

Prelude and Meditation for Worship

O Father, what joy it brings to my heart to come before You in this sacred assembly each Lord's Day. May I always be mindful of the innumerable blessings that You have so bountifully poured out upon me. O Lord, grant me a heart today that seeks to honor You alone, to give You the glory and praise that is Yours alone with great zeal and complete abandon, knowing that You are worthy of my all, not only in worship but in every moment of my life. I thank You this day that I can come into Your presence boldly because of the finished work of my loving Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive now my personal confession of sin as I prepare to join with my brothers and sisters in this sacred and holy service of Divine worship.

Call to Worship

Psalms 37:39-40

Pastor: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;

People: He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

Pastor: The Lord helps them and delivers them;

People: He delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.

Confession of Sin

We acknowledge our need of forgiveness and renewal through the cleansing blood of Christ.

Corporate Confession: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found. (*Psalms 32: 3, 5-6a*)

[Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon

We are reminded of the promises of God in Christ.

With You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. *Psalms 130:4*

Immortal, Invisible

No. 25, The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious – Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest – to both great and small,
In all life Thou livest – the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render – O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Scripture Reading ~ Psalm 136

We will read this chapter as the Israelites did in worship – back and forth to each other. Half the congregation will say the first part of the verse and the other half will respond with the last part.

See Insert.

Prayer of the People

I Cried With My Heart

Psalms 110:145-152

No. 130, "Psalm Selections for Singing"

I cried with my heart; O Jehovah, give ear;
Thy statutes I'll ever obey.
I've called Thee, and Thy testimonies I'll keep
O save me to walk in Thy way.

I rose ere the dawn of the morning and cried,
My hope by Thy promises stirred.
And ere the night watches were passed I awoke
To meditate still on Thy word.

In Thy lovingkindness give ear to my voice;
As promised, O Lord, quicken me.
They come ever closer who evil pursue,
Who stray from Thy law and from Thee.

But Thou, O Jehovah, art nigh unto me,
And true is Thine every command.
From Thy testimonies I'm certain Thou hast
Established them ever to stand.

Confession of Faith

Taken from the Belgic Confession of Faith

We believe that God—Who is perfectly merciful and also very just—sent His Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by His most bitter passion and death. We find all comforts in His wounds and have no need to seek or invent any other means to reconcile ourselves with God than this one and only sacrifice, once made, which renders believers perfect forever.

I Am Confident

No. 6, in the black binder

Where God begins His gracious work,
That work He will complete,
For 'round the objects of His love,
All pow'r and mercy meet.
Though man may change his fleeting mind
And fail in his intent;
God is above the pow'r of change –
He never can repent.

*I am confident, confident of this—
Since He began this work of grace in me
He will finish it until the day of Christ
When sin will die for all eternity!
I am confident, confident of this.*

Each object of His love is sure
To reach the heav'nly goal;
For neither sin nor Satan can
Destroy the blood-washed soul.
Though Satan, flesh, and unbelief
Believers may assail,
Soon they will conquer, in His pow'r
For Jesus will prevail.

The precious blood that Jesus gave
Cannot be shed in vain;
The soul on Christ believing must
With Christ forever reign.
When waves of doubt and trials come,
Believers will stand fast
For buoyed by the Savior's arms
They'll make it home at last.

Preaching of the Word ~ Rev. Bud Griffith
The Goodness of God (Psalm 136:1)

Hymn of Communion: Behold the Lamb
No. 8, in the black binder

See Insert.

Communion

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

No. 64, The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

*O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the
Lord make His face to shine upon you and be
gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance
upon you and give you peace.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

Please join us!

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer	7:00 p.m.

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Last week's offering: \$ 3,262.00
Needed Each Week: \$ 3,452.00

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Morning Worship

November 5, 2017

Blue Ridge 
Presbyterian Church

Right now counts ... forever

Welcome

to Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 5, 2017



To our Visitors:

We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your worship with us this morning. If you have any questions please see the Pastor after the worship service.



REMINDER:

Please be sure to “mute” your cell phones and other electronic devices during the worship service. Thank you!



Sunday Nursery Workers

Nov. 5 McKenna Motte

Nov. 12 Laurie Brown



Missionary of the Week

Calvary Home for Children

Anderson, SC

We encourage our Sunday School classes to pray for the Calvary Home for Children today, and we ask that you remember them in prayer throughout the week as well.

Save the Date, Ladies!

Our annual Christmas Brunch will be held Saturday, December 9th. Details to come.



Sunday Evening Bible Study

Join us tonight as we begin a study on Kevin DeYoung's book entitled **Crazy Busy**. This book offers reflections on Scriptural teaching about time and priorities that help us, in the midst of our challenges and limitations, to redeem our time and make right now count forever



Thank You!

Thanks so much to all of you who made items and helped with the Big Thursday fundraiser for Greer Community Ministries.



Ladies Fellowship

Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Women Encouraging Others meets every Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. for Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship. **Beginning November 10th, we will be meeting at the church.** For more information, call or text Kim Matthews at 864-444-3371.



Wednesday Bible Study

Join us at 7:00 p.m., as we begin a study of The Lord's Prayer. Central to our fellowship with God, our prayer life is affected by what we believe about God. Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr. shows that the pattern of prayer that Jesus provides is a perfect guide for our own lives.

Join Us For Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner!

Wednesday,
November 15th
6:30 p.m.



The Church will provide the turkey and dressing. Please sign up to bring a couple of side dishes, salads and/or desserts to help with the meal.

Please note that we will not have Prayer Meeting or the Blue Ridge Bible Buddies on the Wednesday, November 22nd.



Deacons' Fund Offering

After the worship service, one of the deacons will be at the back of the church to collect money for the benevolent needs in our church and the community.



Family of the Week

The Motte Family ~

David, Linda and McKenna

305 Watercourse Way, Greer 29651

We encourage you to pray for the Motte family this week. Please feel free to call or send them a note of encouragement.



Joint Meeting ~ 4:00 p.m.

We will have a joint meeting today to form the 2018 church budget.

Scripture Reading ~ Psalm 136

We will read this chapter as the Israelites did in worship – back and forth to each other. Half the congregation will say the first part of the verse and the other half will respond with the last part.

Left side: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
Right side: For His steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the God of gods,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: To him who alone does great wonders,
R: for his steadfast love endures forever;

L: To him who by understanding made the heavens,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: To him who spread out the earth above the waters,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: To him who made the great lights,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: The sun to rule over the day,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: The moon and stars to rule over the night,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: And brought Israel out from among them,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: With a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: To him who divided the Red Sea in two,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: And made Israel pass through the midst of it,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea

R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: To him who led his people through the wilderness

R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: To him who struck down great kings,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: And killed mighty kings,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: Sihon, king of the Amorites,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: And Og, king of Bashan,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: And gave their land as a heritage,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: A heritage to Israel his servant,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever.

L: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: And rescued us from our foes,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever;

L: He who gives food to all flesh,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the God of heaven,
R: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn of Communion: Behold the Lamb

No. 8, in the black binder

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of **peace**
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of **love**
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of **grace**
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.