

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Ann Caldwell, organist; Charlotte Bearden, pianist
Vineville Brass, Kelly Graves, director

CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 22, 2015 AT 10:45 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Richard Kremer

Music for Meditation *Jesus Shall Reign with Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. Schram

Invocation

Mark Wood

*Hymn 378

We Gather Here in Grateful Praise TRURO
Children are invited to gather at the front as we sing the final stanza

Children's Sermon

Melissa Kremer

The Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music

Good, Good Father Barrett/Brown
Anna Jones, guitar; Shanna Mattson, djembe

Scripture Reading

Psalm 148

Gyora Novak

Pastoral Prayer

Richard Kremer

*Hymn 377

There Is a Redeemer GREEN

Offertory Prayer

Angela Blizzard

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth arr. Raney

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

Richard Kremer

Ministry of Music

In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him arr. Larson
Mary Catherine O'Neal, flute; Faith Ann Stich, clarinet

Sermon

"You're Welcome"

Richard Kremer

*Hymn of Response 372

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Celebrations and Concerns

Richard Kremer

*Benediction

Richard Kremer

Postlude

Fantasia on 'Come, Thou Almighty King' Ashdown

JUST BE HERE!

Apparently, last Sunday's message had a deep and wide impact. A number of you have come to me in the last few days to say, 'What can we do?' My answer is consistent: make worship a priority, be generous and sacrificial in your stewardship, live with an eye to finding those who need an invitation to God's banquet table, and be thinking of ways in which we can intensify our local mission so as to make a greater impact for Christ in our community. If we utilize the weapons of the Spirit, we can win the Lord's battles.

There is something else you can do: be here the Sunday of Hanging of the Green, December 6. Plan to arrive early and enjoy a wonderful breakfast. We will have a breakfast buffet available for you by 8:15 am and will keep serving until 9:15 am. (Breakfast is free.) Sunday School will follow, then we will gather in the sanctuary for our Hanging of the Green observance. I have challenged our deacons to be there with their families, and I ask our Sunday School teachers to encourage their members to make this celebratory moment a priority.

I liken a church to a restaurant. If you go to a restaurant filled with people obviously enjoying themselves, a restaurant that conveys an ambiance of excitement, a restaurant that evokes a warm and convivial atmosphere, you are likely to say, 'This is a restaurant to which I must return.' One of my aims is to create services that convey the message, 'This is an exciting, active family of God whose worship is engaging. I must return here.' Events like Hanging of the Green, where all of our choirs participate, where every age group has an opportunity to help decorate the sanctuary, where we can witness the sanctuary being adorned with celebratory signs of our relishing of the Christ gift, such moments have an irresistible electricity to them. Such services can create momentum that leads to a spiritual movement of growth and vitality. So be here on December 6th. Please!

Don't forget to pick up your Advent booklet next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent. I can think of no better way to punctuate the Thanksgiving weekend than to engage in communion, a communal act of gratitude unto God for giving us the gift of redemption through the ministry of his Son. Plan to take a moment to attend the new member reception to welcome our newest members who will be presented on that day. Remember, we will combine services at 10:45 am.

Take note of our usual Advent observances: the children and youth will present a choral program on Wednesday, December 9. The children enjoy breakfast with Mary and Joseph on Saturday, December 12. Our adult choir will present their Christmas cantata, *The Thrill of Hope*, on Sunday, December 13, at 3 pm, with a reception given by the XYZs to follow. And our "Carols, Candles and Communion Service," will be at 5 pm on Christmas Eve.

Note also a new December event: on the Wednesday of December 16, our last Mid-Week Fellowship of 2015, we will give you an opportunity to present your own gift to the church. Come that night to read a poem, sing a song, read a story (if it's not too long), tell a story, share a recipe, or offer a Christmas prayer. We are calling the night an "Offering of Gifts." Also, on that night I am asking you to prepare an offering of food, a heavy hors-d'oeuvre or favorite dessert. Collectively, we will "cook our own supper" that night. It should be a delightful evening.

A word from your pastor,
Dr. Richard Kremer

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian sympathy to the following families: The family of Damon King. Chris Inhulsen in the death of his mother, Jane. Greg and Lisa Winters in the death of Lisa's grandmother, Lila Odom.

POINSETTIAS

The deadline for purchasing your poinsettia is tomorrow. The cost is \$20 and you may take your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve Service.

NATIVITY SCENES

The deadline for bringing your nativity set by the church office is tomorrow. Remember to include your name, phone number, and country of origin.

VBC 125TH ANNIVERSARY

As a part of next year's 125th Anniversary, we were thinking of a tableau or short play featuring highlights of Vineville Baptist Church's rich history. If anyone is interested in organizing this, please call Carol Lincoln.

