

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ann Caldwell, organist; Alice Ridgeway, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 8, 2015 AT 8:30 AND 10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome Richard Kremer

Music for Meditation *The Old Rugged Cross* Hayes

Invocation Nancy Honeycutt

*Hymn 334 *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* AMSTERDAM
Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza

Children's Sermon Carol Lincoln

The Lord's Prayer

The Presentation of Elsie Ladson
daughter of Scrap and Katharine Ladson

Pastor (To the parents): Do you covenant together as parents to raise Elsie in an environment of Christian love, encouragement and peace?

Parents: We do.

Pastor (To the parents): Do you covenant together to grant Elsie the benefits of communal Christian fellowship by rearing her within the church, the body of Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: (To the congregation): Do you covenant together as the larger family of God to create an atmosphere of support, discipline and guidance, whereby Elsie can come to know and serve the Lord Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor: (To the congregation): Do you pledge to make your witness of such quality as to instruct Elsie in Christian discipleship?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor: Then recognizing the covenant accepted this day by Scrap and Katharine Ladson and by this congregation, I offer Elsie Katharine Ladson this certificate and a few small gifts acknowledging her formal introduction to this family of God.

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Jeff Allred

Ministry of Music *The Power of the Cross* Jeff Allred

Pastoral Prayer Richard Kremer

*Hymn 607 *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* HYFRYDOL

Offertory Prayer Jeff Allred

Offertory *Prelude on 'Wondrous Love'* Young

Scripture Reading	Exodus 20:15; Matthew 6:22-23	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	arr. Mallory
Sermon	"The Lamp of Our Being"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn of Response 642	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>	NEAR THE CROSS
Congregational Concerns and Celebrations		
Benediction		Richard Kremer
Postlude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in G Minor</i>	Bach

WHEW! WOW!

I normally find February a dull month, but my first February with you was anything but blah. Events and activities followed close upon one another at a rollicking pace, and when I look back upon everything that happened, from the children's sleepover to the Mentor's Project night to Ash Wednesday to the consignment sale – and so much more – all I can say is Whew! That was one frenetic month!

But looking ahead to March all I can say is Wow! It seems full of activities and opportunities, too. The ladies of the church are invited to attend the Men's Fellowship this coming Tuesday, March 10 to enjoy a great meal, nice prizes, and toe-tapping bluegrass music. Come fellowship with us that evening.

On next Sunday, March 15, we will engage in the privilege and responsibility of electing our newest slate of deacons. We will elect nine new deacons, who will begin serving on July 1. Prayerfully consider whom you will nominate next Sunday for this important position of service.

Of course, March also means the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournament, which means this will be your first opportunity to participate in Dr. Kremer's Annual Pastor's Pick-em. Once the NCAA men's tournament is announced, you are invited to select all 63 games in the tournament (play-in games not included). Each round is worth 32 points, which means the first-round games count 1 point, the second-round games count 2 points, etc. All entries must be in my office by Thursday noon on March 19th, the first day of the tournament, and the cost is \$2 per entry. All proceeds raised from the contest will be given to the Haiti Mission Fund *I will personally buy a large pizza for the winner!* Don't worry if you don't know much about college basketball. My long experience with this Pastor's Pick-em is that a profound knowledge of the game often proves to be a hindrance! Present as many entries as you wish. I will have a Pastor's Pick-em Jar on Jody's desk where you can place your cash or check. Be sure to sign your entries!

Speaking of basketball, I want to thank Mercer University, and Todd Smith, in particular, for allowing us to participate in their basketball festivities last Saturday. Our ladies ensemble did a great job with the national anthem, and I thoroughly enjoyed having a chance to address the men's team before their last home game and offer the invocation. Of course, I didn't think they would ever let me do that again after Mercer fell behind early in the game, but the guys rallied in the second half to win in the waning seconds. In fact, both the men's and women's game followed parallel scripts – fall behind early, then prevail late with stirring comebacks. I appreciate Todd giving us the opportunity to take part in such a delightful day.

I am delighted to participate with you in the presentation of Elsie Ladson this morning. This ceremony is often referred to as a "baby dedication," but we really can't speak for Elsie. What we can do is resolve to dedicate ourselves to Elsie and covenant together as parents and congregation to nurture her in a Christian environment. To that end, may we commit ourselves this morning.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Jim Williamson for his birthday on March 8 by his family.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to Charles Stich and his family in the death of his stepfather, Wayne Sjoquist.

DEACON ELECTION

On March 15, we will be electing nine deacons who will begin serving on July 1. An information sheet containing the bylaws related to deacon election is available in the anterooms. It also contains the names of those currently serving who should not be nominated. Please give careful consideration to those you will nominate in March.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP/LADIES NIGHT OUT

Men's Fellowship will be this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and will feature their annual Ladies Night Out. The guest musicians will be Park's Pickers, so it is sure to be a good time. The cost is \$5 per person and single ladies and widows are admitted free.

