

DIVINE WORSHIP
The Lord's Day
November 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 **“O, How I Love Jesus”** *Mrs. Janice Jones*

Announcements *Rev. David Sanders*

PRAISING THE LORD

Call to Worship **Psalm 115: 1-3**

“Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, because of Your truth. Why should the Gentiles say, “So where is their God?” But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.”

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise #38

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Affirmation of Faith *Rev. Sanders*

Westminster Shorter Catechism 96-97

Q. 96. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

Q. 97. What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

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 *Rev. Sanders*

Offertory *Mrs. Janice Jones*

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*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 Preparation #486

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

Prayer of Confession and the Pastoral Prayer *Rev. Richard Thomas*

I bless You heavenly Father, that I see the worst of my heart as well as the best of it. I thank You that I can sorrow for those sins that carry me away from You. I am also grateful that it is Your deep mercy to threaten punishment so that I may return, pray, and live. My sin is to look on my faults and be discouraged, or to look on my good and be puffed up. I fall short of Your glory every day by wasting hours, by thinking that the things I do are good, when they are not done to Your ends, nor spring from the truth of Your Word. My sin is to fear what will never be; I forget to submit to Your will and fail to be quiet there. But Scripture teaches me that Your will reveals a steadfast purpose on my behalf, and this quietens my soul, and makes me love You. Help me to mourn my sins; for when I behold Your wrath against sin and how Christ's death alone pacifies that wrath, that makes me mourn all the more. Help me to see that although I am in the wilderness, it is not all barrenness. I have bread from heaven, streams from the rock, light by day, fire by night, Your dwelling place and Your mercy seat. I am sometimes discouraged by the way; but though winding and trying, it is safe and short. Death dismays me, but my great High Priest stands in its waters, and will open me a passage and beyond is a better country. While I live let my life be an example. When I die, may my end be peace. In Jesus' name do we ask this. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon **Romans 8: 1a**

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus...”
(Dismissal of 3 & 4 yr. olds to Children's Church)

Special Music **“Remember and Proclaim”** *Mr. Eric Sparks*

Reading of Scripture **I Corinthians 11: 17-34**

Preaching of God's Word

“Together as a Church in the Lord's Supper”

Communion Hymn #524

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

The Administration of the Lord's Supper

DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD

*Hymn of Response

“Jesus Thank You”

*Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table, Jesus, thank You*

Benediction

*Postlude *Mrs. Janice Jones*

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

Evening Worship

Tonight, we have the very special opportunity to hear Tony Rogers of Metanoia, a ministry of MNA to the imprisoned. God has done an amazing work in Tony's life to save him and now He wants to use him to see others snatched from the fire. Join us for a wonderful evening of worship.

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.

Deacons on Duty

Nov. 25th- Bobby Jackson, Sammy Roddy, Lindsay Terrell, & Curry Burnett
Dec. 2nd - Skip Rentz, Hutson McClure, Brian Plexico, & Ricky Scott

Sound System Assignment

Nov. 25th- Tuck Burnette
Dec. 2nd- Steve Hyatt

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.

Insight into Worship:

Why do we corporately confess our sin before celebrating the Lord's Supper?

First Corinthians 11: 27-29 teaches us that we are to come to the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner. How do we do that when we know that our sin is a daily issue? As this passage says, we examine ourselves. What we are looking for is sin, that it may be confessed and forgiven in Christ. But not just particular sins, but our sin nature as well- our sins and our sin. Knowing that we rest in Jesus for our salvation and that we have confessed our sins, we come to the Table, Jesus having made us worthy. None of us could be worthy by our own doing; only Jesus makes us worthy.

Weekly Events

<u>Nursery Today:</u>	9:30 am-	Stephanie Freeman & Heather Wilson
	11:00 am-	Beryl Burns (with Bobbie Hatchett)
	6:30 pm-	Makaria & Charis Sanders
<u>Wed. Nov. 28th:</u>	6:30 pm-	Allison Rhodes & Shirley Price
<u>Sunday, Dec. 2nd:</u>	9:30 am-	Stephanie Freeman & Heather Wilson
	11:00 am-	Beryl Burns (with Bobbie Hatchett)
	6:30 pm-	Makaria & Charis Sanders
<u>Children's Church:</u>	Today-	Joie Burnette
	Dec. 2 nd -	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!

December Birthdays:

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| 1. Asher Sanders, Trish Smith | 15. Chase Turner |
| 1. Ricardo Ramos | 18. Omar Ortega |
| 3. Rachel Smith, Liz White | 19. Jay Bagwell |
| 5. Dean Ledford | 20. Charlie Hyatt |
| 9. Curry Burnett | 21. Holly Perry |
| 10. Jenna Burnette, Amy Rogers | 22. Katherine Hedbloom |
| 10. David Ortega, Omi Herbas | 23. Samantha De La Garza |
| 11. Phyllis Holder, Cate Wilson | 24. Tuck Burnette |
| 12. Marshall Holder, Tracy Malone | 25. Emmanuel Barrientos |
| 12. Richard Warren | 28. Nancy Harrison |
| 14. Frank Tiller | 31. Lindsay Stevens |

December Anniversaries:

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| 5. Frank & Ann Griffith | 13. Richard & Callie Blalock |
| 5. Jimmy & Kim Biggerstaff | 15. Will & Stephanie Freeman |
| 10. Howard & Janice Cooper | 16. Steve & Lea Ann Sorensen |
| 10. Joe & Jane Littlefield | 18. Johnny & Joy Galloway |
| 12. Brian & Julie Cooper | 27. David & Linda Sanders |

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

Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 12,608.00
Undesignated Tithes for 11-18-18:	\$ 17,076.00
YTD Budgeted Need:	\$ 579,968.00
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 662,017.00
YTD Difference:	\$ + 82,049.00
Building Fund Contributions 11-18-18:	\$ 50.00

Important Dates

SPUR Groups- There will be NO SPUR groups til Jan. 13th, 2019.
November 28th, Wednesday, 5:30- 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. Please have your desserts to the church by 4:00 pm.
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.
December 24th-25th- Church office will be closed for Christmas.
December 26th, Wednesday- No Wednesday Night activities.

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.

Special Offering

Sunday, **December 9th** will be our annual **Ministerial Relief Fund Offering** day. The purpose of the special offering is to provide for the widows of our pastors and missionaries in their time of need. It shows that the body of Christ they served faithfully and often sacrificially has not forgotten them. There will be special envelopes in the pew racks for this offering. Let's give generously.
"For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever." **Psalm 9:18**

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****