



Vineville
Baptist Church



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 2, 2021

Ann Caldwell, organist; Don Kendrick, piano

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prelude *Alleluia Exsultate* Mozart

Welcome and Invocation Angela Blizzard

Music for Meditation *May the Peace of Christ Reign* arr. Fettke

Congregational Reading Psalm 22:25-31 Annabelle Whitehead

Leader: From You comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who revere Him.

Congregation: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

Congregation: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations.

Leader: To Him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for Him.

Congregation: Future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim His deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that the Lord has done it.

*Hymn 310 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Children's Sermon Stacy Whitehead

The Lord's Prayer

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

Ministry of Music *The Servant King* Angela Blizzard and Choir
Congregation invited to join on chorus with choir

This is our God, our Servant King;
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.

Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
*Hymn 404	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	NEED
Scripture Reading	2 Kings 7:3-10	Richard Kremer
Sermon	“Lepers of the King”	Richard Kremer
*Hymn 682	<i>Christ Be My Leader</i>	SLANE
*Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Pastoral Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Partita on ST. DENIO</i>	Ashdown

FROM THE PASTOR

A New Upcoming Event

I noted last week that we had put a few summer events on the calendar. To recap, in lieu of having on-site Vacation Bible School, our children’s committee has created the delightful innovation of “Wonderful Outside Wednesdays” (WOW), which will take place at Amerson River Park from 5:30 pm – 7 pm on the evenings of June 2, June 9, June 23, June 30, and July 7. Should be great fun for children and their families!

Also, we are planning to enjoy Burgers and Bingo night on Wednesday, June 16, in the Hines Terrace parking lot, somewhat like we did the Thanksgiving dinner this fall. The time for this event is projected to be 5:30 pm through 7:30 pm. My covenant with you is that those of us doing the cooking and serving will be fully vaccinated. Also, we are planning to gather at Amerson Park on Wednesday, July 14, for a hymn sing and activities. The church will provide the ingredients for the meal, and you can create your own sandwich out of what is provided. That event will start at 5:30 pm, too.

Don’t forget that we are planning for a big camping and river-rafting trip on the days of July 22-24, on the Nantahala River. We will be camping at the beautiful Apple Tree Group Camp, and, as of now, we will be the only group allowed in the camp that weekend. More details to follow soon.

As many of you know, the Fall Bazaar is scheduled for October 1 and 2, a Friday evening and Saturday. More details will be forthcoming regarding that event, too. However, I have also accepted a request from community leaders to have Vineville Baptist Church be a tour stop on the “Georgia Trust Fall Architectural Ramble,” which takes place October 8-10. This “Ramble” is sponsored by the Hay House. Apparently, a Georgia city is selected every year to host this event, and sundry houses, churches and buildings of architectural interest are placed on the tour, which is enjoyed by several hundred people. Vineville Baptist, along with several houses in our neighborhood, was selected as a site to be visited on Saturday, October 9, during the hours of 11 am to 4 pm.

We will need volunteers to serve as docents during these hours on that Saturday, October 9. I don’t need to start taking names yet, but if you would like to help host visitors to our church on that day, be thinking about your availability. I estimate that we would probably need four to five people each hour to hand out information about the church, identify our bathroom sites and generally welcome people into our house of worship. If such a role suits your fancy, I would be delighted to make use of you.

By the way, our Church Council has recently approved a proposal from our properties committee to enter into an agreement with noted architect Elliot Dunwody, whose family has been synonymous with Macon architecture for generations. The agreement would allow Mr. Dunwody use of parking spaces in our Hines Terrace parking lot. Mr. Dunwody is working on a project to remodel a historic property in our neighborhood and create a Vineville Pool Club that would help revitalize the Vineville neighborhood. Of course, there would be a few occasions when our parking spaces would not be available to the Pool Club, but on the whole, Mr. Dunwody and the properties committee agree that this would be a wonderful partnership between church and community. When details of the agreement are finalized, I will share them with the congregation. But I am delighted that we can turn parkingspaces that go unused most of the week into a source of substantial income for the church. It is like an extra pledge!

Don't forget that Mother's Day is next Sunday, May 9. Melissa asked me why I only reminded the "guys" about Mother's Day last Sunday from the pulpit. I replied, "Because you girls don't forget dates like that." Also, remember that we will be honoring our high school seniors on Sunday, May 16. I'll be sharing with them a message entitled, "The Importance of Saying Uhhh." Finally, the Red Cross will be collecting blood here on Tuesday, May 17.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to the following families:

Charles and Kerry Jay and their family in the death of Charles' brother, Harvey Jay.

Hu and Bettie Addleton and their family in the death of Bettie's sister, Shirley Beals.

THANK YOU

Church family,

My grateful heart goes out to everyone that has prayed, checked-in, written, called, provided meals, stepped in for leadership, and supported my family during this challenging time. Thank you so deeply for your ministry of presence and love, and I am on a good road to better health and healing. Thank you and God bless.

*Sincerely,
Angela Blizzard*

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!



VBC Fellowship at Amerson River Park
Open to all children and families
Wednesdays: June 2, 9, 23, 30 & July 7
5:30 - 7:00 pm

W.O.W.
Wonderful. Outside. Wednesdays.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, May 16 as we honor our graduates.

CHURCH-WIDE RIVER RAFTING TRIP

Join the fun! Our church-wide rafting trip to Nantahala will be July 22-24.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the week is Ches Rehberg. Next week is Mary Kay Smith.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF APRIL 25

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$12,983
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$1,531
YTD Budget Contributions	\$258,439

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