

DIVINE WORSHIP

The Lord's Day

November 18, 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 **"Now Thank We All Our God"** Mrs. Janice Jones

Announcements Rev. Richard Thomas

PRAISING THE LORD

Introit **"Now to the King of Heaven"** Choir

Call to Worship **Psalm 108: 1-5**

Pastor: O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

People: Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.

Pastor: I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to You among the nations.

People: For Your mercy is great above the heavens, and Your truth reaches to the clouds.

All: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and Your glory above all the earth.

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise #715 **"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

Affirmation of Faith *Ruling Elder Butch Rambish*

Westminster Shorter Catechism 58, 60-61

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as He hath appointed in His Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to Himself.

Q. 60. How is the sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

Q. 61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

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 Rambish*

Offertory *Mrs. Janice Jones*

"God is So Good"

*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 **"I Will Glory in the Cross"** Choir

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

*Hymn of Preparation **"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

Reading of Scripture **Exodus 16: 22-36** *Rev. Richard Thomas*

Preaching of God's Word **"The Difference of the Seventh Day"**

DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Response #56 **"When All Your Mercies, O My God"**

Benediction

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

Evening Worship

We hope everyone will join us tonight for our annual Thanksgiving Testimony Service. Everyone will have the opportunity to testify to the goodness of God throughout the last year. You may give glory to God through reading a verse of Scripture the Lord has used sometime in the last year. You may give a testimony of seeing the Lord's hand in your life. You may simply tell of seeing God's power in answered prayer. This is always a very encouraging evening. Join us as we exalt our King!

Insight into Worship:

What is the Gloria Patri and why do we sing it?

"Gloria patri" is translated from the Latin, "glory to the Father." This brief hymn gives glory not merely to God the Father, but also to the Son and the Holy Ghost. The first line of this brief hymn was used from the earliest days of the Church as a line of common praise. The second line, "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen," was added during the time of the Arian controversy in the early 300's AD. (Arianism taught that Jesus was more than a man but less than God. This of course would keep our Savior from being part of the Trinity.) Since the time of the Council of Nicea in 325 AD (which decided against the Arians and in line with biblical teaching, that Jesus was fully God and fully man), the Gloria Patri has been sung. But what does it mean? The first line is pretty straight forward. Glory or worship or praise be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. It is usually sung after a confession of our faith like the Apostle's Creed - how else should we respond to glorious truth but by exclaiming, "Glory be to the Trinity!" The second line, on the other hand, is frequently misunderstood. For instance, the "it" in the phrase, "as it was in the beginning," refers to the Trinity. The phrase, "world without end" is simply an idiom meaning "eternally." We are declaring we believe in, and are rejoicing in the truth that God in three Persons has and will exist eternally. The Gloria Patri is a statement of strong conviction, so sing it like you mean it today!

Officers Eligible for Election

We are thrilled to announce that Officer Training has come to a close, all the nominees have been examined, and everyone passed! Here is a list of the men standing for election:

Ruling Elder

Mauricio Herbas
Josh Killen
Tracy Malone
Jim Klinzing
Robert Ross
Mac Leonard
Lindsay Terrell
Brian Cooper
Al Stephens

Deacon

Jim Perry
Sammy Roddy
Ricky Scott
Jimmy Biggerstaff
Hutson McClure
Will Freeman

The election will be at the congregational meeting during the Sunday School hour on December 2nd. Ordination and installation of these officers will be on Sunday morning, January 13th. Please pray that through the nomination, training, examination, and election process, God will give us the best leadership we have ever had at MCPC.

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.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a called congregational meeting on Sunday, **December 2nd** during the Sunday School hour to present the budget and elect new officers.

