

The Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012

Preparation

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Mark 8:34

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. NIV

***The Hymn of Adoration** "To God Be the Glory" *Trinity Hymnal 55*

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that we may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

***The Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***The Hymn of Praise**

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

Alternate Tune

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He, Whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for His own abode
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love.
Well supplies Thy sons and daughters, and all fears of want removes.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to quench?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Blessed inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, Whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God
'Tis His love His people raises, over self to reign as kings
And as priests His solemn praises each for a thank offering bring.

Savior, if of Zion's city, I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy Name
Fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show
Solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them."

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them. NIV

Confession

Individual & Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who repent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father; for His sake; that we may hereafter live a Godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. NIV

Offertory Anthem

The Choir

***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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Consecration

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading
Prayer of Illumination
Sermon

Rev. John A. Gess

“God’s Amazing Love”
Hosea 1

1. Unfaithful
2. Disconnected
3. Restored

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Alternate Tune

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
 I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
 That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
 I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
 Life that shall endless be.

Benediction & Choral Response

**Asterisk indicates we stand, as able, to praise God.*

Nursery	Infants	Toddlers	Toddler 2
Today	Teresa Truelove, Kim Britt, Rachel Meek	Cathy Glaser, Elaine Mosley	J. Currence/ C. Robinson
Nxt wk	Peggy Long, Carol Davis, Anna Long	L. LeMoyne, Virginia Johnson	The Wallace family
Please contact Lawson Brackett (704-813-9518) or LABrackett89@aol.com with any needed changes to the nursery schedule.			

Happy Birthday today to Griffin Marsh! Happy Birthday this week to Lorie Holben on 2/20, Spencer Forrest on 2/21, John Thiessen on 2/23, and Helen Grant, Nicole Jones, Josh Loflin, & Steve Williams on 2/24.

Today: Choir Practice, 5:00 pm
 Sunday Evening *Celebration!* 6:00 pm.
Tuesday: Men's Book Study, 6:00 am, FLC.
 Circle #3, 7:00 pm, at Debbie Meek's home.

Tonight is crazy sock night! Wear your craziest socks to earn points for your team!! The Knights are ahead!! (No Kids Quest next week.)

We extend our sympathy to Pam Brannock on the death of her cousin, Danny Thomas, on 2/9.

Biblical Studies Released Time (BSRT) will be holding their annual fundraiser pancake suppers. February 25 at Lake Wylie Christian Assembly Church, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, and March 3 at Clover Presbyterian Church, 5:00 -7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased from any BSRT student, Marianne Falls, or at the door. Adults, \$5.00 and children, \$3.00 (BSRT students are free.)

Please remember to pray for Calvin Reese and Marcus Van Vlake, participating in the Vision Trip in Monterrey, MX. They will return on Monday, Feb. 20.

A New Member Class will be held at 10:00 am on Feb. 26. Please let Pastor Gess know if you plan to attend.

The Ordination Service for Marcus Van Vlake will be held at 6:00 pm on Sunday, Feb. 26. (Nursery will be provided, and there will be no Sunday Evening *Celebration!* classes that evening.) The WIC will be hosting a reception in honor of the Van Vlakes following the service.

As an opportunity to fellowship with our friends from Northern Mexico, we will be hosting a Fellowship Covered Dish dinner on Tues., Feb 28 at 6:30 pm. Please come!

Bethel's Missions Conference will be held the weekend of March 23 -26. Please prayerfully consider hosting a guest speaker. Contact Calvin Reese (222-3461) or the church office if you are willing to host.

Prayer Requests: Brett Aurisy (friend of Joe Le Moyne), Maude Barnett, Jackson Berry (son of Robert Berry, cystic fibrosis), Marcelle Brackett, Alton Burns, Diana Escalante (upcoming surgery), Rebecca Gable (Carol Davis' mother), Elaine Honeycutt (Pam Brannock's sister-in-law, cancer), JoNell Honeycutt (Pam Brannock's mother, shoulder surgery), Ruby Jackson, Hannah Lee, Sam Lewis, Rev. Rick Lindsay, Helga Long, Clara Love (Mary Jane Dulin's great-granddaughter, recovering from liver transplant), Harold McCarter, Libby Claire McGarrity, Jim Pittman (Victoria Linder's brother, prostate cancer), Kimberly Sanders (friend of Thiessens, cancer), Jennifer Self (diagnosed with MS), Courtney Self Snyder, Elliott Williams (Erin Joye's sister, cancer), Bobby Wallace.