



# Vineville

## Baptist Church



### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 14, 2019

10:45 AM

Ann Caldwell, organist; Jane Self, pianist  
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

### PALM SUNDAY

Prelude	<i>Psalm XIX</i>	Marcello
Welcome		Richard Kremer
Music for Celebration	<i>There Is a Name I Love to Hear</i>	Vineville Brass Ensemble
	All are encouraged to use this time as intentional preparation for the worship of God.	
Invocation		Don Kendrick
*Hymn 172	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	ELLACOMBE
	Children are invited to gather at the front after the last stanza.	
Children's Sermon		Melissa Kremer
The Lord's Prayer		
Ministry of Music	<i>Hallelujah, Sing Hosanna!</i>	Preschool Choir
	Palestinian folk tune	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 21:1-11	Leigh Halverson Vanessa Henry
Ministry of Music	<i>Antiphonal Hosanna</i>	arr. Schrader
	Treble Maker Choir, Youth Choir, and Adult Sanctuary Choir	
Pastoral Prayer		Richard Kremer
*Hymn 175	<i>All Glory Laud and Honor</i>	ST. THEODULPH
*Offertory Prayer		Angela Blizzard
Offertory	<i>Pavane</i>	Faurè
Scripture Reading	John 13:3-8	Richard Kremer
Ministry of Music	<i>Praise His Holy Name</i>	Hampton
Sermon	<b>"The God Who Stoops"</b>	Richard Kremer
*Hymn 323	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	HOW GREAT THOU ART

\*Celebrations and Concerns

Richard Kremer

\*Pastoral Benediction

Richard Kremer

\*Postlude

*Crown Imperial*

Walton

**Musical Guests:**

Jon Grizzle, tuba

Dominique Lane, trumpet 1

Emily Hall, percussion

## THE PROMISES OF JESUS

Throughout this coming week we will experience Jesus' journey to the cross by following the Passion of Christ as related by the Gospel of John. Much of John's version of Holy Week involves Jesus' words to his disciples in the upper room. We will hear all of those words as we read aloud the text of Jesus' farewell address to his friends.

Our Holy Wednesday service, which begins at 6:45 pm, will be held in the sanctuary and will remind us that our God is ever present with us in the form of the Holy Spirit. We often think of the Gospel of John as centered on the person of Jesus, but one of John's chief emphases is how the Holy Spirit of Christ is always present in our lives seeking to nurture us. Jesus makes this point explicitly to us in his promise, "I will not leave you desolate."

Our Maundy Thursday observance will begin at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Even as we engage in intinction communion, we will also explore what Christ means when he promises us, "I am the true vine." What does it mean to abide in Christ and to have Christ abide in us? The term "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin translation of Jesus' words, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." The Latin word for commandment is "mandatum" (from which we get the word "mandate.") The word "Maundy" is derived from that Latin word "mandatum."

On Good Friday, at 7 pm in the sanctuary, we will observe our Tenebrae service. On Christmas Eve, amidst great fanfare and joy, we lit the Christ candle and our own candles, symbolizing the Advent of the Light into the world. Now, on Good Friday, we will symbolize the extinguishing of the Light as we individually and collectively snuff our candles to commemorate the death of our Lord. Even as we engage in this service that notes that awful moment when the world was plunged into the darkness of Godforsakenness, we will explore the paradox of our Lord's positive promise, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world!"

Easter Saturday brings our Easter Eggstravaganza. The hours of the hunt are 11 am - 1 pm. We will have free food, all manner of activities for the young and young at heart, and inflatables fit for all ages and sizes. Leigh and her committed confederates have stuffed 5,000 eggs! Now we need children to come collect them. We will have a separate hunt for the younger children, so they aren't trampled in the thundering herds. Of course, this is a superb event for inviting friends and neighbors! We look forward to a great day. And thanks to everyone who provided Easter candy!

Easter Sunday will culminate our week of spiritual renewal with a celebration of Christ's ultimate promise, "I am the Resurrection and the Life!" Make every effort to be in attendance throughout this intense time of focus upon how God has acted in the world to bring reconciliation and hope unto us all. This, of course, will be a combined service, at 10:45 am.

I appreciate Norma Thompson leading us in a review of our revised By-Laws in our called church conference on Wednesday, April 3. We will present these revised By-Laws for a congregational vote at our regularly-scheduled church conference on Wednesday, May 8.

In all of the years I've been doing the Pastor's Pick-em, I've never crowned a repeat winner in consecutive years. I can no longer say that. Congratulations, for the second year in a row, to Frieda Byrd!

A word from your pastor,  
Dr. Richard Kremer

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Mollie Fincher in loving memory of her parents, Douglas Brice Fincher and Annie Laurie Fincher and brother, Doug Fincher, Jr.

## SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to the following families:

Jim and Barbara Jones and their family in the death of Barbara's niece, Casey Cole.

Gene and Reba Heirs and their family in the death of her brother, Robert Nesbitt.

Elizabeth Freeney McGehee, daughter of Dale Freeney, both long-time former church members.

## YOUTH

**Today:** Youth choir at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm, and devotion on John 17 until 6:15 pm. We will also have a "disgusting" Easter candy blind taste test!

**Wednesday:** We will join with the rest of the church for our Holy Wednesday service at 6:45 pm following family supper.

**Next Sunday:** No youth evening activities. Hope you all have a joyful and worshipful Easter!

**Youth-led Evening Worship:** On May 5th, our youth will be leading us in a worship service including multiple songs, scripture, prayer time, and a dramatic reading. This will be an informal service and people of all ages are invited and encouraged to come experience this time of worship together and to support our youth. Congregation participation will be welcome throughout the service as this is not a performance but it is an opportunity to be led in worship by our youth. The youth will also host a "Breakfast for Dinner" meal prior to the service, and please let us know if you are planning to attend! Please sign up on Facebook or outside the guest reception area. The breakfast dinner will begin at 5:30 pm, and the worship time will begin around 6:00 pm.

## CHAT AND CHILL WITH MS. LEIGH AT MACON SWIRL

1st Sunday - Kindergarten at 4:00 pm

2nd Sunday - 4th-6th grades at 3:30 pm

3rd Sunday - 1st-3rd grades at 3:30 pm

## PANHANDLE MISSIONS

We need three more applicants for the mission trip to Marianna, Florida, June 2-5. We will assist with hurricane clean-up from Hurricane Michael. Individuals and families are welcome to serve, and you can find more information outside the guest reception area. The trip is hosted by CBFGA, Florida, and Alabama, and the cost for the trip is \$200 per person, which covers hotel, travel, and multiple meals. Submit applications to Angela Blizzard.

## XYZ

The XYZ program on April 18 at 12:00 pm will be 40 voices of A Joyful Sound, a home school choir under the direction of Robin Henning. You will not want to miss this very talented choir!

## MORNING SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Morning School is currently taking applications for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. For additional information, contact Tonya Boyd. Email: [tboyd@vbcmacon.org](mailto:tboyd@vbcmacon.org) or phone: 743-9366.

## A CONVENIENT OPTION FOR GIVING



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 17 6:45 pm**  
Holy Week Wednesday

**April 18 7:00 pm**  
Maundy Thursday Service

**April 19 7:00 pm**  
Tenebrae Service

**April 20 11:00 am**  
Easter Egg Hunt

**April 21**  
Easter Service  
One Service 10:45 am

**April 28**  
Deacon Ordination  
One Service 10:45 am

### Fall Bazaar

Our 2019 Fall Bazaar will be Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12. Mark your calendar!

## THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

### Sunday, April 14

8:30 AM No Early Service  
9:15 AM Media Library  
9:35 AM Bible Study  
10:45 AM Palm Sunday Worship  
2:30 PM Handbells  
4:00 PM Youth Choir  
5:00 PM SNYF

### Monday, April 15

No Activities

### Tuesday, April 16

10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class

### Wednesday, April 17

9:00 AM Media Library  
5:30 PM Vineville Brass  
5:30 PM Family Supper  
6:00 PM Preschool & Children's Choirs  
6:45 PM Holy Week Wednesday  
6:45 PM Mission Friends  
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 18

10:30 AM Exercise/Stretching Class  
12:00 PM XYZ Meeting  
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

### Friday, April 19

7:00 PM Tenebrae Service

### Saturday, April 20

11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

### Sunday, April 21

8:30 AM No Early Service  
9:15 AM Media Library  
9:35 AM Bible Study  
10:45 AM Easter Sunday Worship

## REGISTER ONLINE!

On our website, [www.vbcmacon.org](http://www.vbcmacon.org) you can register for Vacation Bible School, June 10-14. Click on Calendar and Upcoming Events to access the link. The theme for Vacation Bible School is *To Mars and Beyond*. Join us as we explore where God's power can take you!

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Richard Purser. Next week is Mike Sharpe.

## REPORT AS OF APRIL 7

### ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	201
8:30 Worship	38
10:45 Worship	205

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Offering	\$25,862
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$4,110

YTD Budget Contributions     \$222,798

## 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	Todd Smith	474-6333
Deacon Ministry	Kathy Kendrick	256-3468
Grief Ministry	Nell Jones	960-6195
Homebound	Ann Purser	477-7549
Media Center	Kay Defore	476-9986
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