

<p><b>DIVINE WORSHIP</b>  <i>The Lord's Day</i>  <b>September 23, 2018</b></p>
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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 **“Cleansing Fountain”** *Mrs. Janice Jones*

Announcements *Rev. David Sanders*

**PRAISING THE LORD**

Introit **“Majesty”** *Choir*

Call to Worship **I Corinthians 5: 7-8**

Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer *Rev. Sanders*

\*Hymn of Praise **“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”**

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King  
 He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity  
 In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
 Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man  
 In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
 See the true and better Adam, Come to save the hell-bound man  
 Christ the great and sure fulfillment, of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
 In the stead of ruined sinners, hangs the Lamb in victory  
 See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
 Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death the God of life  
 But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive  
 What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
 Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes

Affirmation of Faith **Westminster Larger Catechism 34-35**

**Q. 34. How was the covenant of grace administered under the Old Testament?**  
 A. The covenant of grace was administered under the Old Testament, by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the passover, and other types and ordinances, which did all fore-signify Christ then to come, and were for that time sufficient to build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they then had full remission of sin, and eternal salvation.

**Q. 35. How is the covenant of grace administered under the New Testament?**  
 A. Under the New Testament, when Christ the substance was exhibited, the same covenant of grace was and still is to be administered in the preaching of the Word, and the administration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; in which grace and salvation are held forth in more fulness, evidence, and efficacy, to all nations.

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 **“Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear”** *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 **“Redeemer”** *Choir*

Prayer of Confession and the Pastoral Prayer  
 O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before You, for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways, for we have rebelled against Your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected Your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. And therefore we are embarrassed. To You belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love. Incline Your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before You. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of Your great mercy. On the ground of Your great mercy in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, for He is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. *Amen*

Assurance of Pardon **Psalm 103: 8a, Isaiah 55: 6-7**

*The Lord is merciful and gracious. Seek Him while He may be found, call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen*

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

\*Hymn of Preparation **“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”** #246

Reading of Scripture **Exodus 12: 1-28** *Rev. Richard Thomas*

Preaching of God's Word **“The Blessing of the Passover”**

Communion Hymn **“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing” v. 1-2** #420

The Administration of the Lord's Supper *Rev. Thomas*

**DEPARTING TO SERVE THE LORD**

\*Hymn of Response **“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing” v. 3** #420

Benediction

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

**Sermon Notes**  
 September 23, 2018 Exodus 12: 1-28

**“The Blessing of the Passover”**

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**Insight into Worship**  
**Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery:**  
 This song has 2 Corinthians 3:18 as its wellspring...“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” The verse essentially says that to “behold” is to “become”...to see glory, or beauty, is to change. And later in that chapter Paul says what the “glory” is, specifically, it is the glory of God in the "face of Christ".  
 So the song rather simply and poetically unpacks the glory that we were made to “behold”...the glory of the person of Christ. This text is an outstanding proclamation of the gospel as it tells the mystery of God's redemptive plan through the life of Christ. The first stanza tells of the great mystery of the incarnation of Christ. In a wonderful phrase this stanza names Christ as “the theme of heaven's praises.” The second stanza lists several pairs of descriptors of Christ's life and work: In his living and suffering; No trace or stain of sin; The true and better Adam; The great and sure fulfillment of the law. The third stanza looks at the mystery of Christ's death on the cross. The great mystery is that the Son of God “stands in the place of ruined sinners” as we “see the Father's plan unfold.” The final stanza brings the hymn to a conclusion by celebrating the mystery of the resurrection of the God of life. It beautifully states that his resurrection is a “foretaste” of our own deliverance when he returns for a second time.

<p><b><u>Evening Worship</u></b></p> <p>Tonight, our intern, Brian McCollough will preach for us from I Corinthians 4: 14-21 in “<i>Admonishing the Arrogant</i>”. Join us as we seek the mind of Christ for our daily living. Let us join in the joyful praise of our most worthy God.</p>
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<p><b><u>Visitors</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>
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## Weekly Events

<b>Nursery Today:</b>	9:30 am-	Morgan Garcia & Kristin Casey
	11:00 am-	Callie Blalock (with Bobbie Hatchett)
	6:30 pm-	Anya & Noah Swift
<b>Wed. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>:</b>	6:30 pm-	Michelle Terrell (youth helper if needed)
<b>Sunday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>:</b>	9:30 am-	JoAnn Rentz & Sarah White
	11:00 am-	Krystal Hill (with Bobbie Hatchett)
	6:30 pm-	Richard & Callie Blalock
<b>Children's Church:</b>	Today-	Amy Rogers
	Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> -	Caroline Plexico

### Wednesday Night Supper September 26<sup>th</sup>

**Menu: Pork Loin, Roasted Vegetables, Salad Bar, Rolls & Dessert.** The cost is \$6.00/adult and \$4.00/child under 12 with \$20.00 max per family. Please let us know if you plan to attend, or if you will need a "to-go" box, by signing up on the pew card and putting it in the offering plate.

