



Vineville

Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 21, 2019

10:45 AM

Ann Caldwell, organist; Don Kendrick, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

EASTER SUNDAY

Prelude	<i>Toccata on 'Jesus Shall Reign'</i>	Pollock
Welcome		Angela Blizzard
Music for Celebration	<i>There Is a Redeemer</i>	arr. Larson
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Invocation		Alisa Rehberg
Call to Worship	<i>Were You There?</i>	Vineville Sanctuary Choir
*Hymn 207	<i>Low in the Grave</i>	CHRIST AROSE
Children are invited to gather at the front after the last stanza.		
Children's Sermon		Richard Kremer
The Lord's Prayer		
Scripture Reading	John 20:11-18	Martha Kate Hall
Ministry of Music	<i>Jesus, Messiah</i>	arr. Larson
Congregation sings on final chorus		
Jesus, Messiah, name of above all names; blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all!		
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
*Hymn 223	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	DIAMEMATA
Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today</i>	Vineville Brass Ensemble
Scripture Reading	John 11:17-27	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>To the Lamb on the Throne</i>	Forrest
Congregation sings on final verse		

To the Lamb on the Throne

"Ye Servants of God",
Charles Wesley, 1744

DAN FORREST
(ASCAP)

4. Then let us a - dore and give Him His right, all
glo - ry and pow'r, all wis - dom and might; all
hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove, and
thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It begins with a forte (*ff*) dynamic marking. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note. The lyrics are aligned under the notes. The piece concludes with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking over the final notes.

Sermon "I am the Resurrection and the Life" Richard Kremer

*Hymn 622 *He Lives* ACKLEY

*Celebrations and Concerns Richard Kremer

*Pastoral Benediction Richard Kremer

*Postlude *Tocotta from Organ Symphony No. 5* Widor

Musical guests:

Dominique Lane, trumpet 1

Emily Hall, percussion

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

Happy Easter to all!

However, I am actually writing this column on a Tuesday afternoon, before Holy Week has really begun, so that our wonderful staff can have this bulletin prepared early for publication amidst an incredibly busy week. As of this writing, not a Scripture concerning Jesus' journey to the cross has been read. Not a song or hymn has been sung. The communion bread and cup symbolic of Christ's Last Supper are as yet unserved. The words I will have spoken this week concerning the promises of Jesus are only thoughts in my mind, unuttered words on paper. Yet the circumstances in which Jesus declared to his friend Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life," were not so dissimilar. They were words spoken in hope and trust.

Remember, when Jesus proclaimed himself "the resurrection and the life," he had not yet faced the challenge of his Passion. Indeed, at that moment he stood near the grave of a friend. Yet he trusted that God was indeed the heavenly Father who exercised resurrection power, a God able to raise Lazarus from the grave, and the Parent who would lift his obedient Son from the tomb. Jesus promised Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life," in the hope that his Father would empower him to resurrect Lazarus as a promissory note that when the world thought they had quenched the Light of the world, that Light would return to shine in the darkness.

I, too, write in trust and hope, that every reader who promised to share in the proclamation of Jesus' journey to the cross stood and did their part to recount Christ's faithfulness. I write in trust and hope that all of the musicians who promised to share of their talents throughout this week have done so. I write in trust and hope that the deacons poised to provide communion on Maundy Thursday fulfilled their sacred privilege. I write in trust and hope that many of you have used these services as a spiritual discipline that has resulted in spiritual renewal – for such is the unspoken ambition of our Holy Week observances.

I write in trust and hope that everyone who volunteered to make our Easter Egg Hunt a delightful time of celebration and outreach was able to fulfill their role. I write in trust and hope that this event planted Gospel seeds in the hearts of many in our community who need to be a part of a nurturing family of faith.

Of course, I write in sincere gratitude for all the choirs who graced us with their talents on Palm Sunday. Every choir of the church – from the youngest choir to the oldest (save the handbells) -- had a hand in delivering a stirring message in song. Our expanded brass ensemble provided a powerful message, too, and the whole service appropriately marked the coming of our Lord into Jerusalem amidst ironic hosannas. Thank you to all choirs, their accompanists and music leaders!

