

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:1, 3

Leader: *Praise the Lord! I will thank the Lord with all my heart as I meet with His godly people. Everything He does reveals His glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails.*

✠ Great God of Wonders

Great God of wonders! all Thy ways
Are matchless, Godlike and divine;
But the fair glories of Thy grace
More godlike and unrivaled shine,
More godlike and unrivaled shine.

*Who is a pard'ning God like Thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?
Who is a pard'ning God like Thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?*

In wonder lost, with trembling joy
We take the pardon of our God;
Pardon for crimes of deepest dye,
A pardon bought with Jesus' blood,
A pardon bought with Jesus' blood.

O may this strange, this matchless grace,
This godlike miracle of love,
Fill the whole earth with grateful praise,
And all th'angelic choirs above,
And all th'angelic choirs above.

✠ Invocation

Reading of the Law

The 8th Commandment

Leader: *Thou shall not steal. What does this mean?*

People: We should so fear and love God as not to take our neighbor's money or property, nor get it by false ware or dealing, but help him improve and protect his property and livelihood. (Luther's Small Catechism)

✠Those who are able, please stand.

If Not For You

Each day I wake, I think again
Of all You've done for me.
To keep me out of Satan's hell
For all eternity.
If not for You, I'd soon be lost
Inside a lake of fire.
But thanks to You, someday I'll sing
Inside an angel choir.

If not for You, my sin would crush
My mind with guilt and doubt.
If not for You, my sin would chew
Me up, and spit me out.
If not for You, my life would be
A giant mountain of shame.
But thanks to You, that mountain's gone,
And now I shout Your name.

*Hallelujah for Christ, the Lamb!
Glory, honor and praise
Be to Jesus, the great I Am.
Hallelujah for Christ!*

If not for You, I'd have no hope;
No peace with God for me.
If not for You, a second death
Would be my destiny.
But thanks to You, I know the joy
Of having God as my Friend.
And thanks to You, I get to know
A Love that has no end. (Chorus)

If not for You, I'd sink to depths
I never thought I would.
If not for You, I'd sin the sins
I never thought I could.
But thanks to You, I'm not the sum
Of every sin that I've done.
No, I'm the sum of every part
Of Jesus Christ, God's Son. (Chorus)

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 3:5-6

Leader: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His*

will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

Leader: *The grass withers and the flowers fade,*

People: But the Word of our God remains forever.

Prayer

✠ Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may
not see;
Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth
and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

✠ New Testament Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Leader: *Man shall not live by bread alone,*

People: But by every Word that proceeds from
the mouth of God.

Sermon

Rev. Bud Griffith

Colossians Recap, Marks of a Healthy Church (Col. 1:3-8)

✠ Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ All My Boast is in Jesus

What wonder of wonders, what love is this
That Christ would die for me!
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness,
This sinner's only plea.
O foolish pride, be crucified,
The work is finished.

*All my boast is in Jesus,
All my hope is His love,
And I will glory forever,
In what the cross has done.*

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled
With graces undeserved.
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill,
Let praises now return.
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord,
Who else is worthy?

I boast not in riches, in strength, or might
But in the grace of God.
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ,
In plenty or in want.
That I may know, that all may see
His pow'r within me.

Now I stand in this freedom,
Ransomed, clean in His sight.
Oh, and I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ! (x3)

✠ Benediction

Announcements

Soup Dinner! Join us after the Morning Worship Service this morning for a time of food and fellowship.

Session Meeting: Sunday the 26th after the Morning Worship Service.

Home Care Groups! If you are interested in being part of a Home Group sign up on the sheet on the back table.

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday. See Deon Louw.

Greer Community Ministries: Please bring nonperishable items to help those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

Miracle Hill Overcomers: Please remember to bring coffee and dry coffee supplies for the Overcomers

The Womens Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 10-11:30 am at the church. *Rejoicing in Christ* by Michael Reeves is the study this fall. Contact Deb Redding at dkredding@verizon.net for further information.

The Tuesday Morning Study Group will resume the Life of Peter series at 10:00.

Sunday School: Reason to Believe Do Christians Have Good Answers for the Really Tough Questions? Dr. R.C. Sproul believes they do. In this unique book, he deals with the most common objections to the truths of the Christian faith, including: Has science disproved the existence of God? Will non-Christians who never hear of Christ go to hell? Is it narrow-minded and bigoted to believe Christ is only one way to God? Isn't Christianity just a crutch for people who can't handle life's pressures? How does the church explain all its hypocrites? Reason to Believe is a superb resource for those in visitation and calling programs, and a must for anyone who wants to do more than scratch the surface of Christian truths. The books are on the back table.

Please pray for our missionaries. Calvary Home for Children; Frontline Missions India (George);

Frontline Missions China (Hansen); Miracle Hill; Peru Missions; Christians Teaching Christians

Join us for breakfast on Tuesday January 28th at 9:00 AM at Southern Manners restaurant in Landrum. The address is 2915 Hwy 14 E, Landrum, SC 29356

Miracle Hill Ministries is having their annual fundraising banquet on Tuesday, March 11th at 6:30pm at the Greenville Convention Center. Please consider this great opportunity to learn more about the ministry; hear stories of what God is doing; and support the ministry with a donation. There is no cost to attend, and MH will have two tables reserved BRPC attendees. Please let Tim or Laurie Brown know you are interested in attending.

Opportunities for worship, edification and fellowship:

- Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m.
- Women's Bible Study and Fellowship, meets the first and third Monday morning of the month at the church. See Deb Redding for details.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. The last Tuesday of each month is set aside for a time of fellowship and we go to breakfast or lunch. See Doug Redding for details.
- Wonderful Wednesday Dinner meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the church.
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets the 2nd Saturday of each month here at the church at 8:00 a.m. See Tom Pratt for details.



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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Season of Epiphany

January 19, 2024
10:30 a.m.

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers
and want fellowship;
to all who hunger
and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

