

Prelude and Meditation for Worship

O God, Whose will conquers all, there is no comfort in anything apart from enjoying You and being engaged in Your service; You Are All in all! I am well pleased with Your will, whatever it is, or should be in all respects, and if You would direct me to decide for myself in any matter, I would choose to refer all to You, for You are infinitely wise and cannot lead me astray, as I am in danger of doing on my own. I know that You are the author and finisher of faith, that the whole work of redemption is Yours alone, that every good work or thought found in me is the effect of Your power and grace, that Your sole motive in working in me is to cause me to work and to will for Your good pleasure. Taken from *The Valley of Vision*

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:10-13

Pastor: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."

People: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Pastor: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

Confession of Sin

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

Corporate Confession of Sin: O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You; we humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy. We have not loved You with a whole heart fervently; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Your

loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. As You have generously poured out Your love upon us, enable us to freely share that love with others.

[Silent Confession of Sin]

Words of Assurance and Pardon

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. *Psalm 23: 2-3*

Have No Disturbing Thoughts

PSALM 37:106

No. 38, "Psalm Selections for Singing"

Have no disturbing thoughts about
Those doing wickedly,
And be not envious of those
Who work iniquity.

For even like the growing grass
Soon be cut down shall they;
And like the green and tender plant
They all shall fade away.

Set thou thy trust upon the Lord;
Continue doing good.
Dwell thou securely in the land;
Make faithfulness thy food.

Joy in the Lord; He'll grant each gift
For which thy heart may call.
Commit thy way unto the Lord;
Trust Him; He'll do it all.

And like the morning light He shall
Thy righteousness display;
And He thy judgment shall bring forth
Like noontide of the day.

Scripture Reading

Mark 3:22-35

Prayer of the People

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Cleanse me from it's guilt and pow'r.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Confession of Faith

From The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

The Look

No. 19, in the black binder

I saw one hanging on a tree
In agony and blood,
Who fixed His loving eyes on me
As near His cross I stood.
And never till my dying breath
Will I forget that look.
It seemed to charge me with His death
Though not a word He spoke.

*Forever etched upon my mind
Is the look of Him who died,
The Lamb I crucified.
And now my life will sing the praise
Of pure atoning grace,
That looked on me and gladly took my place.*

My conscience felt and owned the guilt
And plunged me in despair.
I saw my sins His blood had spilt
And helped to nail Him there.
But with a second look He said,
"I freely all forgive,
This blood is for your ransom paid,
I died that you might live."

Thus while His death my sin displays
for all the world to view,
Such is the mystery of grace
It seals my pardon too.
With pleasing grief and mournful joy
My spirit now is filled,
That I should such a life destroy
Yet live by Him I killed.

Preaching of the Word ~ Rev. Bud Griffith
Jesus' True Family (Mark 3:22-35)

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.

The Church's One Foundation

No. 22, in the black binder

See Insert.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.
Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Those serving the congregation of

Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church:

Rev. Bud Griffith, Pastor 616-8537
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Last week's offering: \$ 6,940.00
Needed Each Week: \$ 3,452.00

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Morning Worship

September 10, 2017



Right now counts ... forever

Welcome

to Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 10, 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

Sept. 10 Lori Pruett
Sept. 17 Marileze Louw

Missionary of the Week

Johnson & Susan George
India

We encourage our Sunday School classes to pray for the George family, serving in India. We ask that you remember them in prayer throughout the week as well.

Special Guest

Please welcome Cher Artz, who will be playing the guitar and/or mandolin for our Worship Service this morning.

Ready, Set ... [Almost] Go!

This Wednesday we will begin our Children’s Program, from 6:45-8:00 p.m. If you are willing to help, please see Pastor Bud, Ken or Kelly Woodard. *“Tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.” Psalm 78:4*

Member of the Week

Joy McLemore

The Gardens at Eastside, Apt G-18,
275 Commonwealth Dr, Greenville 29615
We encourage you to pray for Joy this week. Please feel free to call her or send a note of encouragement.

Ladies Fellowship

Friday ~ 10:00 a.m.

Women Encouraging Others meets every Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. for Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship. Meetings are held at the home of M.A. Swasey, 536 McElhaney Road, Taylors 29687. For more information, call or text Kim Matthews at 864-444-3371.

DON’T FORGET – The Blessing Bag is in need of small gift items, such as lotion, coffee mugs, devotional books, homemade gifts, etc.

Church Family Dinner September 24th ~ 6 p.m.

Bring a favorite family dish, maybe one that has been handed down and has a story behind it. Write the story down and we will read these as part of our fellowship dinner that night.

Session and Deacons Meeting September 24th

We will meet at 4:30 here at the church.

Did You Get Your New Sunday School Booklet?

The Tabletalk booklets, “The Heart of the Gospel”, are on the back table. The cost of the booklet is \$2. The money collected will be used to purchase more copies to use for family worship, small group studies or to give away.

HERE WE STAND Conference on

Reformed Theology October 14-16, 2017

This conference will be held at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville. Speakers include: Kent Hughes, Derek Thomas and Richard Phillips. Register online at HereWeStandGreenville.org.

The Church's One Foundation

No. 22, in the black binder

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride.
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore.
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest.
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy,
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.