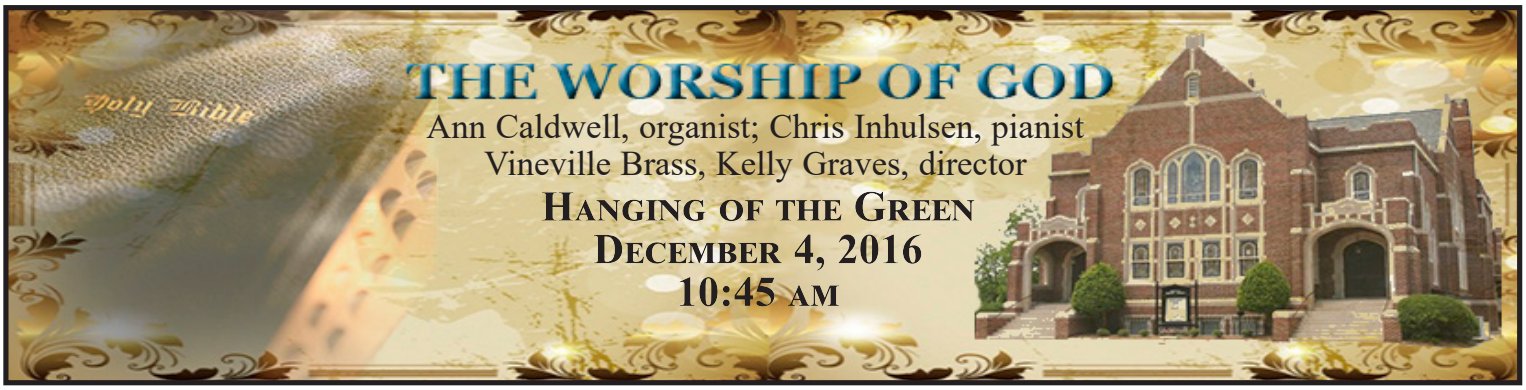

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ann Caldwell, organist; Chris Inhulsen, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

Hanging of the Green
December 4, 2016
10:45 am

Prelude	*Savior of the Sinner, Come*	Buxtehude

A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

Welcome and a Word of Explanation		Richard Kremer
Music for Meditation	*Wachet auf*	Bach/Busoni

All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.

Invocation		Jim Jones
Lighting of the Candle of Peace		Jonathan Jones

Pastor: Create in us, Our Lord, hearts of peace
People: For Thou, O Lord, have promised us peace that passes all understanding.
Pastor: We light this candle to praise your Christ-gift as the Prince of Peace.
People: We thank you this morning for the gift of peace!

Scripture Reading	*Isaiah 11:1-6*	Richard Kremer
Call to Worship	*Creation Will Be At Peace*	Page
*Hymn of Summons 95	*Prepare the Royal Highway*	BEREDEN VAG

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Song by Preschool Choir	*Celebrate Christmastime*	Wright

All Ages Shall Praise Him

Scripture Reading	*Isaiah 9:2-7*	Brianna Pylant
Song by Treble Makers Choir	*Deo Gracias*	Sleeth
Music by the Vineville Brass	*O Come, All Ye Faithful*	arr. Hogan
Songs by Youth Choir	*The King Shall Come*	Morning Song
	For Unto Us	arr. Stevens
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 40:1-8	Richard Kremer
*Hymn 127	*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*	MENDELSSOHN

Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*	Karg-Elert
Scripture Reading	*Luke 1:46-55*	Richard Kremer
Homily	"Not My Problem!"/*The Magnificat*	Richard Kremer and Adult Choir
Song by Women's Ensemble	*The First Noel*	arr. Forrest
Invitation to Discipleship		Richard Kremer
*Hymn of Response 103	*O Come, All Ye Faithful*	ADESTE FIDELES

Go Tell It On the Mountain

*Celebrations and Concerns	Richard Kremer
*Metaphor of Light	Richard Kremer

*Pastoral Benediction

*Congregational Benediction

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Postlude	*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*	arr. Brinkley

Were You There on That Christmas Night?

We welcome you to our Hanging of the Green service! We hope you will experience the festive joy of the Christ gift as every age group in our congregation takes part in decorating our sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. My gratitude to everyone who donated a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, and thanks to everyone who is taking part this morning in helping us adorn our sanctuary to the glory of God. If you see a need this morning, feel free to leave the pew to help with decorating.

We have two special events to look forward to this coming week. The children and youth choirs of the church will be presenting a Christmas concert this Wednesday at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary. I know that you will not want to miss this enjoyable evening of music.

Next Sunday, during our combined worship service at 10:45, our adult choir, accompanied by orchestra, will present their Christmas cantata, *Were you There on That Christmas Night?* Our choir's Christmas music is always one of the season's worship highlights, and I encourage you to make effort to hear their "sermon in song." Be sure to bring a friend with you.

