



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 23, 2022

Alice Ridgeway, organist; Don Kendrick, pianist

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude	<i>Holy Manna</i>	Young
Welcome and Invocation		Angela Blizzard
Music for Meditation	<i>By Faith</i>	arr. Larson
Scripture Reading	Psalm 36:5-10	Ben Kelly
*Hymn 1	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	NICAEA
	<i>Children are invited to come forward to organ-side on the final stanza.</i>	
Children's Sermon		Stacy Whitehead
The Lord's Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:14-16	Angela Blizzard Cliff Skelton Mary Kay Smith
Ministry of Music	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	SAB Trio
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
*Hymn 289	<i>The Servant Song</i>	Gillard
Scripture Reading	Philippians 4:14-16	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>Make This Church a Welcome Place</i>	Raney/Williams
Sermon	"The Power of Encouragement"	Richard Kremer
*Hymn Sheet	<i>Oh, How Good It Is</i>	OH HOW GOOD IT IS
*Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Pastoral Benediction		Richard Kremer
*Postlude	<i>Psalm 19</i>	Marcello

While You Were Away - Part Two



As I noted in last week's Vision column, even when we were not meeting as a congregation because of exposure to COVID-19, we had to give attention to a variety of pressing issues. Chief among those was coming up with a workable approach to handling the ubiquitous and highly contagious omicron variant of COVID-19. The Pandemic Task Force has set forth several recommendations which have been adopted by the church council. These recommendations include:

- 1) Encouraging church members to discuss with their physician about vaccines and boosters, including the flu vaccine, since flu is also rampant in our area.
- 2) Encouraging all Vineville members to assess their own comfort level as to whether or not they feel safe attending worship in person, and also to assess whether to be masked or unmasked.
- 3) Encouraging ALL children's workers, including youth, to wear a mask regardless of vaccine status. The committee recommends that these masks be medical grade rather than cloth.
- 4) Encouraging the church to continue its vigilance about our sanitation plan and air filtration plan.
- 5) Encouraging the church to maintain hand sanitation stations and soap in all bathrooms and access points.
- 6) Encouraging the church to have masks available for those who desire to wear one and forgot to bring their own.
- 7) Encouraging the choir to distance itself again, with at least a foot of space between chairs.
- 8) To maintain the policy of demanding that food service workers and servers be vaccinated and masked while serving and preparing food, especially at a time when the omicron variant of COVID-19 is so widespread.

I would add that while the church was vacant last week, the good folks from ServPro came and sanitized the entire church facility. Many thanks to the ServPro folks for rendering this service to us.

Also, during our service last Sunday, the congregation approved the formation of the Search Committee for the Part-Time Youth Minister position. The three people elected to this position of service were John Kelly, chair, Chuck Whitehead, and Kay DeFore. They covet your prayers as they undertake this important task.

Meanwhile, future church activities loom on the horizon. Next Sunday, January 30, the church will host a Fifth Sunday breakfast at 9:15 a.m., with Wil Platt leading the adult Sunday School lesson. The adults and youth will enjoy breakfast in the gym; the children will dine in the preschool children's area. Also, on the following Sunday, there will be a First Sunday fellowship in the gym, starting 9:15 a.m., too. I fully understand those of you who are leery of attending events where people are eating and drinking without masks, and I point you to the Ad Hoc Committee's advice listed above – each one of us has to assess our own comfort level concerning our interaction with others during a time when this pandemic is so widespread.

Don't forget that the Spring Consignment Sale is scheduled for Friday, February 25, and Saturday, February 26. That means we will receive items for the sale on Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20. This is always a labor-intensive enterprise, and if you can participate in any way, please contact Donna Wood or Jennifer Kelly immediately. Those who work in the sale will have opportunity to shop ahead of the other shoppers, on Thursday, February 24.

I remind those of you who don't feel comfortable worshipping with us in-person, or who simply cannot get out to attend our services, our technology team continues to make our service available to you via our livestream capabilities. Many thanks go to Charles Schaible, Gene Welch, and all of our dedicated audio-visual group who work hard to make our worship services available to the wider world. It is amazing to me how often I hear from people around the country who watch our services faithfully.

Finally, the U.S. government is making home COVID-19 tests available to the public for free. Should you desire to order such tests, you can do so at covidtests.gov.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to Eric and Angela Blizzard and their family in the death of Eric's grandmother, Mrs. Ola Wood.

XYZ

XYZ meeting will be Thursday, February 17 at 12:00 noon. Don't miss the special program and invite others to come!

Registration for Consignors is now open!

Consign with us!

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Toys, Clothing for infant to teens, uniforms, costumes, jackets, sports equipment, furniture, shoes, strollers, infant feeding, books, home decor, and almost anything else you might need for your children!



**5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST
JANUARY 30, 2022**
Youth and Adult Sunday school classes are invited to breakfast and Bible Study in the gym. Breakfast will begin at 9:15. Bible Study led by Wil Platt.

Preschoolers and children will gather for their own special breakfast and Bible Study in room S-103.



**FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP
February 6**

**Coffee and Donuts
at 9:15 am in
the Activities Building**



CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE
2 Days Only!

February 25 9:00-7:00
February 26 8:00-1:00



Contact Leigh to serve in worship care!
lhalverson@vbcmacon.org

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to MLK Holiday and the Easter holiday, both January and April Church Council meetings will be moved back a week. These meetings will be held today and April 24 after the 10:45 am worship service.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the week is Alisa Rehberg. Next week is Barbara Jones.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JANUARY 16

Budget Offering	\$23,783
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$278
YTD Budget Contributions	\$27,473

SIGNIFICANT DATES

Ash Wednesday - March 2
Daylight Saving Time Begins - March 13
March Mission Madness - March 18-20
Spring Arrives - March 20
Palm Sunday - April 10
Good Friday - April 15
Family Easter Experience - April 16
Easter - April 17 (Office closed April 18)
Mother's Day - May 8
Memorial Day - May 30 (Office closed)
Family VBS - June 12-15 (5:30-8:00 pm)
Father's Day - June 19
Youth Summer Camp - June 20-25
Church River Trip - July 14-16

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
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