

DIVINE WORSHIP
The Lord's Day
March 25, 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 "Softly and Tenderly" Mr. Jim Klinzing

Announcements Rev. Richard Thomas

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

PRAISING THE LORD

Call to Worship **I Chronicles 16: 8-12** Rev. Thomas

Pastor: Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works!

Pastor: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

People: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face evermore!

All: Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgements of His mouth.

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise
"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"
*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

Affirmation of Faith Ruling Elder Mark Smith

Nicene Creed
(Page #846 in the hymnal)

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 "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Mr. Klinzing

*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 #308

"Jesus Paid it All"
*O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead*

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

Special Music David Pierce & Makaria Sanders

"Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him"

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him? Is not thine a captured heart?
Chief among ten thousand own Him, joyful choose the better part.

*Captivated by His beauty, worthy tribute haste to bring.
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, crown Him now unrivaled King.*

What can strip the seeming beauty, from the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty, but the sight of peerless worth.

'Tis that look that melted Peter, 'tis that face that Stephen saw,
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary, can alone from idols draw.

Reading of Scripture **Exodus 3: 11-15** Rev. Thomas

Preaching of God's Word
"A Mighty Response to a Common Objection"

DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Response #503

"Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night"

Benediction
*Postlude Mr. Klinzing

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

Evening Worship

Tonight Pastor Sanders will take us back to our Defending Your Faith sermon series. We will look at Acts 9 in the message, *By Proclaiming Your Faith*. Join us as we exalt the Lord together.

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.

Sermon Notes
March 25, 2018

"A Mighty Response to a Common Objection"

Exodus 3: 11-15

Insight into Worship:
The Nicene Creed
Today we corporately affirm what we believe using the Nicene Creed. This creed came out of the Council of Nicea which met in 325AD. This council met to discuss the issue of Arianism. Arianism taught that Jesus was not coexternal with the Father and that there was time when the second person of the Trinity did not exist. Their teaching was that Jesus was not God, but the first of all creatures. Clearly the Bible teaches differently: "In the beginning (in eternity past) was the Word (Jesus) and the Word was with God and the Word was God." (Jn. 1:1) The deity and eternality of Christ seems so clear to us, but in the fourth century, there were those who were trying to show a connection between their faith and classical philosophy which caused Arianism to flourish. So the Council was called to settle the issue. Bishops from around the Roman Empire were called, men who bore in their bodies the marks of faithfully following Jesus through imprisonment, torture and exile. In other words, these were not ivory tower men unacquainted with discipleship at a price. The Nicene Creed presents God as Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Yet, when it deals with the person of the Son, it gives much more detail because of the theological battles of the day. This Creed seeks to make clear that Jesus was both eternal and God. This is important because if Jesus is not God, He can't save us. As you say the Creed today, keep in mind, that it succinctly presents biblical truth. May it be a tool by which your heart flies to God in praise and adoration!

Weekly Events

Nursery Today:	9:30 am-	Kris Graham & Holly Bagwell
	6:30 pm-	Karen Klomparens
Wed. March 28th:	6:30 pm-	Carol Cole & Sarah White
Sunday, April 1st:	9:30 am-	Kim Biggerstaff & Morgan Garcia
	6:30 pm-	No Evening Worship
Children's Church:	Today-	Krystal Hill
	April 1st-	Sara Malone

Children's March Sunday Evening Activity

Children will be dismissed during the evening service during the month of March. We will be preparing a song to sing on Easter Morning, doing a Bible study on the events from Palm Sunday to Easter Morning, and closing each night with a group activity/game. This event will be led by Bill Pierce. We hope your students will join us. Children will be dismissed from sanctuary after the hymns.

Scripture Memory Program

Our Scripture Memory Program is winding down, and there are only 3 more Sundays left to recite verses before review begins! Prayer support is needed for these last few weeks to help our children, teens and adults who are working hard to memorize Bible verses. We have a great God who blesses the prayers of his people!

Holy Week Services

No Wednesday Night Activities, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Service, March 29th, 7:00 pm.
(Lord's Supper will be celebrated)

Good Friday Service, March 30th, 7:00 pm.

Sunrise Service, April 1st, 7:00 am (led by youth)

Easter Sunday Service, April 1st, 9:30 am.

No Evening Services Easter Sunday.

Resurrection Egg Hunt

Covenant Kids, make your plans to attend our Resurrection Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st from 10:00-11:30 am. This event will be held on the playground and is for children ages 2-7. There will be prizes and loads of fun. Invite your friends! If parents have older children, they may come and help. Please sign below if your child/children will attend. Please bring a basket for each child.

Name _____ #children _____

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 today, March 25th.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

News & Announcements

Weekly Financials

Weekly Budget Needs :	\$ 12,608.00
Undesignated Tithes for 3-18-18:	\$ 15,377.00
YTD Budgeted Need:	\$ 138,688.00
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 150,117.00
YTD Difference:	\$ + 11,429.00
Building Fund Contributions 3-18-18:	\$ 745.00

Important Dates

March 25th, Sunday- Communicants Class at 4:00 pm & SPUR groups at 5:00 pm

March 28th, Wednesday- No Wednesday night activities in light of Holy Week.

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

Thank You

Bruce and I would like to thank Mt. Calvary for all the love and support you showed us during my recent eye surgery. We appreciate all the cards, phone calls, food, & flowers, but especially all of your prayers. We love our church family!

Sincerely, Barbara & Bruce Bishop

Deacons on Duty

March 25th- Richard Sisk, Sammy Roddy, Lindsay Terrell, & Curry Burnett

April 1st- Skip Rentz, Hutson McClure, Brian Plexico, & Ricky Scott

Sound System Assignment

March 25th- Steve Hyatt

April 1st- Skip Rentz

April Birthdays:

1. Lydia Sorensen
4. Jake Henjes, Jason Galloway
9. Millie Claire Rogers
10. Sarah Hedbloom
11. Bryan Fleenor, Seth Freeman, Ricky Scott
13. Ann Griffith
16. Randall Stewart
17. Ruth Warren
20. Wendell Christopher, Mary Jo Christopher, Caralee Stewart,
21. Bruce Bishop
23. John Turner, Shirley Price
25. Elizabeth Gowan, Eric Casey
26. Michael Christopher, Raenie Sanders, Steven Sparks
27. Jami Burnett
29. Howard Cooper
30. Judy Coleman

April Anniversaries:

3. Dwayne & Bobbie Hatchett
12. Bryan & Letha Fleenor
14. Michael & Julie West
16. Jim & Linda Klinzing
19. Mac & Suzanne Leonard
25. Steve & Melody Hyatt