

DIVINE WORSHIP

The Lord's Day

March 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 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Mrs. Janice Jones

Announcements Rev. Richard Thomas

PRAISING THE LORD

Call to Worship
Psalm 119: 70-77

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise #44
"How Great Thou Art"

Affirmation of Faith
Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 93, 95

Q. 93. What is the moral law?

A. The moral law is the declaration of the will of God to mankind, directing and binding everyone to personal, perfect, and perpetual conformity and obedience thereunto, in the frame and disposition of the whole man, soul and body, and in performance of all those duties of holiness and righteousness which he oweth to God and man: promising life upon the fulfilling, and threatening death upon the breach of it.

Q. 95. Of what use is the moral law to all men?

A. The moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and the will of God, and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly; to convince them of their disability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives: to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery, and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and of the perfection of His obedience.

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

Offertory "Near to the Heart of God" 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

Special Music Makaria Sanders & David Pierce
"All Must Be Well"

Prayer of Confession and the Pastoral Prayer

O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love: we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because You, O Lord are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. In the name of our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Joel 2: 12-13
"Now, therefore," says the LORD, "Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm.

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

*Hymn of Preparation #498
"Jesus What a Friend for Sinners"

Reading of Scripture Exodus 20: 3-17 Rev. Thomas

Preaching of God's Word
"Applying the Ten Commandments"

*Communion Hymn
"Before the Throne of God Above" v. 1-2

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great high priest whose name is love, Whoever 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.

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.

The Administration of the Lord's Supper

DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Response
"Before the Throne of God Above" v. 3

*Benediction

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

Insight into Worship:

"How Great Thou Art" was written by Carl Boberg. Born in Sweden, Boberg was a sailor, poet, and eventually a member of the Swedish Parliament. Boberg said of the writing of his song, "It was in 1885, on a particular afternoon, some friends and I had been to Kronobäck where we had participated in an afternoon service. As we were returning a thunderstorm began to appear on the horizon. We hurried to shelter. There were loud claps of thunder, and the lighting flashed across the sky. Strong winds swept over the meadows and billowing fields of grain. However, the storm was soon over and the clear sky appeared with a beautiful rainbow. After reaching my home, I opened my window toward the sea. The church bells were playing the tune of a hymn. That same evening I wrote a poem which I titled, 'O Store Gud,' (How Great Thou Art)." His original poem contained 9 stanzas.

The poem was later set to a Swedish folk tune. In 1907, it was translated and published in German. In 1912, Russian pastor, Ivan Prokhanoff, made a Russian adaptation of the German translation. In the early 1920s, the Rev. and Mrs. Stuart K. Hine left their home in England and went to Poland as missionaries. It was there they learned the Russian version of Boberg's song, "O Store Gud." Hine then wrote original English lyrics and made his own arrangement of the Swedish melody. It was typical of the Hines to ask if there were any Christians in the villages they visited on their missionary journeys. In one case, they found the only Christians known in the village were a man named Dmitri and his wife Lyudmila. "When the Hines arrived in the village and approached Dmitri's house, they heard a strange and wonderful sound: Dmitri's wife was reading from the gospel of John about the crucifixion of Christ to a houseful of guests, and those visitors were in the very act of repenting. In Ukraine, this act of repenting is done very much out loud. So the Hines heard people calling out to God, saying how unbelievable it was that Christ would die for their own sins, and praising Him for His love and mercy. They just couldn't barge in and disrupt this obvious work of the Holy Spirit, so they stayed outside and listened. Stuart wrote down the phrases he heard the Repenters use, and (even though this was all in Russian), it became the third verse that we know today: 'And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in. That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin!'"

What joy should fill our hearts as we sing of our great God today!

Evening Worship

Tonight Brian McCollough will take us back to I Corinthians 9: 1-18 as he preaches, *Getting Paid to Preach the Gospel*. Let us close out the Lord's Day by sitting at the feet of our great and loving Lord as He equips His people through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word!