YOUTH

Today: No youth evening activities. Youth will be returning from youth choir festival this afternoon.

March Mission Madness: Permission forms for March Mission Madness are available in the youth room. The event dates are March 20-22, and we will be serving in Warm Springs. We will meet at VBC at 4:00 pm on that Friday and will return Sunday around 11:30 am. The cost is \$50 and is due by Sunday, March 15. Youth will need to bring money for one travel meal. Please contact Angela Blizzard if you have further questions.

MISSION FRIENDS

We will continue to see how God's love makes everything bloom as we *March* into spring and spring into action as we help others in need and venture into our next missions location! Parents, watch for our Mission Friends News announcements here in the Vision, as well as by our "group MSS" that you receive.

KINGDOM KIDS

Mark your calendar for our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm at the church. Invite your friends!

Easter Eggs Needed

Please donate Easter egg candy for our Easter Egg hunt. A collection basket is located outside the church office. No chocolate please. Be sure the candy can fit in an egg.

Mark your calendar for Passport Kid's Camp: The camp will be June 29-July 2 at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC for kids who will have completed 3-6 grade. A deposit of \$50 is due to the church by March 1. If you have questions, please contact Mary Kay Smith.

ADULTS ON MISSION

Adults on Mission will meet Tuesday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m. in Room M-106. The program will be a study of Home Missions.

XYZ UPCOMING EVENTS

XYZ Meeting: The XYZ meeting on March 19 will feature the **V-Men** under the direction of Loyd Landrum. You will not want to miss it!

A Fun Day in Hawkinsville will be Thursday, April 23 and the cost of \$15 includes motor coach transportation, a tour of the Opera House and other historic places, a visit to an antique store, lunch at The Steakhouse, and a special surprise. We will leave the parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Deadline for purchasing your ticket is April 16.

An Old Fashion Hymn Sing and Supper will be Thursday, May 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Activities Building and the cost is \$5. We will enjoy a picnic prepared by Publix and we will sing your choice of favorite hymns. Deadline for tickets is April 16.

VBC ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our 41st Annual Tournament of Champions will be September 21 at Idle Hour Golf and Country Club. Mark your calendar and look for additional sponsor and player information as well as an application. We look forward to another year of great golf, fun fellowship, fabulous door prizes, and an exceptional banquet following the tournament!

FALL BAZAAR STEERING COMMITTEE

Mark your calendar for our Fall Bazaar which will be October 2-3. The next committee meeting will be April 26 at 4:00 p.m. in Room M-106. If you know of any creative art and/or crafts that we can produce and market at the Bazaar, please call Harold McAbee at 719-5614.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Respass Carr. Next week is John Fry, Jr.

FOOD PANTRY

The food item we will be collecting for March is breakfast cereal in variety packs.

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, March 8

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:15 am Media Library
- 9:35 am Bible Study
- 10:45 am Worship
- 2:30 pm Handbells

Monday, March 9

- 5:30 pm Mission Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

- 10:00 am Adults on Mission
- 6:30 pm Men's Fellowship/Ladies Night

Wednesday, March 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
- 6:45 pm Family Worship
- 6:45 pm Mission Friends
- 6:45 pm Kingdom Kids
- 6:45 pm Youth
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12

No Activities

Friday, March 13

No Activities

Sunday, March 15

- 8:30 am Worship
- 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2

Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 p.m.

April 3

Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m.

April 4

Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 a.m. at VBC

April 5
Easter Sunday
10:45 Service Only

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our blood drive will be March 30 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the Activities Building. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood!

REPORT AS OF MARCH 1

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	241
8:30 Worship	45
10:45 Worship	224

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Gifts	\$23,577
Budget Gifts (YTD)	\$158,682
Budget Required (YTD)	\$193,481
YTD% Budget Giving	82.0%
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$3,601

OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Jeff Allred	Minister of Music
Loyd Landrum	Minister of Music Emeritus
Angela Blizzard	Minister to Youth
Peggy Jones	Financial Administrator
Jody Thornton	Administrative Assistant
Ginny Ferguson	Receptionist
Sandra Head	Music Ministry Coordinator
Laura Terry	Weekday Morning School
Velma Gene Clarke	Higher Life

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council	Greg Winters	731-0916
Deacon Ministry	Norma Thompson	750-9336
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	Harold McAbee	935-8000
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289
WMU	Cris Williamson	719-1581
Women's Ministry	Susan Milam	714-0545
Youth	Nancy Honeycutt	757-1378