

DIVINE WORSHIP
The Lord's Day
January 21, 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 **"O Worship the King"** *Mrs. Janice Jones*

Announcements *Rev. Richard Thomas*

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

PRAISING THE LORD

Call to Worship **Psalm 106: 1-2** *Rev. Thomas*

Pastor: Praise the LORD!
People: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
 Pastor: For His mercy endures forever.
People: Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD?
All: Who can declare all His praise?

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise #38
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Affirmation of Faith *Ruling Elder Bill Pierce*
Westminster Larger Catechism 134-135

Q. 134. Which is the sixth commandment?
 A. The sixth commandment is, *Thou shalt not kill.*

Q. 135. What are the duties required in the sixth commandment?
 A. The duties required in the sixth commandment are all careful studies, and lawful endeavors, to preserve the life of ourselves and others by resisting all thoughts and purposes, subduing all passions, and avoiding all occasions, temptations, and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any; by just defence thereof against violence, patient bearing of the hand of God, quietness of mind, cheerfulness of spirit; a sober use of meat, drink, physic, sleep, labour, and recreations; by charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, kindness; peaceable, mild and courteous speeches and behaviour; forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiting good for evil; comforting and succouring the distressed and protecting and defending the innocent.

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.

Worshipping the Lord with Tithes and Offerings *RE Pierce*

Offertory **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"** *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

*Hymn of Praise #691
"It is Well With My Soul"

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

*Hymn of Preparation **"How Deep the Father's Love For Us"**

How deep the Father's love for us
 How vast beyond all measure
 That He should give His only Son
 To make a wretch His treasure
 How great the pain of searing loss
 The Father turns His face away
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One
 Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
 My sin upon His shoulders
 Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
 Call out among the scoffers
 It was my sin that held Him there
 Until it was accomplished
 His dying breath has brought me life
 I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
 No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ
 His death and resurrection
 Why should I gain from His reward
 I cannot give an answer
 But this I know with all my heart
 His wounds have paid my ransom

Reading of Scripture **Psalm 106: 36-39** *Rev. Richard Thomas*

Preaching of God's Word
"They Shed Innocent Blood"

DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Response **"Life is a Gift From God"**

Life is a gift from God, Who ordered all my days
 And wrote them in His Book of Life, so I could give Him praise!
 He guards and still preserves, that life He gave to me
 And loves me with a Father's love and will eternally!

Life is Holy gift, which God alone can give
 He sets before us death and life, choose life that you might live!
 For God has sent His Son, Who could have come a King
 But chose a mother's womb instead, eternal life to bring

*Benediction

*Postlude *Mrs. Jones*

***Those that are able, please stand.**

Sermon Notes **Psalm 106: 36-39**
"They Shed Innocent Blood"

Insight into Worship:
What is the Benediction all about?
 The Benediction is that part of the service where worshippers are sent out into the world to minister on behalf of our great God in the name of our Savior. Believers should never be sent out in their own strength. Therefore, when we leave worship, we are dismissed in the name of the Lord with the wonderful assurance of His power and His presence always with us. Some have asked whether the benediction is a pronouncement (with heads up and eyes open) or a prayer (heads bowed and eyes closed). Is there any significant difference between these two views when God is the source of the pronouncement and the answer to our prayers? Thus either way, it is that final element of worship to be enjoyed and counted on, as we move each Lord's Day from worship to service!

Evening Worship

In this evening's worship service, Brian McCollough will continue our series on Defending Your Faith by again addressing the subject of Creation in, "The Problem of Creation" from Genesis 1: 1-2:3. The design of this series is to answer the questions we are all being asked as we seek to be lights for Christ. Join us as we seek the will of God and worship His holy name!

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- Marsha Ross & Angie Smith
6:30 pm- Tammy Smith

Wed. Jan. 24th: 6:30 pm- Carol Cole & Sarah White

Sunday, Jan. 28th: 9:30 am- Karen Klomparens & Sara Malone
6:30 pm- Alexia Newman

Children's Church: Today- Ruth Warren
Jan. 28th- Lea Ann Sorensen

Wednesday Night Supper January 24th

Menu: Chicken & Rice, 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 by signing up on the pew card and putting it in the offering plate. ** We will not be offering to go boxes this week **

Baby Shower Today

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

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. 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 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:

Students Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

College Attending/ Military Branch: _____

News & Announcements

Weekly Financials

Weekly Budget Needs :	\$ 12,608.00
Undesignated Tithes for 1-14-18:	\$ 8,463.00
YTD Budgeted Need:	\$ 25,216.00
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 16,305.00
YTD Difference:	\$ - 8,911.00
Building Fund Contributions 1-14-18:	\$ 385.00

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. \$100 Deposit is due on Jan. 25th to secure a spot. Please sign up on the Youth Board.

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

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Today is the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. What better time than now for Carolina Pregnancy Center to kick off their annual Baby Bottle Boomerang! Let's help CPC raise money to fight abortion that has taken over 60 million lives since 1973. Take a baby bottle home with you today, one bottle per family, and collect money for the next three weeks (change, cash, or check to Carolina Pregnancy Center). **Return your bottle to the church by February 11th**, even if it is empty.

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!!

Deacons on Duty

Jan. 21st- Curry Burnett, Lindsay Terrell, Richard Sisk, & Sammy Roddy

Jan. 28th- Ricky Scott, Skip Rentz, Hutson McClure, & Brian Plexico

Sound System Assignment

Jan. 21st- Bill Pierce

Jan. 28th- Jim Klinzing