### Needs for Children's Ministries

- \*Nursery Administrator
- \*VBS Administrator
- \*Nursery Volunteers
- \*Future Sunday School/Catechism Teacher

Prayerfully consider serving the Lord by being a part of our Nursery/Children Ministry. If interested, please see David Sanders or Ruthie Bloxham.

### Children's Christmas Program

Christmas is right around the corner! Today, **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, our children will begin to prepare for this year's Christmas program. If you want your child to be a part of this year's program, please have them attend the practices during our Sunday Evening Worship service. A schedule will be distributed tonight during our practice.

### Senior Saints Luncheon

All Senior Adults are invited to a delicious luncheon hosted by the Women in the Church on **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following Sunday School. We are so excited to honor you in this way for your faithfulness to the Lord and His church here at Mt. Calvary. Next Sunday we will have a sign up in the bulletin so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone.

### Fifth Sunday Night Service

The PCA churches of Spartanburg County will gather together for Joint Worship here at Mt. Calvary on **Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.** For this Fifth Sunday Night Joint Worship, Rev. Todd Buchner from Reidville Presbyterian will be preaching. We will enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments afterwards, Mt. Calvary style!

## News & Announcements

### Weekly Financials

Weekly Budget Needs:	\$ 12,608.00
Undesignated Tithes for 9-16-18:	\$ 12,893.00
YTD Budgeted Need:	\$ 466,496.00
YTD Actual Giving:	\$ 546,959.00
YTD Difference:	\$ + 80,463.00
Building Fund Contributions 9-16-18:	\$ 720.00

### Important Dates

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Today**- No SPUR groups today due to the "Pray Back" program. If you want your student to participate in this program, we will meet at the church at 4:00 pm and be back in time for evening worship at 6:30 pm.

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 6:30 pm**- Fifth Sunday Joint Worship at Mt. Calvary.

**October 14<sup>th</sup>, Sunday**- Senior Saint Luncheon following Sunday School.

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**- Youth Retreat at Awanita Valley (\$130 due by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>).

**November 18<sup>th</sup>, Sunday**- Thanksgiving Service with Potato Bar.

**December 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday**- Middle School Shop Day at Haywood Mall (8 am- 3 pm)

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday**- Middle School Christmas Progressive Dinner.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday**- Senior High Christmas Progressive Dinner.

### Life Chain

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 2:30-3:30**- We have another opportunity to demonstrate to our community that we believe abortion is wrong, and that life is a gift from God! Dr. James Dobson began "Life Chain" over 25 years ago as a peaceful demonstration of our support for life. Those who want to participate are asked to meet at West Side Baptist Church (across from Zaxby's) at 2:30, where we will come together and line both sides of John B. White Blvd to show our stand against abortion. Let's all stand together for life!

### 2018 Session

E.C. Burnett	Butch Rambish
Tuck Burnette	David Sanders
Johnny Galloway	Mark Smith
Dwayne Hatchett	Al Stephens
Jim Klinzing	Richard Thomas, Moderator
Bill Pierce	

### 2018 Diaconate

Jay Bagwell	Hutson McClure
Jimmy Biggerstaff	Brian Plexico
Curry Burnett	Skip Rentz
Gregg Casey	Sammy Roddy
Will Freeman	Robert Ross
Bobby Jackson	Ricky Scott, Chairman
Josh Killen	Richard Sisk
Gary Klomprens	Randy Stewart, Treasurer
Dean Ledford	Lindsay Terrell
	David Wilson

### Deacons on Duty

**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**-Will Freeman, Josh Killen, Robert Ross, & Jimmy Biggerstaff

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**-Curry Burnett, Lindsay Terrell, & Sammy Roddy

### Sound System Assignment

**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**-Cole Graham

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**-Bill Pierce