



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 1, 2021

Ann Caldwell, organist; Jane Self, pianist

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

|                          |  |                                   |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Prelude                  | <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>   | arr. Limbaugh                     |
| Welcome and Invocation   |  | Richard Kremer                    |
| Music for Meditation     | <i>We Are One in Christ</i>                                      | THAXTED                           |
| Scripture Reading        | Zephaniah 3:14-17  | Annabelle Whitehead               |
| *Hymn 597                | <i>He Keeps Me Singing</i>                                       | SWEETEST NAME                     |
| Children's Sermon        |  | Richard Kremer                    |
|                          | <i>Children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.</i> |                                   |
| The Lord's Prayer        |  |                                   |
| Bible Presentation       | <i>Rising 1st, 2nd, and 7th Graders</i>                          | Richard Kremer                    |
| Ministry of Music        | <i>Hold On To Me</i>   | Mary Kay Smith<br>Angela Blizzard |
| Scripture Reading        | Psalm 23   | Kathy Kendrick                    |
| *Hymn 466                | <i>Jesus, at Your Holy Table</i>                                 | BEACH SPRING                      |
| Scripture Reading        | Mark 5:24-34   | Richard Kremer                    |
| Ministry of Music        | <i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>                           | arr. Wilberg                      |
| Communion Homily         | <b>"The Attitude of Faith"</b>                                   | Richard Kremer                    |
| Invitation to the Table  |  | Richard Kremer                    |
| Celebration of Communion |  |                                   |
| *Hymn of Response 156    | <i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>                                       | SHINE                             |
|                          | <i>Verses 1 and 2</i>  |                                   |

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| *Special Recognition        |                          | Richard Kremer |
| *Celebrations and Concerns  |                          | Richard Kremer |
| *Pastoral Benediction       |                          | Richard Kremer |
| *Congregational Benediction | <i>The Lord's Prayer</i> | MALOTTE        |
| *Postlude                   | <i>Trumpet Tune</i>      | Telemann       |

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Pretty Much Perfect

The question I was asked most frequently last Sunday was, “How did the rafting trip go?” The best answer I can give is “Pretty much perfectly.” For the first time in the seven-year history of the Vineville Baptist Church rafting trip, we didn’t have a drop of rain. The weather was gorgeous, with moderate temperatures, low humidity, and clear skies.

Most importantly, we had a great group of campers, thirty-seven of us in all. We will all carry memories of going into the great meadow to watch the nearly full moon appear over the mountain, tinging the field with a bright effulgence. We will remember the moments around our big campfire, singing hymns to the accompaniment of Alisa Rehberg’s guitar and Cliff Skelton’s mandolin. Many of us will think of the clear waters of the lake in which we swam and of the rope swing which some locals taught our folks how to use. We will recall fondly how much food we ate. (Really, this trip is mostly about eating interspersed among a variety of activities.) And we will recall fondly the spirit of fellowship and friendship that always seems to be intensified when experienced amidst God’s great outdoors. I think all of us left the trip feeling supremely blessed.

Don’t get me wrong: the church river trip entails a lot of work for Melissa and me. But it is truly a labor of love. This year we had ministerial intern Annabelle Whitehead helping us with a variety of tasks, including accompanying us on a massive shopping trip. Annabelle’s ministerial summer internship is coming to an end, but we are exploring the possibility of retaining her to aid Leigh and Angela in their ministries this fall.

I hope you enjoy the rafting photos that are appearing on the church power point. You might see a couple of pictures where people are dislodged from their crafts. Don’t worry. Everyone was safely rescued. Frankly, I emit a huge sigh of relief when everyone has safely made it over the last waterfall. As ministers, Melissa and I always feel responsible for the welfare of the congregation, but we feel that responsibility even more keenly on the camping and river rafting trip. I am glad to report, no injuries were suffered. Thanks to everyone who participated in the trip for pitching in and making this event such a grand success.

On the horizon is the Back to School Prayer Dedication service on Wednesday, August 18. During that event we will honor our students, teachers and administrators and ask God’s rich blessings and protection upon them. We will hold our first church conference since the pandemic began, on Wednesday, August 25. This will take place in the lower auditorium, since the Fall Consignment Sale will be ongoing during that time.