I remind you that you will be able to enjoy the worship leadership of our youth and children in the coming weeks. On Sunday, May 5, the youth will lead us in an evening worship service at 6:00 pm in the gym. A “breakfast supper” will be served prior to the service, at 5:30 pm. The cost of the meal is free, but Angela asks that you let the church office know of your intention to come, so they can adequately prepare.

The children will present a musical on Wednesday, May 15, at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary.

Don't forget also, that in our combined service next Sunday we will ordain two church members for diaconate service, Jeff Cox and Mary Kay Smith. You as a congregation elected them; you have a responsibility and privilege to help consecrate them for service.

Again, in hope and trust, I write the words that we utter on this day: “He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!”

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to Hu and Bettie Rose Addleton in the death of Bettie Rose's sister-in-law, Cleo Simmons.

NEW MEMBER

Chip Ruffin

YOUTH

Today: No youth evening activities. Happy Easter!

Wednesday: We will be wrapping up our “Courage” Bible Study on Wednesday night at 6:30 pm! Pray for one another as we stand alone, stand firm, stand out, and stand tall together for our belief and faith in Jesus Christ in this world. Through our courage, we seek to point people to the Lord like Daniel, even in the face of adversity.

Next Sunday: Youth choir at 4:00 pm as we prepare for our youth-led worship service for May 5th. This rehearsal, dinner, and preparation time are very important. Please make every effort to attend next Sunday's afternoon activities as we rehearse, practice skit, and run through the service order.

CHAT AND CHILL WITH MS. LEIGH AT MACON SWIRL

1st Sunday - Kindergarten at 4:00 pm
2nd Sunday - 4th-6th grades at 3:30 pm
3rd Sunday - 1st-3rd grades at 3:30 pm

MORNING SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Morning School is currently taking applications for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. For additional information, contact Tonya Boyd. Email: tboyd@vbcmacon.org or phone: 743-9366.

A CONVENIENT OPTION FOR GIVING



The QR code can be scanned with your smartphone and it will direct you to the VBC giving website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28

One Service at 10:45 am
Deacon Ordination

May 5

Youth-led Worship
6:00 pm

May 8

Church Conference
6:45 pm

May 15

Children's Musical
6:45 pm

May 19

Graduation Sunday

FALL BAZAAR

Our 2019 Fall Bazaar will be Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12. Mark your calendar!

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, April 21

8:30 AM No Early Service
9:15 AM Media Library
9:35 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Easter Worship

Monday, April 22

No Activities
Office Closed

Tuesday, April 23

10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class

Wednesday, April 24

9:00 AM Media Library
5:30 PM Vineville Brass
5:30 PM Family Supper
6:00 PM Preschool & Children's Choirs
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study
6:45 PM Family Worship
6:45 PM Mission Friends
6:45 PM Kingdom Kids
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class

Friday, April 26

6:00 PM VBMS Bows and Bowties

Saturday, April 27

No Activities

Sunday, April 28

8:30 AM No Early Service
9:15 AM Media Library
9:35 AM Bible Study
10:45 AM Worship//Deacon Ordination
2:30 PM Handbells
4:00 PM Youth Choir
5:00 PM SNYF

REGISTER ONLINE!

On our website, www.vbcmacon.org you can register for Vacation Bible School, June 10-14. Click on Calendar and Upcoming Events to access the link. The theme for Vacation Bible School is *To Mars and Beyond*. Join us as we explore where God's power can take you!

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Mike Sharpe. Next week is Todd Smith.

REPORT AS OF APRIL 14

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	167
8:30 Worship	---
10:45 Worship	171

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$11,162
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$4,193

YTD Budget Contributions \$234,665

OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music & Youth
Leigh Halverson	Minister to Family & Education
Peggy Jones	Financial Administrator
Jody Thornton	Administrative Assistant
Ginny Ferguson	Receptionist
Sandra Head	Music Ministry Coordinator
Tonia Boyd	Weekday Morning School
Kathy McCray	Higher Life

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council	Todd Smith	474-6333
Deacon Ministry	Kathy Kendrick	256-3468
Grief Ministry	Nell Jones	960-6195
Homebound	Ann Purser	477-7549
Media Center	Kay Defore	476-9986
Men's Ministry	Todd Smith	474-6333
Missions	Jim Jones	757-8411
Senior Adults-XYZ	Jackie Odom	746-1716
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289