



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ann Caldwell, organist; Charles Schaible, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

COMMUNION SUNDAY
AUGUST 12, 2018
8:30 AND 10:45 AM

Prelude	<i>March in G</i>	Smart
Welcome		Richard Kremer
Music for Meditation	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>	arr. Smith
All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.		
Invocation		Jackie Fry
*Hymn 471	<i>Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i>	RESTORATION
Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza.		
Children's Sermon		Carol Lincoln
The Lord's Prayer		
Presentation of New Members		Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>	Kelly Graves
Scripture Reading	Psalm 145:3-13	Angela Blizzard Leigh Halverson
*Hymn 325	<i>Great Is the Lord</i>	GREAT IS THE LORD
Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love. Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory. Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice! Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!		
<i>(Repeat verse above)</i>		
Great are You Lord, and worthy of glory; Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise. Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice. Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!		
*Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>Sanctus</i>	Gounod
Scripture Reading	Acts 17:22-28	Richard Kremer

Ministry of Music	<i>Worthy of Worship</i>	arr. Fettke
Homily	"Religion or Relationship"	Richard Kremer
Invitation to the Table and Celebration of Communion		
*Hymn of Response 163	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>	WORDS OF LIFE
Celebrations and Concerns		Richard Kremer
*Pastoral Benediction		Richard Kremer
* Congregational Benediction	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	MALOTTE, alt.
*Postlude	<i>You Shall Go Out with Joy</i>	Wagner

The Feeling of Failure

I have been blessed by God with the privilege of enriching and sustaining lives through sharing the Spirit of Christ with them. Yet the situations I remember most are instances of devastating failure. Melissa and I experienced such a failure just a few weeks ago.

On a Saturday in mid-July we received a call that a young woman in her early-20's was found dead in her apartment. The circumstances of her death remain mysterious, but she had battled a lot of demons in her short life. She had struggled with depression, alcoholism, anorexia and her sexual identity. She was also our beloved, unofficially adopted daughter. Her name was Mariah.

We encountered Mariah when she was in eighth grade. At that time she was so shy and silent that some in the church didn't know she could speak. But under the nurture and encouragement of a host of people, especially Melissa, she blossomed into a confident young lady.

She had a pure servant heart. When Melissa was incapacitated by shoulder surgery, Mariah arranged her office and ran errands for her. I was commissioner of Rome's Upward Soccer League, and Mariah made my job possible. She was everywhere, setting up nets, subbing for a missing coach, consoling a crying child. A Vietnamese orphan, adopted by an American family as an infant, Mariah probably never weighed more than 80 pounds. But because she was so diminutive, little children trusted her. We called her "The Pied Piper," because kids followed her around like ducklings after a mother hen.

Probably the most embarrassed highlight of Mariah's life was when I called her on stage before hundreds of kids and their families to present her with a gift in recognition of the lives she had touched in her years of work in Upward Soccer. The auditorium erupted in praise. Until that moment she had never sensed how many lives she had impacted. In fact, I'm not sure she ever did.

I want to share with you excerpts from a Facebook tribute she wrote to Melissa and me on the eve of her leaving for college, because it highlights for me why I find our ministry rewarding, yet so heart-breaking.

"So . . . there are these two people . . . and I really don't know how to describe them. They are amazing people. They are smart and funny at times, but they're also weird at times. But not in a bad way at all. They are supportive and caring and loving. They showed me that people care and love me, even if I don't see it or want to realize it. They are always there when I need them and will listen to anything I say, even when I'm angry. . . . They have showed me more love and compassion and understanding than anyone I have ever known, even when I don't deserve it. They have never given up on me, even when I gave up on myself.

"I don't know if I'd even still be alive if I hadn't met them. I know this is not goodbye to them, but it feels like I'll be gone forever without them. . . . Anyway, I'm glad I met them. I am glad they have been a part of my life. I'm grateful they have impacted my life the way they have. Through their actions and non-actions. By just being there. For saying the right things when I needed to hear them. Or even just sitting there and lending a listening, non-judgmental ear. And for that, I am grateful that by chance I met the Kremers in a time of my life when I was really down and needed someone like them. . . . So for now, as I go off to college, I will say goodnight to them, but never goodbye. . . . And I will never know how to repay them for everything they have done for me. I will miss you two very much, but we will see each other again. I love y'all Goodnight."

Goodnight, Mariah. We miss you very much, too. You are right, we will meet again. But not on this earth. And that hurts. But may you find a peace in God's heaven that you never found on God's earth.

