



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 8, 2017
8:30 AND 10:45 AM

Prelude	<i>Hymn to Joy</i>	arr. Held
Welcome		Angela Blizzard
Music for Meditation	<i>Olivet</i>	arr. Nix
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Invocation		Kathy Kendrick
*Hymn 422	<i>Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners</i>	HYFRYDOL
Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza.		
Children's Sermon		Stacy Whitehead
The Lord's Prayer		
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 13	Women's Ensemble
Ministry of Music	<i>The Power of Your Love</i>	Women's Ensemble
Pastoral Prayer		Darrell Watson
* Hymn 364	<i>I Love Thee</i>	I LOVE THEE
Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>Praise to the Lord/Handel's Allegro Maestoso</i>	arr. McKechnie
Scripture Reading	Hosea 3:1-3; Ephesians 3:14-21	Darrell Watson
Ministry of Music	<i>The Greatest Gift Is Love</i>	Hayes
Sermon	"Embraced by the Power of Love"	Darrell Watson
*Hymn of Response 435	<i>Share His Love</i>	SULLIVAN
*Benediction		Darrell Watson
*Postlude	<i>Voluntary in C</i>	Boyce

WE HAVE A MISSION!

The great old comedian Red Skelton was fond of saying “A comic is a warrior against gloom.” So, too, we who claim the name of Christ are warriors against hatred and despair. That is our mission! And all too often, I fear, we do not take that mission seriously enough. But in the wake of the horrific attack in Las Vegas, our mission is more important than ever.

The late-night host Conan O’Brien admitted that when he came to work early on Monday morning, he knew nothing of the attack, but his administrative assistant met him with a sheaf of papers. She said to him, “This is what you said the night after the Sandy Hook massacre. This is what you said after the Orlando nightclub murders. You might want to read these statements before you decide what you want to say tonight.” O’Brien read through his past statements, then wondered aloud, “How can it be that events like this have become the new normal?”

With uncanny prescience, the great Russian writer Fyodor Dostoevsky answered that question in his powerful 19th century novel *The Brothers Karamasov*. One of Dostoevsky’s characters asserted, “Without God, everything is permitted.” After the unimaginable injustices of the Holocaust and the Soviet gulags, thoughtful people knew Dostoevsky was right, that once society unmoored her values from their theological foundation, evil on a cataclysmic scale was inevitable. But the secularization of our world continues apace. And with agonizing regularity, we see a painful, profound truth revealed anew: once people have lost a sense of the holy, nothing is holy. Once people have lost touch with the sacredness of God, the sacredness of human life is soon eclipsed as well. Then inexplicable evil bursts into our midst again and again. As I write this column, investigators search for the motive fueling Steven Paddock’s action. I can provide one: sin. Having lost all sense of being made in God’s image, Mr. Paddock lost all sense of being human, spawning a rage that evinced itself in inconceivable hatred.

I say again, we have a mission. As members of the family of God, caught up into the body of Christ, we are meant to pattern the fact that all of us are made in the divine image. And over against the hatred and hopelessness rampant in the world, we are to embody transformative love.

As Melissa and I catch our breath in the Tennessee mountains this weekend, steeling ourselves for the hectic run of events ahead, I am delighted to introduce you again to Dr. Darrell Watson, who will be delivering our morning message. Many of you know Darrell, because he pastored the nearby First Baptist Church of Forsyth for fourteen years. Now, after twenty-eight years in the pastorate, Dr. Watson is serving as a State Farm Insurance Agent in Grayson, Georgia.

Some of you might know Darrell through another Vineville connection. He has been married for thirty-one years to Patricia, the daughter of our own Betty Dickson. Patricia, incidentally, is a school psychologist for the Monroe County School system. They have two children, Hannah and Caleb.

Darrell received his theological training at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, earning both a Master of Divinity and a Master of Social work degree. Darrell also earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. He competed in the famed Ironman Triathlon, raising over \$19,000 for Habitat for Humanity. I know that you will extend to him the warmest Vineville Baptist welcome as he delivers a message that couldn’t be more timely, “Embraced by the Power of Love.”

I remind the children of the church and their families that the children’s sleepover takes place on October 27 and 28. Children in the first through sixth grades are invited to participate. I will be sending out a letter to the families this coming week. The following day, October 29, will be the Sunday of our All Saints’ Day observance. We will also enjoy a light breakfast in the gym and a combined Sunday School on that day.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Joan Carr in memory of her sister, Janet Perdue Cowart, and in honor and memory of all those who have been touched by breast cancer.

