

DIVINE WORSHIP

The Lord's Day

May 6, 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 **“God Is Our Refuge and Strength”** *Mrs. Janice Jones*

Announcements *Mr. Brian McCollough*

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

PRAISING THE LORD

Introit **“Worthy is the Lamb”** *Choir*

Call to Worship **Psalm 9: 1-2** *Mr. McCollough*

“I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High”

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer *Mr. McCollough*

*Hymn of Praise
"10,000 Reasons"

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Confession of Faith *Ruling Elder Butch Rambish*
Westminster Larger Catechism: Questions 61, 72

Q. 61. Are all they saved who hear the gospel, and live in the church?

A. All that hear the gospel, and live in the visible church, are not saved; but they only who are true members of the church invisible.

Q. 72. What is justifying faith?

A. Justifying faith is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition, not only assenteth to the truth of the promise of the gospel, but receiveth and resteth upon Christ and His righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin, and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.

Gloria Patri *RE Rambish*
*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 Rambish*

Offertory *Mrs. Phyllis Holder*

*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

Anthem **“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”** *Choir*

When I gaze into the night skies
and see the work of Your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man that You are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, The birds of the air,
The fish of the sea.

Oh, what is man? Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?
O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of Your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we. And so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
The majesty and glory of Your name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Hymn of Preparation #485
“O Thou That Hear’st When Sinners Cry”

Reading of Scripture **Matthew 13** *Rev. David Sanders*

Preaching of God’s Word
“Ears to Hear”

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.**

Sermon Notes
May 6, 2018

“Ears to Hear”

Matthew 13

Evening Worship
Tonight, we will return to our *Defending Our Faith* sermon series as our Pastoral Intern, Brian McCollough, examines the Biblical view of gender and how Christians should respond to the trans-gender movement in, “*Male and Female He Created Them*” from Genesis 1:27. Join us as we praise the Lord this evening.

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
May 6th- Robert Ross, Randy Stewart, Jay Bagwell, & Gregg Casey
May 13th- David Wilson, Dean Ledford, Ricky Scott, & Brian Plexico
Sound System Assignment
May 6th- Steve Hyatt
May 13th- Skip Rentz

Weekly Events

<u>Nursery Today:</u>	9:30 am- 6:30 pm-	JoAnn Rentz & Michelle Terrell Richard & Callie Blalock
<u>Wed. May 9th:</u>	6:30 pm-	Allison Rhodes & Shirley Price
<u>Sunday, May 13th:</u>	9:30 am- 6:30 pm-	Betsy Newman & Glynette Scott Judy Coleman
<u>Children's Church:</u>	Today- May 13th-	Merilee Pierce Michelle Terrell

May Birthdays:

2. Michael West	19. Bonnie Herbas
3. Gary Klomprens	20. Jim Klinzing
8. Jennifer Turner	22. Gregg Casey, Merilee Pierce
9. Sarah McClure	23. David Hinson, Beth Richwine
11. Sarah Hinson	23. Santa Barrientos
11. John Thomas Hedbloom	25. Mauricio Herbas
13. Mark Smith	26. Robert Ross
17. Kristen Casey	28. Coleman Burnette
18. Evelyn Sorensen, William Thomas	30. Chuck Turner
19. Travis Faulkner, Judah Swift	

May Anniversaries:

2. Butch & Margaret Rambish	20. Sammy & Micki Roddy
2. Jay & Holly Bagwell	23. Mark & Angie Smith
3. Richard & Lisa Thomas	30. John & Nancy Turner
12. Gary & Joyce Swistak	31. Brad & Kelly Hedbloom
16. Charles & Marie Vise	

The Space Voyage is Blasting Off Soon!

Genesis I Space Probe 2018 is our theme for this summers' Vacation Bible School

Planning is underway for VBS 2018 which will be June 18-22!

We need each of YOU to play a role in this opportunity of ministry to our Covenant children and community at large.

Mission Control Staff

Class Leaders, Class Helpers, Space Recreation Leaders, Celestial Snack Workers, Crafts Engineers, Bible Story Tellers, Nursery Support Staff, Space Tunes Maestro

Decoration Fabricators

Creative people who love to make things special using their artistic skill and creativity.

Youth Support/General Helpers

Young people and adults willing to serve wherever needed.

Friday Night Celebration

A leader and team of helpers to organize and prepare a hot dog dinner for our closing program.

Please pray this week that God would guide each of us to share our gifts in VBS. Please register for a place on the expedition on the form below and place it in the offering plate, or give it to Bill or Merilee Pierce.

Name: _____

Position: _____

VBS helpers are needed from 8:45 – 12:10 each morning and Friday evening for the closing program.

News & Announcements

Weekly Financials

Weekly Budget Needs :	\$ 12,608.00
Undesignated Tithes for 4-29-18:	\$ 13,103.00
YTD Budgeted Need:	\$ 214,336.00
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 224,048.00
YTD Difference:	\$ + 9,712.00
Building Fund Contributions 4-29-18:	\$ 270.00

Important Dates

May 6th, Today- SPUR groups, Communicant's Class, & Children's Choir.

May 12th, Saturday, 8:00 am- 12:00 pm- Church work day.

June 18th-22nd- Vacation Bible School

July 9th-14th- RYM Sr. High Camp. Final \$160/student is due on May 6th.

July 23rd-27th- Ridge Haven Jr. High Camp. \$100 deposit is due on May 6th.

Wednesday Night Supper May 9th

Menu: Pork Tenderloin, Broccoli Casserole, Salad Bar, Rolls, & Dessert. The cost is \$6.00/adult and \$4.00/child under 12 with \$20.00 max per family.

May Circle Meetings

WIC Board Meeting- Today, **May 6th, 5:00 pm** in the Ladies Parlor.

Morning Circle- Monday, **May 14th, 10:00 am** in the Ladies Parlor.

Evening Circle -Tuesday, **May 15th, 7:00 pm** in the youth room with Vicki Rhodes.

****We will be studying our new book, Treasures of Encouragement ****

Senior Saints BBQ

Attention all Senior Saints! You're all invited to a BBQ on Saturday, May 26th at 4:00 pm at the McCollough's house. Please bring a side dish or dessert; the meat will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet outside Brian's office.

Peru Fundraiser Dinner

Help the McCollough's raise funds to get to Peru! There will be a dinner on May 11th from 5:30-7:00 pm where you can enjoy some Baked Ziti, Olive Garden Salad, and Bubbly Sherbet Floats for \$5/person. Have dinner and hear the McCollough's share their vision about Peru. Sign up outside Brian's office or via online invite.

Graduate Sunday, May 20th

These are the graduates we have for 2018. If we have forgotten anyone, please let David know as soon as possible. ****Parents, choose 20-25 pictures of your graduate and turn them in to Betty Casey by May 13th for the slide show.****

David Bloxham- University of South Carolina
Julianne Cooper- Presbyterian College
Jacey Bagwell- Dorman High School
Sarah Biggerstaff- Dorman High School
Olivia Bloxham- Dorman High School
Caroline Hedbloom- Oakbrook Preparatory School
Lance Henson- Dorman High School
Chandler Turner- Woodruff High School

Covered Dish Lunch

Sunday, May 20th, we will be honoring our graduates with a covered dish luncheon. Please bring your favorite dishes to share with everyone immediately following the Sunday School hour.