Remember that the following Wednesday, December 14, we will enjoy our "Offering of Gifts." On that night we will not have the regular Wednesday night meal, but we invite you to bring an offering of food, perhaps a heavy hors-d'oeuvre or dessert, with the meal beginning about 5:30 pm. Then, starting at 6:30 pm we will afford time for a sharing of gifts, perhaps a story, song, poem, instrumental selection – whatever the Spirit moves you to do, as long as it has a Christmas theme. Make sure that your offering is not too long, so as to allow as many people as possible to participate. Parents and grandparents, note that during the evening Melissa will be providing a Christmas craft table that will allow young and old to make their own Christmas decorations. This will be our last Wednesday night of 2016.

If you haven't picked one up already, be sure to take an Advent Devotional. We have stories and Scriptures for every day of Advent, beginning last Sunday and continuing through Christmas Day.

Remember that we will be back on our two-service schedule on Sunday, December 18, then will combine services again for the holiday Sundays of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We will not have Sunday School on either of the holiday Sundays. The Christmas Eve "Candles, Carols and Communion," service will be at 5 pm.

Our women's ensemble will be singing the national anthem at the Mercer men's basketball game on Thursday, December 22. If you would like to sign up for a complimentary ticket, call the church office.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

Decorations from the Heart

Advent booklets are now available! Celebrate Advent with your family by reading "Decorations from the Heart." You will enjoy daily messages, photos, and artwork from our VBC family.

Angel Tree

One of the wonderful Christmas traditions of Vineville Baptist Church is to help local, needy children through the Christmas Stocking and Angel Tree programs of The Salvation Army. This year there are 1,166 middle Georgia children needing help through these programs. Please fill a stocking or "adopt" an angel as we celebrate the birth of God's greatest gift. The Angel Tree and stockings are now available across from the church office. Stockings and gifts are due back by Sunday, December 11. If you have questions, call Lynn Collier at 474-2262.

Youth

Today: Youth choir at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm, and creating tags of love to iron into our donated coats for those in need. Bring your extra coats by tonight!

Wednesday: Youth choir members will need to meet in the sanctuary by 6:15 pm to prepare for Christmas program. Attire is Christmas musical shirt, jeans, and Christmas socks.

Next Sunday: Youth choir at 4:00 pm. We will begin looking at music for Youth Choir Festival! Dinner at 5:00 pm, followed by our final skit dress rehearsal for "Offering of Gifts." Please bring props and costumes!

XYZ

Mark your calendar for a FUN day at Vineville on Tuesday, January 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be catered by Wendy's and the menu includes chili, baked potato, frosty, and tea. Come in out of the cold and enjoy bingo, a good meal, and a very special presentation after lunch. Total cost is $6.

Upcoming Events

December 7
Children's and Youth Choirs Christmas Program
6:45 pm

December 11
Sanctuary Choir presents *Were You There on That Christmas Night?*
10:45 am service

December 14
Offering of Gifts
6:30 pm

December 22
Mercer v. LaSalle
Basketball Game

December 24
Christmas Eve Service
5:00 pm

December 25
10:45 am service only
No Sunday School

This Week at Vineville

Sunday, December 4
8:15 am Advent Breakfast
9:15 am Media Library
9:35 am Bible Study
10:45 am Hanging of the Green
2:30 pm Handbells
4:00 pm Youth Choir
5:00 pm SNYF

Monday, December 5
No Activities

Tuesday, December 6
10:00 am Leadership Team Meeting
10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, December 7
9:00 am Media Library
5:30 pm Vineville Brass
5:30 pm Family Supper
6:00 pm Children's Choirs
6:15 pm Media Library
6:45 pm Children and Youth Choirs Christmas Program
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8
10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

Friday, December 9
No Activities

Sunday, December 11
8:30 am No Early Service
9:15 am Media Library
9:35 am Bible Study
10:45 am *Were You There on That Christmas Night?*
2:30 pm Handbells
4:00 pm Youth Choir
5:00 pm SNYF

Deacon of the Week

The Deacon of the Week is Bill Scarbrough. Next week is Frieda Byrd.

Report as of November 27

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	172
8:30 Worship	35
10:45 Worship	206

STEWARDSHIP as of November 13

Budget Gifts	$5,986
Budget Gifts (YTD)	$729,894
Budget Required (YTD)	$976,188
YTD% Budget Giving	74.8%
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	$14,285

Our Staff

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music
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Brianna Pylant	Music and Youth Intern
Peggy Jones	Financial Administrator
Jody Thornton	Administrative Assistant
Ginny Ferguson	Receptionist
Sandra Head	Music Ministry Coordinator
Tonia Boyd	Weekday Morning School
Rhea Patrick & Sherry Williams	Co-Teachers of Higher Life

Our Lay Leadership

Church Council	John Fry, Jr.	477-1295
Deacon Ministry	Mark Wood	957-7540
Grief Ministry	Nell Jones	960-6195
Media Center	Carol Lincoln	743-9366
Men's Ministry	Todd Smith	474-6333
Missions	Jim Jones	757-8411
Preschool	Bobbie Scarbrough	254-4595
Senior Adults-XYZ	Jackie Odom	746-1716
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289
WMU	Cris Williamson	719-1581
Women's Ministry	Susan Milam	714-0545