ADULTS ON MISSION

Adults on Mission will meet December 8 at 10:30 am in Room M-106. Our speaker will be Vivian Blackerby. June Smith is preparing a meal which will be served after the meeting at a cost of \$6. Reservations are not necessary.

XYZ UPCOMING EVENTS

The Sanctuary Choir will present “The Thrill of Hope” Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 pm. Please join us for a special Christmas presentation by our adult choir, brass, and handbells in our beautifully decorated sanctuary. Afterwards, you are invited to the Activities Building for a time of fellowship and light refreshments. We welcome your attendance to this church-wide event and we ask that you sign your name and any guests that you might like to bring at our next XYZ meeting on November 19.

YOUTH

This afternoon: We will have youth choir at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm, and will be practicing our Christmas skits and creative movement from 5:30-6:15 pm. The next Sunday (after Thanksgiving), we will be having youth choir, dinner, and visiting Clisby Towers again to play games and share in food fellowship (yummy pies!) with the residents. Many of them may or may not have seen family for Thanksgiving, so we want to make sure they receive some love this holiday!

Jittery Joes: Youth will hang out at Jittery Joe’s (Mercer Village) on Tuesday, November 24 from 6:30-7:30 pm for some tasty hot beverages. Students will need to bring money, and friends are always welcome and encouraged! There will be no youth activities on Wednesday, November 25.

December 6th: The youth choir will participate in the Hanging of the Green service on Sunday morning, December 6 (time details to follow). At 3:00 pm that afternoon, youth will meet in the Vineville Parking lot (dressed in Christmas garb) to carol for the Vineville Tour of Homes event. Willing adult singers are welcome to join us as well! We will have our final youth choir rehearsal of the year at 4:00 pm to finalize our songs for the Children’s and Youth Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 9.

MISSION FRIENDS

Mission Friends will not meet on Wednesday, November 25. Happy Thanksgiving!

KINGDOM KIDS

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and we will see everyone on Wednesday December 2nd at 6:00 pm to prepare for singing in church on December 6th and 9th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 22
Thanksgiving Celebration
after the 10:45 am service

December 6
Advent Breakfast
8:15-9:30 am
Hanging of the Green
10:45 am

December 9
Children's Choirs Christmas Program
7:00 pm

December 12
Breakfast with Mary and Joseph
8:30 am

December 13
Sanctuary Choir presents
The Thrill of Hope
3:00 pm
Reception to follow

December 24
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Communion
6:00 pm

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Our Thanksgiving Celebration will be after the 10:45 service today. If you are visiting with us this morning, it would be our pleasure to have you join us for the meal.

ATTENTION LADIES

The ladies' Armor of God Bible Study begins Thursday, January 7. We will be meeting weekly for seven weeks at 12 noon in Room M-106. Bring your lunch and we will prepare for the battle! You may purchase study guides at Lifeway for \$12.99. For questions, contact Sandra Higgison at: Shiggison2@gmail.com or 478-742-1990.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will not meet again until Tuesday, February 2, 2016. Until then, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year!

THIS WEEK AT VINEVILLE

Sunday, November 22

8:30 am No Early Service
9:15 am Media Library
9:35 am Bible Study
10:45 am Worship
12:00 pm Thanksgiving Celebration
2:30 pm Handbells
4:00 pm Youth Choir
5:00 pm SNYF

Monday, November 23

No Activities

Tuesday, November 24

No Activities

Wednesday, November 25

No Activities

Thursday, November 26

Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

Office Closed

Sunday, November 29

8:30 am No Early Service
9:15 am Media Library
9:35 am Bible Study
10:45 am Celebration of Communion
12:00 pm New Member Reception
2:30 pm Handbells
4:00 pm Youth Choir
5:00 pm SNYF

DEACON OF THE WEEK

The Deacon of the Week is Charles Schaible. Next week is Wil Platt.

FOOD PANTRY

The food item we will be collecting for November is canned vegetables.

REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 15

ATTENDANCE

Bible Study	229
8:30 Worship	30
10:45 Worship	230

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Gifts	\$14,380
Budget Gifts (YTD)	\$765,170
Budget Required (YTD)	\$988,903
YTD% Budget Giving	77.4%
Following Christ 2 (YTD)	\$16,800

OUR STAFF

Richard Kremer	Pastor
Jeff Allred	Minister of Music
Loyd Landrum	Minister of Music Emeritus
Angela Blizzard	Minister to Youth
Peggy Jones	Financial Administrator
Jody Thornton	Administrative Assistant
Ginny Ferguson	Receptionist
Sandra Head	Music Ministry Coordinator
Tonia Boyd	Weekday Morning School

OUR LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council	John Fry, Jr.	477-1295
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