DIVINE WORSHIP The Lord's Day May 20, 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.

Graduate Processional

"Where'er You Walk"

Mrs. Janice Jones

Announcements

Mr. Brian McCollough

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Signature of Friendship

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

PRAISING THE LORD

Call to Worship

Psalm 62: 1-2, 5-8

Mr. McCollough

Pastor: Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be

greatly moved.

People: My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from

Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I

shall not be moved.

Pastor: In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my

refuge, is in God.

I trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before All:

Him; God is a refuge for us.

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

"How Great Thou Art"

Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism 27, 30

Q. 27. What misery did the fall bring upon mankind?

A. The fall brought upon mankind the loss of communion with God, His displeasure and curse; so as we are by nature children of wrath, bond slaves to Satan, and justly liable to all punishments in this world, and that which is to come.

Q. 30. Doth God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God doth not leave all men to perish in the estate of sin and misery, into which they fell by the breach of the first covenant, commonly called the covenant of works; but of His mere love and mercy delivereth His elect out of it, and bringeth them into an estate of salvation by the second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace.

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

Offertory "Blest Be the Tie" 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

Anthem

"All My Hope"

All my hope is in Jesus Thanks God that yesterday's gone All my sins are forgiven I've been washed by the blood

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

Hymn of Preparation

"The Love of God"

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell; It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell; The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! *It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.*

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall, When men who here refuse to pray; on rocks and hills and mountains call, God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong; Redeeming grace to Adam's race— The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made, Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

Reading of Scripture

Exodus 7

Rev. Thomas

Preaching of God's Word

"The River of Blood"

DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Response

#172

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Benediction

*Postlude

Mrs. Jones

*Those that are able, please stand.

Evening Worship

This evening's service will be a special one as we celebrate our Scripture Memory program. Come and be encouraged as we seek to hide God's Word in our heart. Also, there will be a very special recitation of the entire book of Philippians. Let's close out the Lord's Day in praise and worship!

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.

| May 20, 2018 | | Exodus 7 |
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| | "The River of Blood" | |
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Insight into Worship:

Sauman Nata

Choir

Rev. Richard Thomas

The Prayers of God's People

One of the central elements of worship is the prayer of God's people. We do not refer to it as the pastoral prayer, because although a pastor usually leads it, it is not his prayer. In fact, he is saying out loud what the whole congregation is praying silently. Thus it is helpful if this prayer is not too long, making it difficult for others to follow and pray. This is not time for praying at a congregation (it is not a minisermon to scold a congregation). Nor is it a time for announcements, no matter how well they are interwoven into the prayer. It is the proper place for lifting the needs and concerns of the whole body before the Lord in a spirit of humility and expectation. It is a time for the whole congregation to join the elder who leads the whole body to the throne of grace. Thus, when the "Amen" is said at the end of the prayer, the whole congregation ought to join in. By our "Amen," each one of us is saying, "Yes, Lord we agree with what has just been prayed; this is our prayer too." Let us worship God today in the prayers of God's people as the Holy Spirit helps us!

Weekly Events

| Nursery Today: | 9:30 am- 6:30 pm- | Sarah Hinson & Mary Lewis Tiller Makaria & Charis Sanders |
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| Wed. May 23rd: | 6:30 pm- | Phyllis Holder (Youth helper) |
| Sunday, May 27th: | 9:30 am- 6:30 pm- | Stephanie Freeman & Heather Wilson Stacie Stewart |
| Children's Church: | Today- May 27th- | Nikki Sisk Kim Biggerstaff |

Wednesday Night Supper May 16th

Menu: Naomi's Pancakes with toppings, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, and Fruit Salad. The cost is \$6.00/adult and \$4.00/child under 12 with \$20.00 max per family.

Senior Saints BBQ

Attention all Senior Saints! You're all invited to a BBQ on **Saturday, May 26**th 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.

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.

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

News & Announcements

Graduate Sunday, May 20th 2018 Graduates:

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

Covered Dish Lunch Today

Today, immediately following the Sunday School hour, we will be honoring our graduates with a covered dish luncheon. The graduates will be acknowledged in the announcement segment of our worship hour and the program will be during the Sunday School hour.

Weekly Financials

| Weekly Budget Needs: | \$ | 12,608.00 |
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| Undesignated Tithes for 5-13-18: | \$ | 9,661.25 |
| YTD Budgeted Need: | \$ | 239,552.00 |
| YTD Actual Giving: | \$ | 247,314.00 |
| YTD Difference: | \$ - | + 7,762.00 |
| Building Fund Contributions 5-13-18: | \$ | 115.00 |

Important Dates

May 20th, Today, 5:00 pm- Communicants Class. This will be the last class. June 18th-22nd- Vacation Bible School

<u>July 9th-14th</u>- RYM Sr. High Camp. Final \$160 per student is due now. <u>July 23rd-27th</u>- Ridge Haven Jr. High Camp. \$100 deposit is due now.

Deacons on Duty

May 20th- Josh Killen, Skip Rentz, Jimmy Biggerstaff, & Bobby Jackson

May 27th- Gary Klomparens, Richard Sisk, Lindsay Terrell, & Curry Burnett

Sound System Assignment

May 20th- Cole Graham

May 27th- Bill Pierce