Speaking of the Consignment Sale, its dates are August 26 through August 28. If you can help in any way, contact Donna Wood or Jennifer Kelly. We will be setting up for the sale and receiving and organizing items the week before, so if you can offer your time and talents then, your presence would be most welcome.

Thanks to everyone who helped with work on the playground this Saturday, and I invite all who are able to join in and help paint the recently-rebuilt Scout Hut next Saturday, August 7. And thanks to Jennifer Kelly for spearheading a very successful Red Cross blood drive here last Tuesday.

You may recall that last August, when the pandemic prohibited us from meeting in person, I created a series of *Vision* articles to chronicle church actions from March 2020 to August 2020, as we had to conduct church business in a way we had never envisioned. In the coming weeks I plan to offer another couple of *Vision* articles chronicling church decisions made from August 2020 to the present. My hope is that this series of articles will serve as a written record for future generations curious to know how we survived this demanding era. Unfortunately, this pandemic is by no means over, as difficult as that is to admit.

This past Wednesday brought to an end our (entirely online) Bible study of I Samuel. I intend to start explicating the “sequel,” II Samuel, in person when I return from vacation. However, next week there will be Pick Me Ups offered, and I hope you enjoyed this last week’s Pick Me Ups on St. Francis of Assisi.

A word from your pastor,  
Dr. Richard Kremer

## SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to Bobby and Margaret Johns in the death of Bobby's daughter, Jenny Johns.

## SERVANT SUNDAY

Help us paint the Scout Hut! Call Eddie Wood if you can help and bring any paint supplies that you have available. Len Hindsman will provide the paint! If you have questions, contact Eric Blizzard, the team leader.



A graphic showing three pairs of children's shorts (green, yellow, and red) hanging on a clothesline with clothespins.

**UBC FALL/WINTER  
CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT  
SALE!  
August 26-28**

Please consider helping during any of the following dates:  
Set up: Aug 21-22  
Work the sale: Aug 26-28  
Consignor Pickup: Aug 29  
Please contact Donna Wood or Jennifer Kelly.

A graphic featuring a scarecrow on the left, a cornucopia of pumpkins and gourds in the center, and a corn stalk with leaves on the right. The text "FALL BAZAAR" is written in red at the top.

**FALL  
BAZAAR**

Please consider helping with our 2021 Fall Bazaar to be held October 1 and 2. Homemade canning and **baked goods** are always a big hit! **Also, there is a Pre-Bazaar sale on priced items in the hall outside the church office.**

A graphic for VBMS (Volunteer Baskets for Morning School). It features a cartoon cow's head on the left. The text reads: "CLICK, VBMS CLACK, MOO", "Here's what you do....", "It's not real hard...", "...Just take a card!", "Donations can be placed in the baskets below!". At the bottom right, there is a cartoon cow waving and the text "THANK YOU!".

CLICK, **VBMS** CLACK, MOO

Here's what you do....

**It's not real hard...  
...Just take a card!  
Donations can be  
placed in the  
baskets below!**

**THANK  
YOU!**

This sign is located outside our church library. If you are interested in helping our Morning School, choose a card that reflects a special need that you would be willing to donate.

# DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the week is Barbara Jones. Next week is Bob Willingham.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JULY 25

### STEWARDSHIP

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Budget Offering          | \$13,977  |
| Following Christ 2 (YTD) | \$2,724   |
| YTD Budget Contributions | \$419,621 |

## A CONVENIENT OPTION FOR GIVING



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

## 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    | Mark Wood   | 957-7540 |
| Deacon Ministry   | John Kelly  | 957-3819 |
| Grief Ministry    | Nell Jones  | 960-6195 |
| Homebound         | Ann Purser  | 477-7549 |
| Media Center      | Kay Defore  | 476-9986 |
| Men’s Ministry    | Todd Smith  | 474-6333 |
| Senior Adults-XYZ | Jackie Odom | 746-1716 |
| Sunday School     | Jeane Easom | 719-1289 |