A word from your pastor,
Dr Richard Kremer

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of Bob Henderson for his birthday on August 8 by his family.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to Durward Mercer and his family in the death of his mother, Grace Howard Mercer.

IN MEMORIUM

Grace Mercer
September 2, 1918 - August 3, 2018

LADIES LUNCH

We will have a Ladies' Lunch on August 13 at 11:30 am at Panera Bread.

VBC Kids



Children's choirs, Mission Friends, and Kingdom Kids will resume August 15!

YOUTH

Today: Ultimate Frisbee at 4:00 pm! We will meet at VBC and travel to Amerson Park for some frisbee competition. Youth families are welcome to join us as well! Youth can be picked up at VBC at 6:00 pm.

Wednesday: Youth Bible study returns as we kickoff with a study of the book of Nehemiah in the youth room at 6:30 pm. We are excited to integrate musical worship more regularly into our youth Bible study time, and we are grateful to Eric Blizzard for leading us on guitar.

Next Sunday: Youth choir begins at 4:00 pm in the choir room! All 7th through 12th graders are welcome – each voice adds and is important! Dinner and devotion are from 5:00-6:15 pm. We are excited to kick off our Sunday night activities for the fall, and we are also excited that CBF Youth Choir Festival is back in the state of Georgia again, February 15th -17th!

FALL BAZAAR...A COMING ATTRACTION

Fall Bazaar Steering Committee Meeting is Sunday, August 26 at 4:00 pm in Room M-106.

Fall Bazaar...a Coming Attraction

School is starting back and fall will soon be in the air which means our Fall Bazaar is also around the corner! Be thinking about your favorite recipe to sell in our Bazaar Bakery Shoppe.

Spaghetti supper tickets will be available for purchase soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15

Children's Choirs and Programs Resume

August 23-25

VBC Fall Consignment Sale

September 17

44th Annual Tournament of Champions

September 28-29

Fall Bazaar

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, August 12

- 8:30 AM Early Service
- 9:15 AM Media Library
- 9:35 AM Bible Study
- 10:45 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Youth Ultimate Frisbee

Monday, August 13

No Activities

Tuesday, August 14

No Activities

Wednesday, August 15

- 9:00 AM Media Library
- 5:30 PM Vineville Brass
- 5:30 PM Family Supper
- 6:00 PM Children's Choirs
- 6:15 PM Media Library
- 6:30 PM Family Worship
- 6:40 PM Mission Friends
- 6:40 PM Kingdom Kids
- 6:45 PM Youth Bible Study
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 16

- 12:00 PM XYZ Meeting

Friday, August 17

- 6:00 PM No Activities

Sunday, August 19

- 8:30 AM Early Service
- 9:15 AM Media Library
- 9:35 AM Bible Study
- 10:45 AM Worship
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir
- 5:00 PM SNYF

SOUND, LIGHTS, AND VIDEO

August 12

Early Service 8:30 am

House: Gene Welch
Broadcast: Jeff Cox
Video: Kevin Clark

Morning Worship 10:45 am

House: Wade Wilbourn
Broadcast: Willie Jones
Video: Kevin Clark



VBC FALL/WINTER CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

AUGUST 23-25

THURSDAY: 9:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY: 12:00-6:00 P.M.

SATURDAY: 8:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

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VINEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 2591 VINEVILLE AVE. MACON

Volunteers Needed for the VBC Fall/Winter Consignment Sale

Our Consignment Sale will be August 23-25 and we need volunteers. If you can help with the sale, please sign up by visiting our website:
www.consignment@vbcmacon.org
or contact Cheryl Lee: 955-2448

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Scrap Ladson. Next week is Norma Thompson.

REPORT AS OF AUGUST 5

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	175
8:30 Worship	30
10:45 Worship	188

STEWARDSHIP AS OF JUNE 24

Budget Offering	\$26,679
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$45,770

YTD Budget Contributions	\$481,553
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OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Angela Blizzard	Minister of Music
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Leigh Halverson	Minister to Family and 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	Todd Smith	474-6333
Deacon Ministry	Kathy Kendrick	256-3468
Grief Ministry	Nell Jones	960-6195
Homebound	Ann Purser	477-7549
Media Center	Carol Lincoln	743-9366
Men's Ministry	Todd Smith	474-6333
Missions	Jim Jones	757-8411
Senior Adults-XYZ	Jackie Odom	746-1716
Sunday School	Jeane Easom	719-1289
Women's Ministry	Susan Milam	714-0545