GUEST SPEAKER WEDNESDAY NIGHT

On Wednesday, October 11th, we will host guest speaker Christine Watson from the International Justice Mission following family supper. Ms. Watson is the Middle Georgia representative for IJM. International Justice Mission is a global organization that protects the poor from violence throughout the developing world. IJM partners with local authorities to rescue victims of violence, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors, and strengthen justice systems. IJM combats human slavery, sex trafficking, property grabbing, police abuse of power and sexual violence in nearly 20 communities throughout Africa, Latin America and South and Southeast Asia. Their vision is to rescue thousands, protect millions and prove that justice for the poor is possible. Ms. Watson will share her experience with working with the organization as well as sharing ways you can get involved in joining their efforts to combat human trafficking. Youth and adults are encouraged to attend.

YOUTH

Today: Youth choir at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm, and guest speaker Bryant Pardue from the Vineville Neighborhood Association sharing his ideas of how we can get involved in our Vineville community. Youth can be picked up at 6:15 pm.

Wednesday: We will hear from Christine Watson from the International Justice Mission which helps battle human trafficking worldwide, 6:30 pm.

Fall Retreat: Our youth retreat is almost here! We will meet at 5 pm on Friday to eat a quick supper and load up! Please make sure your forms are in and your packing list is double checked! If you are bringing a tent, please let Angela know. Praying for a meaningful and restful time together in Christ.

Next Sunday: No youth evening activities. Youth will return from fall retreat by the end of second service.

THANK YOU

A warm thank you to everyone who prayed for and donated toward our collections for Puerto Rico. The need will be ongoing, and we will continue to communicate needs as they arise. We continue to pray for our neighbors as they heal and rebuild.

JOB LISTING FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Vineville Baptist Church is seeking a part-time Minister to Children and Young Families. This person will provide leadership for comprehensive ministry among children ages birth through sixth grade, along with providing direction and guidance to parents and lay leaders. This person will participate fully with church staff, including staff and Children's Team planning, worship leadership, and support of the larger ministry of the church. A commitment of 15-20 hours per week is expected, including Sundays and Wednesdays. Résumés with cover letters may be submitted to Candace Fry, chair, at vbchildrenresume@gmail.com.

FALL BAZAAR 2017

There are not enough words for expressing thankfulness for the dedication, drive, determination, and the sheer fun of putting together the Fall Bazaar. Over 62 workers along with a wonderful church staff make this happen each year. Some of the workers come from outside the church and are caught up in the spirit of it all. We try to make it the best of its kind anywhere. A heartfelt thanks for each of you.

Harold McAbee, Chair.

The **Gift Shoppe** will be open for a time every Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

ENGAGE...A MISSIONS EXPERIENCE FOR WOMEN, 18-35

November 3-4,

Registration Opens: September 5

Registration Deadline: October 23

Cost: \$49 includes all meals, housing at the church, ministry expenses, and a t-shirt

Engage 2017 will be a multi-cultural immersion experience in Clarkston, GA for Georgia Baptist Women age 18-35. Participants will engage with a community that is culturally, spiritually, economically, and generationally diverse through mission projects and experiences. For more details and to register, visit www.georgiawmu.org, click on the Events tab & scroll down to the Engage listing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13-15
Youth Fall Retreat

October 27-28
Children's Sleepover (1st-6th grades)

November 11
Chill at the Grill at the Kremers

November 19
Thanksgiving Service and Meal

December 3
Advent Breakfast
Hanging of the Green

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, October 8

8:30 am Early Service
9:15 am Media Library
9:35 am Bible Study
10:45 am Worship
2:30 pm Handbells
4:00 pm Youth Choir
5:00 pm SNYF

Monday, October 9

No Activities

Tuesday, October 10

10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, October 11

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
6:30 pm Family Worship
6:40 pm Mission Friends
6:40 pm Kingdom Kids
6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 12

10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class
12:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study
7:00 pm Young Adult Volleyball

Friday, October 13

No Activities

Sunday, October 15

8:30 am Early Service
9:15 am Media Library
9:35 am Bible Study
10:45 am Worship

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Mark Wood. Next week is Charles Burton.

REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 1

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	188
8:30 Worship	37
10:45 Worship	216

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$18,905
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$21,082

YTD Budget Contributions	\$617,526
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OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music
Angela Blizzard	Minister to Youth
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
Kathy McCray & Sherry Williams	Co-Teachers of Higher Life

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council	Todd Smith	474-6333
Deacon Ministry	Mark Wood	957-7540
Grief Ministry	Nell Jones	960-6195
Homebound	Ann Purser	477-7549
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
Women's Ministry	Susan Milam	714-0545