Coffee Time Today

We welcome all of our visitors today and hope you experience vibrant worship and warm fellowship. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us. **Everyone is invited to enjoy a cup of coffee in our Family Life Center** after the close of worship today and take a look at our newly renovated youth area. We are so excited about the new Mt. Calvary Retreat Center!

Weekly Events

Nursery Today:	9:30 am-	Linda Klinzing & Kim Plexico
	11:00 am-	Lisa Thomas (with Bobbie Hatchett)
	6:30 pm-	Tammy Smith
Wed. March 27th:	6:30 pm-	Bonnie Herbas
Sunday, March 31st:	9:30 am-	Sara Malone & Holly Bagwell
	11:00 am-	Naomi Sparks (with Bobbie Hatchett)
	6:30 pm-	Karen Klomparens
Children's Church:	Today-	Linda Sanders
	March 31 st -	Kelly Hedbloom

Wednesday Night Supper March 27th

Menu: Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, & 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.

Thank You!

Jim and Susan Hicks would like to thank four deacons, Dean Ledford, Skip Rentz, Ricky Scott, and Randy Stewart, for doing some much needed yard work at our home. Thank you so much for your willingness to be the hands that God uses to fulfill His promise to take care of us when we have a need. May God richly Bless you. -Jim & Susan Hicks

Sunday School Today

All our Youth will assemble together today for Sunday School in our newly renovated Mt. Calvary Retreat Center. We are so thankful for our larger and more comfortable youth room. We are very blessed!

Ladies Salad Supper

Mark your calendars for our Annual Ladies Salad Supper on **Tuesday, March 26th, at 6:30 pm** where we'll gather with ladies from sister churches. We also encourage our ladies to bring their daughters (6th 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

Easter Flowers

If you would like to place an Easter Flower in the church in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate. The cost is \$15.00 each. Deadline for information is Sunday, April 14th.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

News & Announcements

Weekly Financials

Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 13,918.00
Undesignated Tithes for 3-17-19:	\$ 14,573.00
YTD Budgeted Need:	\$ 153,098.00
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 133,734.00
YTD Difference:	\$ - 19,364.00
Building Fund Contributions 3-17-19:	\$ 100.00
HVAC Contributions to date:	\$ 5,320.00

Important Dates

June 17th- 21st- Vacation Bible School

July 8th- 13th- RYM

July 22nd- 26th- Ridge Haven

Baby Shower Today

All Mt. Calvary Ladies are invited to come and celebrate BABY BOY WOODY today, March 24th, from 2:00- 4:00 pm. The gathering will be here at Mt. Calvary. We are so excited for Coleman and Rebecca Woody as they prepare for their little boy to make his arrival in May. As many of you may remember, Coleman grew up in our youth group, and is a student at Reformed Seminary in Charlotte; he is presently the Youth & Family Intern at Grace PCA in Spartanburg, primarily working with their youth. Rebecca will have family at the shower from Nevada, so we want to give them a warm welcome! And of course Mark and Tonya Woody can't wait to welcome another grandson into their family. Rebecca is registered at Target and Amazon.

Scripture Memory Reminder

For those memorizing I Peter, let the month of March be your month to make great progress! The last day to recite verses (before review begins) is April 7! That means that after today there are 2 Sundays left to recite your verses. KEEP GOING! And prayer partners, KEEP PRAYING! Our great God promises to bless his Word!

Holy Week Services

Resurrection Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 13th, 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

No Wednesday Night Activities, April 17th

Maundy Thursday Service, April 18th, 7:00 pm.
(The Lord's Supper will be celebrated)

Good Friday Service, April 19th, 7:00 pm.

Sunrise Service, April 21st, 7:00 am (led by youth)

Easter Sunday Service, April 21st, 9:30 am.

No Evening Services Easter Sunday.

Deacons on Duty

March 24th- Gary Klomparens, Will Freeman, Skip Rentz, & Jimmy Biggerstaff

March 31st- Ricky Scott, Brian Plexico, David Wilson, & Randy Stewart

Sound System Assignment

March 24th- Steve Hyatt

March 31st- Skip Rentz