



Vineville
Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 25, 2020

Ann Caldwell, organist

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude	<i>Gather Us In</i>	arr. Behnke
Welcome and Invocation		Leigh Halverson
Music for Meditation	<i>God's Time Is Best</i>	Bach
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Scripture Reading	2 Corinthians 9:6-12	Leigh Halverson
Hymn 365	<i>More Love to Thee, O Christ</i>	MORE LOVE TO THEE

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best;
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Children's Sermon Leigh Halverson

*The Lord's Prayer
We invite everyone to stand as we all say the Lord's Prayer together.

Scripture Response Psalm 40/*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
led by Annabelle Whitehead

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard
my cry...set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

**Congregation: Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God My Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;**

Leader: You have multiplied Your wondrous deeds...
none can compare with You. Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.

**Congregation: Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

Leader: I have not hidden Your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of Your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness
from the great congregation.

**Congregation: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see;**

Leader: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You;
may Those who love You say "Great is the Lord!"

**Congregation: All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Mary Catherine O'Neal
Scripture Reading	Romans 16:22	Richard Kremer
Sermon	"I, Tertian"	Richard Kremer
Hymn of Response 472	<i>Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus</i>	LEMMEL

O soul are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

**Refrain:
Turn your eyes upon Jesus.
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.**

His word shall not fail you, He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell! [Refrain]

Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Pastoral Benediction		Richard Kremer
*Postlude	Bell Symphony	Purcell

FROM THE PASTOR

Now More Than Ever

I am pleased to announce that Len Hindsman and the Properties Committee have ordered new air filtration filters for the entire church. The cost is about \$7,500 for the purchase of these filters, and we will have to buy a few more in order to replace them at the proper time. But the installation of these filters will make the entire church safer and allow us perhaps to open up more of the facility in the coming weeks. Of course, we are not the only folks wanting these sophisticated filters, so there will be some delay in our receiving them. However, once we receive them Len says it will not take much time to install them. Thanks to Len and his committee for their hard work!

Thanks also to Charles Schaible and the Endowment Committee for funding the purchase of these filters. Obviously, when we created our 2020 budget, we did not envision having to battle COVID-19, and frankly, the cost of these filters was beyond our budgetary limits. But the Endowment is designed to provide funds for the upkeep of our building and what could be a more useful upgrade of our building than to purchase filters that will enable us to make more widespread use of our facility!

Thanks also go to Carl Goodrich and the Servpro Company. Carl has offered to donate to the church the expense of sanitizing the entire facility prior to our opening up the church for more worship opportunities. What a generous gift! Naturally, we will need to sanitize the facility regularly after worship use, but such a kind gesture on Carl's part helps pave the way for us to resume activities that have been too risky heretofore.

We need to keep in mind, however, that while the Endowment Committee and Servpro are bearing expenses that will allow us to open the facility safely, we will incur future costs related to keeping the facility safe amidst a pandemic. Those funds will need to come from our church budget, which means that our gifts to the church during this time of crisis are needed now more than ever.

We are in the midst of trying to create a 2021 budget, estimating those extra expenses that we will naturally incur amidst this COVID-19 era. We know that this virus is not going away any time soon. Experts differ as to when coronavirus vaccines will be available, and even when they are available, assuming universal participation by our nation's population, it will take months for any vaccine to be effective. So we go into this year knowing that we will have to fund measures to ensure that continued on-campus worship is safe.

Again, that means that everyone's pledge this year, everyone's gift to the budget, matters more than ever. We have been blessed this year by funds provided by the government's Payroll Protection Plan. But no such plan has been suggested for the coming year, and even if one materializes, there is no assurance that we will again be approved for such a gift. That makes the financial investment of every one of us in the life of Vineville Baptist more important than ever. We are still pulling together figures that will allow us to create a feasible 2021 budget, and once such a budget is created, we will share its particulars immediately. But know this: it will take the sacrificial efforts of all us to fund this budget, particularly amidst these economically-depressed circumstances.

Remember also that your volunteering skills are in demand this week and in the coming weeks. Every Sunday worship service requires a host of volunteers to help us with such matters as distributing bulletins safely, seating the congregation, and keeping the bathroom sanitized. If you can help with any of these duties, please contact Leigh Halverson. Also, we are looking for volunteers who will help us distribute Halloween goodie bags to homes in our surrounding neighborhoods and beyond. If you can help in this effort, Leigh would love to hear from you immediately!

Remember also that our All Saints' celebration is next Sunday, November 1. Our outdoor hymn sing takes place the following Sunday, November 8. And our Thanksgiving celebration service takes place on Sunday, November 22. The service will be inside, but the communal meal will take place outside. Since we are catering the meal, we need you to call and make a reservation. And don't forget: this year's Advent Devotional theme is "Favorite Christmas Traditions."

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

Mark your Calendar for Singles Fellowship

Saturday, November 14 at 1:00 pm

The Rehberg Pond located in Jasper County about 45 minutes north

Cookout, fishing, kayaking!

RSVP by 11/11 and for directions: lhalverson@vbcmacon.org

The next Singles Bible Study will be at the home of Deidra McCardle on November 3

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Daylight Saving Time ends this coming Saturday, October 31. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

FURNITURE DONATIONS NEEDED

We are accepting donations of furniture for the Mentor's Project. Please contact Angela Blizzard or Jennifer Kelly if you have appliances or furniture items to donate, and we will check with June O'Neal to see if the items are something the organization can use. We have already been able to donate a twin mattress to a child in need. Thank you for your consideration.

MORNING SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Our Morning School is in need of volunteers. If you would be willing to help, please contact Tonya Boyd: tboyd@vbcmacon.org or 743-9366

FREE CONFERENCE CALL

We are taking a break due to technical difficulties. Stay tuned for more information.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 18

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$4,512
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$7,990
YTD Budget Contributions	\$588,540

A CONVENIENT OPTION FOR GIVING



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

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the week is Rick Jones. Next week is Harold McAbee.

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	Peggy Hindsman	719-5203
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	Claire Whitaker	955-7323
Senior Adults-XYZ	Jackie Odom	746-1716
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289

FALL BAZAAR ITEMS FOR SALE
ROOM M-106
ALL CANNED GOODS HAVE BEEN SOLD

A Note from Harold McAbee
Shop Fall Bazaar's Mini Bazaar for early Christmas shopping and decorations for fall or Christmas. We offer a variety including a Dairy Queen tree and a Bird Christmas tree, Nativity scenes and beautiful wreaths (a great gift for seniors and shut-ins.)
Donations of gently used items are being accepted in the hall outside the church office. Thank you for your support!