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed on **November 22nd and 23rd** in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Weekly Events

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| Nursery Today: | 9:30 am- | Betsy Newman & Linda Sanders |
| | 11:00 am- | Stacie Stewart (with Bobbie Hatchett) |
| | 6:30 pm- | Judy Coleman |
| Wed. Nov. 21st: | 6:30 pm- | Allison Rhodes & Shirley Price |
| Sunday, Nov. 25th: | 9:30 am- | Stephanie Freeman & Heather Wilson |
| | 11:00 am- | Beryl Burns (with Bobbie Hatchett) |
| | 6:30 pm- | Makaria & Charis Sanders |
| Children's Church: | Today- | Joie Burnette |
| | Nov. 25 th - | Ruth Warren |

Christmas Decorations

On **Wednesday, November 28th at 5:30 pm** we will have a church wide evening of decorating the church for Christmas. We will start with supper in the Fellowship Hall; bring your favorite soup & cornbread to share. After we eat, we will have a short devotion and prayer time, then we will start the decorating! If you are not able to come to eat, please come at 6:30 to help decorate. We would love to have all ages for this!

Tyger River Prison Dinner

Monday, December 3rd is our annual Prison Christmas Dinner. Volunteers interested in serving dinner are asked to sign up by Nov. 20th for background checks. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board next to Brian's office. We will need your name, driver's license & social security numbers. If you would like, you may leave this information with Ruthie in the church office. We will also need desserts for the dinner to be brought to the church by 4:00 pm on December 3rd.

Deacons on Duty

Nov. 18th- Brian Plexico, Jimmy Biggerstaff, Skip Rentz, & David Wilson
Nov. 25th- Bobby Jackson, Sammy Roddy, Lindsay Terrell, & Curry Burnett

Sound System Assignment

Nov. 18th Jim Klinzing
Nov. 25th- Tuck Burnette

Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the form below. You may pick up your flower on Sunday, December 23rd. The cost will be \$12.00/each. Make your check out to the church with poinsettia on the memo line. Place this form in the offering plate. The deadline for this information is Sunday, December 9th.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

News & Announcements

Weekly Financials

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| Weekly Budget Needs: | \$ 12,608.00 |
| Undesignated Tithes for 11-11-18: | \$ 8,018.00 |
| YTD Budgeted Need: | \$ 567,360.00 |
| YTD Actual Giving: | \$ 644,733.00 |
| YTD Difference: | \$ + 77,373.00 |
| Building Fund Contributions 11-11-18: | \$ 25.00 |

Important Dates

No SPUR Groups- There will be no SPUR groups til Jan. 13th, 2019.
November 18th, Sunday- Thanksgiving Service with Potato Bar.
November 21st, Wednesday- No Wednesday night activities.
November 28th, Wednesday- Christmas decorating of the church.
December 1st, Saturday- Middle School Shop Day at Haywood Mall (8 am- 3 pm).
December 3rd, Monday- Christmas Dinner at Tyger River Prison.
December 6th, Thursday, 11:00 am- Senior Saints Dorman Chorus Christmas Concert and catered lunch.
December 7th, Friday- Middle School Christmas Progressive Dinner.
December 9th, Sunday, 6:00 pm- Children's Christmas Program.
December 12th, Wednesday, 6:00 pm- WIC will pack Shut-In Christmas bags. Plan for 5 Shut-ins this year. Please have your goodies to the church by 6:00.
December 14th, Friday- Senior High Christmas Progressive Dinner.
December 16th, Sunday, 6:00 pm- Adult Christmas Cantata
December 19th, Wednesday, 6:30 pm- WIC Christmas Banquet, there will no other normal Wednesday night activities.
December 23rd, Sunday, 4:00 pm- Singing in the Grove.
December 24th, Monday, 9:00 pm- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Scripture Memory

Our Scripture memory time is here! Scripture verse lists and NIV packets are now available at all sanctuary entrances. We will be memorizing the book of I Peter.

Senior Saint News

December 1st, Saturday, 2:00 pm- Senior Saints night out at the Logos Theatre in Taylors, to watch a performance of Dickens', "*A Christmas Carol*", then out to dinner afterward. More details to come.

Dorman Chorus Christmas Concert & Lunch

The Dorman Chorus will be here for their annual concert on Thursday, December 6th. We will have a catered meal beginning at 11:30 am followed by the beautiful music of the Dorman Chorus. The cost for the meal is \$8.00. Please sign up below if you would like to attend. You will pay at the door on the 6th. We send the students back to school with homemade cookies...which they really, really love!

Place your sign up in the offering plate or bring to the church office.

Name _____

Number attending _____ I will make 3 dozen cookies for the chorus _____

****Have your cookies here by 9:00 am on December 6th****