapters of the Confession of Faith. The Apostles Creed contains less than one hundred words. No one wants to have their Bible taken away and replaced by one of these shorter documents. But their summaries are helpful to us, especially in study and worship. Secondly, these documents have stood the test of time and for hundreds of years have helped worshippers succinctly say to God what they believe about Him in an act of worship. The Westminster Confession of Faith was written in the 1640’s over five years and required between two and three million man-hours to compose. May our hearts soar in the adoration of God as we rehearse these great truths about Him.

**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

<b><u>Nursery Today:</u></b>	9:30 am-	Sarah McClure & Morgan Garcia
	6:30 pm-	Callie & Richard Blalock
<b><u>Wed. Jan. 10th:</u></b>	6:30 pm-	Ruthie Bloxham (Youth helper if needed)
<b><u>Sunday, Jan. 14th:</u></b>	9:30 am-	Kim Plexico & Jen Davis
	6:30 pm-	Makaria & Charis Sanders
<b><u>Children's Church:</u></b>	Today-	Sara Malone
	Jan. 14th-	Sara Malone

## Wednesday Night Supper Nov. 15th

**Menu: Fajita Chicken, Southwestern Casserole, Tortillas, 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.

## January Birthdays:

3. Juanita McBride	20. Danielle Fleenor, Jensyn Turner
4. Jen Davis, Blythe Freeman	23. Brycen Plexico, Bobbie Hatchett
5. Joy Galloway	23. Stephanie Freeman
6. Maico Barcenaz Yanez	25. Joseph Bloxham
8. Conley Burns	26. E.C. Burnett, Emma McCollough
10. Tyler Sorensen	27. Cindy Ramos
14. Madison Smith, Michelle Terrell	28. Joie Burnette
16. Danny Rhodes	29. Betsy Epps
17. Gavin Davis	30. Billy Rogers
19. David Bloxham	31. Jeff Rhodes

## January Anniversaries:

6. Marshall & Phyllis Holder
10. Richard & Nikki Sisk
17. Eddie & Juanita McBride
23. Atlee & Sharon Pettit

## 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. This year's list of verses is available on blue-colored sheets at all sanctuary entrances. You can recite one or two or all 100 verses! Students can earn camp scholarships or gift certificates while hiding God's Word in their hearts. This is a great thing for couples or families to take on together and is also useful for personal devotions. Listeners will be available every morning before worship beginning January 14th 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!

## 2018 Tithing Envelopes

Envelopes for 2018 are in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall in alphabetical order, please pick up yours by Dec. 31st and begin using them on Jan. 1st.

## News & Announcements

### Weekly Financials

Weekly Budget Needs :	\$ 12,954.00
Undesignated Tithes for 12-31-17:	\$ 67,011.00
YTD Budgeted Need:	\$ 673,608.00
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 713,508.00
YTD Difference:	\$ + 39,900.00
Building Fund Contributions 12-31-17:	\$ 265.00

### Important Dates

**January 7th, Sunday, 5:00 pm**- Large SPUR groups.  
**June 18th-22nd**- Vacation Bible School  
**July 9th-14th**- RYM Sr. High Camp. \$100 Deposit is due on Jan. 28th.  
**July 23rd-27th**- Ridge Haven Jr. High Camp

### Baby Shower

Callie and Richard Blalock have a baby girl on the way!! We will have a baby shower for them on Sunday, January 21st, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited! They are registered at Target and Baby's-R-Us.

### January Circle Meetings

**Morning Circle**- Monday, **Jan, 15th, 10:00 am** in the Ladies Parlor.  
**Evening Circle** -Tuesday, **Jan, 16th, 7:00 pm** at the home of Jami Burnett.  
\*\*We will be studying our new book, Treasures of Encouragement \*\*  
**WIC Board Meeting**- Sunday, **Jan. 7th, 5:00 pm** in the Ladies Parlor.

### Thank You

Again in 2017 we saw the faithfulness of our Great God in the good times as well as the hard times. We are so thankful that we have a God who hears and answers our prayers and we thank you for the many prayers that you prayed on our behalf this past year. However, we hope you will continue to pray in 2018 that Lewis will get stronger and healthier in God's time. Thank you for being such a loving Church family to us.

The Lewis Harrison Family

### Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and meals during my recent illness. It's wonderful to be surrounded by such a loving church family!

Sincerely, Emily Rhodes

### Deacons on Duty

**Jan. 7th-** Dean Ledford, Robert Ross, Josh Killen, & Bobby Jackson  
**Jan. 14th-** Jimmy Biggerstaff, Will Freeman, Gary Klomparens, & Lindsay Terrell

### Sound System Assignment

**Jan. 7th-** Skip Rentz  
**Jan. 14th-** Cole Graham