



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 18, 2021

Ann Caldwell, organist, Don Kendrick, piano

DEACON RECOGNITION AND ORDINATION

Prelude *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr. Moore

Welcome and Invocation Richard Kremer

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation Peggy Hindsman

Recognition of Distinguished Senior Deacons:
Charles G. Burton, Frieda H. Byrd, Marvin B. Snow

Recognition in memory of:

Donald Edward Young, Claire Peed Whitaker, Osar W. "Billy" Woodward

Music for Meditation *I'll Meet You in the Morning* Bluegrass Ensemble

Scripture Reading Romans 12:9-18 Mary Kay Smith

*Hymn 200 *In the Garden* GARDEN

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own,
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
and the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

I'd stay in the garden with Him
though the night around me be falling;
but He bids me go; through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

Children's Sermon Norma Thompson
Children remain seated

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Welcome to a Special Day!

We are delighted to welcome you to worship (either in person or remotely) as we formally recognize the newest slate of deacons that you as a congregation have set aside for servant leadership in the coming years. I remind you that during this service we will ordain our three newest deacons, Phil Nelson, Jane Self, and Kristy Jay Wilson. There will come a time during the service when you as a congregation will be invited to come forward and drop a note of encouragement and affirmation in baskets that are designated for Phil, Jane and Kristy. If you have forgotten to prepare your notes in advance, there are note cards and envelopes that have been made available to you this morning for precisely this purpose.

We are also delighted to honor our newest deacon emeritus, Dr. Rick Jones, who has fulfilled the stringent requirements spelled out in our bylaws for qualifying for this special recognition. He has been a member of Vineville Baptist for 45 years, is over the age of 80, and has served as deacon for more than twenty years. Let's face it, not many in our present congregation will ever attain those marks of longevity. But I would add that Dr. Jones has served our congregation in many more capacities than just deacon. He has invested his time and talents in our church family by fulfilling a variety of church positions, and this honor is well-deserved. A basket is provided for you to drop your note of congratulations to Dr. Jones as well.

We also honor this morning three of our church members who have also distinguished themselves through their profound contributions to this fellowship. Deacon Chair Peggy Hindsman will present certificates of recognition to Dr. Charlie Burton, Freida Byrd, and Marvin Snow for their many years of sustained nurture of this congregation in a variety of capacities, most notably as deacons. All three of these Christian leaders have embodied the servant ideals to which this church has historically aspired, and all three have been exemplary role models for our church family. We thank God for their commitment to Vineville Baptist, and this small ceremony of recognition seeks to express our collective gratitude.

Finally, we will also honor, posthumously, three of our deacons who gave themselves sacrificially to this fellowship. Two of them served our congregation for many years as deacons, Don Young and Billy Woodward. One of them, Claire Peed Whitaker, served our church as deacon for far too short a period. In fact, she was in that newest class of deacons we ordained in August of 2020. But all three in their own way carved out a significant niche of service among us, and all three are worthy of the recognition we bestow on them this day. We are indebted to each of their families for allowing each of them to share so much of themselves with us.

I admit, next Sunday is going to feel something of a let-down. The first Sunday of April was Easter Sunday. Last Sunday we celebrated in-person communion as a large congregation for the first time and presented new members Yolanda Abarca, Linda Poole, Emma Terry and Bo Terry. This Sunday we have the opportunity to honor our deacons and distinguished servants. Next Sunday is nothing special – save for the celebration of Christ – but that is enough. I'll be sharing a message that asks a question fundamental to our faith: "If the Journey is True, How Can the Destination be False?"

The month of May offers us new opportunities for special occasions of worship. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and later in the month we will be honoring our high school seniors. Our next communion service, and the opportunity to present new members who weren't able to attend last Sunday's service, is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend, May 30.

By the way, my wife Melissa sends her congratulations to all of the honorees this morning and regrets that she cannot be present to express her kindest regards. But she is preaching this morning in Rome, Georgia,

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

CHURCH-WIDE RIVER RAFTING TRIP

Join the fun! Sign up for our church-wide river rafting trip to Nantahala July 22-24.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be May 17 from 3:00-7:00 pm in the Activities Building. Please register online at www.redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code VBC. Your participation could save up to 3 lives!

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the week is Jeff Cox. Next week is John Kelly.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF APRIL 11

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$21,597
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$1,508
YTD Budget Contributions	\$245,457

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