



Vineville Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 10, 2021

Alice Ridgeway, organist

PROMISE KEEPER

Prelude	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>	arr. Flauding
Welcome and Invocation		Leigh Halverson
Hymn of Summons 79	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to Thee, O Israel!**

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill all the world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]



Promise Keeper

Featuring readings from Titus, Isaiah, Deuteronomy, Joshua, 1 Corinthians,
Matthew, Luke, Psalms, 2 Peter, Galatians, John, Hebrews,
Acts, 1 Thessalonians, Colossians, and Revelation

First Reading

Read by Barbara and Jim Jones

Away in a Manger

Vineville Celtic Trio

MUELLER

Second Reading

Christmas Concerto, movement I, II
From *Concerto Grosso*, Op. 6, No. 8

Arcangelo Corelli/arr. Latham

Third Reading

Gloria in excelsis Deo
From *Gloria in D major*

Ladies' Trio

Antonio Vivaldi

Fourth Reading

The First Noel

Vineville Celtic Trio

THE FIRST NOWELL

Fifth Reading

Mary, Did You Know?

Ladies Trio

arr. Schrader

Sixth Reading

Christmastide

Ladies' Trio

arr. Shelton

Seventh Reading

A Celtic French Carol

Ladies' Trio

arr. Bailey/Pillsbury



Pastoral Prayer

Richard Kremer

Words of Invitation

Richard Kremer

Hymn of Response 102

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

*Celebrations and Concerns

Richard Kremer

*Pastoral Benediction

Richard Kremer

*Postlude

Joy to the World

Aultman

String Quartet

Jaris Tobler, violin 1
 Pat McCall, violin 2
 Rachael Gibson, viola
 KueiFan Chen, cello

Celtic Trio

Mary Catherine O'Neal, flute
 Alisa Rehberg, dobro
 Cliff Skelton, mandolin

Ladies' Trio

Angela Blizzard
 Mary Catherine O'Neal
 Mary Kay Smith

Piano

Alice Ridgeway

Organ

Alice Ridgeway

Readers

Jim & Barbara Jones

**Sound/Broadcast/
Video**

Todd Smith
 Willie Jones
 Kevin Clark

FROM THE PASTOR**“Back to Livestream Only!”**

On Saturday, January 2, our church's Medical Advisory Committee held an emergency meeting in light of the worsening pandemic outbreak in our state, and, specifically, in our area. Several members of the committee are active nurses, and one is a physician, and all are alarmed by the medical situation in central Georgia. All of our area hospitals are at full capacity, and all of our area ICU units are full. That being the case, the Medical Advisory Committee called me Saturday morning to recommend that we go to livestream only for worship for the remaining January worship services and to cancel all on-campus activities for the month. After conversations with Church Council Chair Todd Smith and Deacon Chair Peggy Hindsman, both of whom were acutely aware of the pandemic's progress in our area, I agreed to follow the committee's recommendation.

Medical experts have been forecasting that this would be a difficult winter for the pandemic. Though initial vaccinations against the virus have begun, and a small percentage of our congregation has received the first installment of the vaccine, experts believe that COVID-19 numbers will rise significantly in the coming weeks. I intend to convene the Church Council Ad Hoc Committee in the near future to discuss worship options for February and beyond.

Please know that these decisions are extremely painful for me personally. But part of being a community of faith is trusting the judgment of those who are best equipped to evaluate what is a safe environment for our family of Christ to worship in and what is not. I do relish preaching to an empty sanctuary. On the other hand, I do not wish to be an unwitting instrument in endangering anyone's health or further facilitating a further outbreak of this virus in our community. So, if we are going to err, it must be on the side of caution.

Yet, though present circumstances seem destined to keep us apart temporarily, I cannot help but look forward to those times in the future when we will one day be together. Keep these significant dates in mind:

Ash Wednesday: February 17

Spring Forward: March 14 (Daylight Savings Time Begins)

Palm Sunday, March 28

Holy Week Services: March 31 – April 2

Easter Egg Hunt: April 3

Easter: April 4

May 10: Mother's Day

July 22- 24: Church River Trip at the Nantahala

October 1-2: Church Fall Bazaar

Who knows what course this year will take? But I put forth these dates in hope. As I said Sunday when we celebrated the baptism of Emma and Bo Terry, faith requires courage. In these difficult times we look to the Spirit of God to give us the courage and creativity sufficient for whatever challenges the future holds.

A word from your pastor,
 Dr. Richard Kremer

SINGLES MINISTRY

The singles ministry will begin a study of the book of James on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 pm. The location is TBD. To participate, please contact Leigh Halverson by tomorrow.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 27

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$12,423
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$10,129
YTD Budget Contributions	\$737,684

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DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the week is Scrap Ladson. Next week is Frieda Underwood.

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
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