



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ann Caldwell, organist; Charlotte Bearden, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

8:30 AND 10:45 AM

Prelude	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	Fischer
Welcome		Angela Blizzard
Music for Meditation	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	arr. Raney
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Invocation		Mark Wood
*Hymn 161	<i>See Our Lord in All His Glory</i>	CWM RHONDA
Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza.		
Children's Sermon		Carol Lincoln
The Lord's Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Mark 9:2-9	Abby Tillery
Ministry of Music	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	arr. Courtney
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
*Hymn 156	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	SHINE
Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>I Must Tell Jesus</i>	Vineville Bluegrass Ensemble
<i>Congregation invited to sing on each chorus</i>		
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone; I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.		
Scripture Reading	Acts 1:3-5; Acts 2:1-4	Richard Kremer
Sermon	"Wait for the Wind"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn of Response 235	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	TRENTHAM
*Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Postlude	<i>Voluntary on 'The Doxology'</i>	Purcell

OBSERVING AN ANCIENT TRADITION

This coming Wednesday is Valentine's Day, February 14. But this year, throughout Christendom, this particular Valentine's Day will not focus on romance. Rather, this Wednesday will mark the beginning of the Lenten season, the time of spiritual discipline and introspection that prepares us for the celebration of Easter. For over a thousand years Christians have started this Lenten season with Ash Wednesday. Since Biblical times, ashes have represented contrition, sorrow and repentance. Since the tenth century, Christians have marked the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday, the forty-sixth day before Easter, taking the ashen sign of the cross as a sign of their willingness to enter that period of discipline and spiritual preparation.

At 6:45 pm this Wednesday in the sanctuary, we will observe this ancient Christian tradition. I should add that this 46-day period – forty days, plus six Sundays before Easter -- is a way to mirror the forty days in the desert that Jesus spent in preparation for his ministry. So, too, we will take the sign of the cross upon our foreheads as a sign of our willingness to enter into a period of spiritual preparation in order to appreciate fully the joy of Easter. We will invite the children and youth to participate in this service, too.

Of course, Ash Wednesday is only the start of the Lenten period. As I stress in this morning's sermon, part of spiritual preparation involves the exercise of spiritual patience. If Jesus, despite his spiritual giftedness and close communion with the Father, knew that he needed a time of introspection and reflection, how much more should we feel a compelling need to do the same? I should add that, historically, one feature of the Lenten observance has been relinquishing some aspect of our normal lives and refraining from that activity through Good Friday. So, as you come to the service on Wednesday, be thinking about what usual habit you will surrender during the Lenten season to symbolize the depth of your commitment.

Of course, the Lenten season intensifies during Holy Week, which will take place the last week of March. We will have services on Holy Week Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, March 28-30. I will give you a preview: all of the Holy Week services will center around the Damascus Road conversion of Paul. We will lighten the mood on Easter Saturday, March 31, with our Easter Egg Hunt. Be thinking already about families with children that you can invite to this delightful event.

Don't forget that our ladies' ensemble will be performing the national anthem before the Mercer men's basketball game this Thursday, at 7 pm. If you would like free tickets to the game, please call the church office immediately. We need to finalize our numbers quickly.

Keep in mind that Ladies' Night at the Baptist Men's meeting is Tuesday, March 13. This is always one of the highlights of our church year. Be sure not to miss it!

The Consignment Sale is just around the corner, too – March 1-3. We will set up for the consignment sale on Friday, February 23, then receive consignment items on Saturday and Sunday, February 24 and 25. If you can help in some way, contact Donna Wood.

I confess that I am writing this column in a fevered state – literally. I seem to have fallen prey to the flu that has afflicted so many in our church and community. The odd thing is, my dog Jack and I had left town and sequestered ourselves for a couple of days to prepare for the Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services. We saw no one! But somehow the flu bug found me anyway, which I guess is not too surprising, given all the hospitals and nursing homes I visit each week. I will need to bounce back quickly, because I don't have time to be sick.

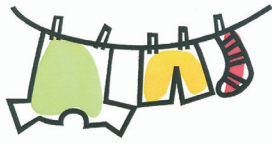
A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

NEW MEMBERS

Benjamin and Rhonda Terry

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of Jackie Odom, a wonderful Sunday School teacher, by the Friendship Class.



VBC SPRING/SUMMER
CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

MARCH 1-3

THURSDAY: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY: 12:00-6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



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We need volunteers to help with the Consignment Sale.
Contact Donna Wood if you would like to assist.

LADIES' NIGHT

Ladies, mark your calendar for the annual Ladies' Night at Men's Fellowship. The event will be Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 pm in the Activities Building. Tickets are \$5, but single ladies and widows are admitted free. This will be another evening of wonderful entertainment, fun fellowship and a delicious meal.

YOUTH

Today: Youth choir at 4:00 pm in the choir room, dinner at 5:00 pm, and guys' and girls' small group devotions until 6:15 pm.

Tuesday: Girls' dinner and guys' dinner at 6:30 pm. Guys will meet at Metro Diner on Northside Dr. and girls will meet at Applebee's on Riverside Dr. Youth should be picked up by 8:00 pm.

Next Wednesday: The youth will join the rest of the congregation at the Ash Wednesday service at 6:45 pm following family supper. We take this time to remind ourselves who we are and who God is as we begin the Lenten season together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 21

Church Conference

March 1-3

VBC Children's Spring/Summer Consignment Sale

March 25

Palm Sunday

March 28

Holy Week Wednesday

March 29

Maundy Thursday

March 30

Good Friday

March 31

Easter Egg Hunt

April 1

Easter Sunday

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, February 11

- 8:15 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
- 6:30 pm Missions Team Meeting

Monday, February 12

- 6:00 pm Men's Basketball

Tuesday, February 13

- 10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, February 14

- 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
- 6:45 pm Youth Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 15

- 10:30 am Exercise/Stretching Class
- 12:00 pm XYZ Meeting

Friday, February 16

No Activities

Saturday, February 17

- 10:00 am Youth Basketball

Sunday, February 18

- 8:15 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

SOUND, LIGHTS, AND VIDEO

February 11

Morning Worship 8:30 am

House: Gene Welch

Broadcast: John Kelly

Video: Kevin Clark

Morning Worship 10:45 am

House: Todd Smith

Broadcast: Willie Jones

Video: Kevin Clark

February 18

Morning Worship 8:30 am

House: Gene Welch

Broadcast: John Kelly

Video: John Kuipers

Morning Worship 10:45 am

House: Todd Smith

Broadcast: Willie Jones

Video: Eric Blizzard

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Brenton Easom. Next week is John Fry, Jr.

REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 4

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	170
8:30 Worship	32
10:45 Worship	168

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$19,734
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$493.00

YTD Budget Contributions	\$73,981
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OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music
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Peggy Jones	Financial Administrator
Jody Thornton	Administrative Assistant
Ginny Ferguson	Receptionist
Sandra Head	Music Ministry Coordinator
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Kathy McCray & Sherry Williams	Co-Teachers of Higher Life

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council	Todd Smith	474-6333
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