

Prelude and Meditation for Worship

O God, Your main plan, and the end of Your will is to make Christ glorious and beloved in heaven where He is now ascended, where one day all the elect will behold His glory and love and glorify Him forever. Though here I love Him but little, may this be my portion at last. In this world You have given me a beginning, one day it will be perfected in the realm above. You have helped me to see and know Christ, though obscurely, to take Him, receive Him, to possess Him, love Him, to bless Him in my heart, mouth, life. Let me study and stand for discipline, and all the ways of worship, out of love for Christ; and to show my thankfulness; to seek and know His will from love, and daily to care for and keep this state of heart.

Taken from *The Valley of Vision*

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4, 6

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

People: Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

People: Tell of His salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations,

People: His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Pastor: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

People: He is to be feared above all gods.

Pastor: Splendor and majesty are before Him;

People: Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Confession of Sin

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

Corporate Confession of Sins: O God of heaven, we confess that we have not lived our lives in the light of eternity. We have not held fast to the truth that "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed to us." We have not set our eyes on the unseen eternal things, but set them time and time

again on transient things; things we hope will save us; things we hope will give us joy; things to keep us from becoming bored. But Lord, we also confess that we have not sufficiently thanked You for the provision You make for our lives now. We seldom thank You for the men and women who serve and protect our nation. We are not in the habit of praying for the governors which You have set over us. We are ungrateful for the liberties we enjoy every day, always craving more than we deserve. Lord, save us from our sin, and guide us in Your ways.

[Silent Confession of sin]

Words of Assurance of Pardon

We are reminded of the promises of God in Christ.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2: 13

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

No. 3, The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish;
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels in the height, adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him;
Gathered in from every race;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Scripture Reading ~ Mark 3:7-21

Prayer of the People

My Soul, Bless the Lord!

PSALM 104:1-8

No. 105, "Psalm Selections for Singing"

My soul, bless the Lord! Lord God, You are great!
With honor arrayed, majestic in state,
You cover Yourself with a garment of light
And stretch out the sky as a curtain by night.

The beams of Your courts in waters You laid;
On wings of the wind Your pathway You made.
The clouds are Your chariot; the winds do Your will;
The flames and the lightnings Your pleasure fulfil.

You set up the earth on foundations sure,
That always it should unshaken endure.
The deep like a garment about it You cast;
The waters stood high; over mountains they passed.

But at Your rebuke the high waters fled;
Your thunder they heard and fast away sped.
The mountains arose, and the valleys sank low;
The place You appointed for them now they know.

Confession of Faith

*Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy
Articles of Affirmation and Denial*

Article I.

Leader: What do we affirm concerning the authority of God's Word?

People: We affirm that the Holy Scriptures are to be received as the authoritative Word of God.

Leader: What do we deny?

People: We deny that the Scriptures receive their authority from the Church, tradition, or any other human source.

Article II.

Leader: What also do we affirm concerning the authority of the Scriptures?

People: We affirm that the Scriptures are the supreme written norm by which God binds the conscience, and that the authority of the Church is subordinate to that of Scripture.

Leader: What do we deny?

People: We deny that church creeds, councils, or declarations have authority greater than or equal to the authority of the Bible.

Article III.

Leader: Is all of the Bible the inspired Word of God or just parts?

People: We affirm that the written Word in its entirety is revelation given by God.

Leader: What do we deny?

People: We deny that the Bible is merely a witness to revelation, or only becomes revelation in encounter, or depends on the responses of men for its validity.

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

No. 22, in the black binder

See Insert.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Bud Griffith

Jesus is LORD (Mark 3:7-21)

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.

How Firm a Foundation

No. 275, The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration

See Insert.

Benediction

Ephesians 3: 20-21

Pastor: Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever!

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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Morning Worship

September 3, 2017

Blue Ridge 
Presbyterian Church

Right now counts ... forever

Welcome

to Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 3, 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. 3 Laurie Brown

Sept. 10 Lori Pruet



Family of the Week

Teryn and Janine Mayfield

1904 Lake Cunningham Rd., Greer 29651

We encourage you to pray for Teryn and Janine this week. Please feel free to call them or send them a note of encouragement to let them know you are praying for them.

Ready, Set ... [Almost] Go!

On Wednesday, September 13 we will begin our Children’s Program, from 6:45-8:00 p.m. We still need a teacher for the Shorter Catechism & Bible Memory Class. If you are willing to help, please see Pastor Bud. And we still need a name! Submit suggestions to 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*



Missionary of the Week

Mark and Lisa Horne

Carolina Forest Church Plant

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



Prayer Box and Blessing Bag

Women Encouraging Others has placed a prayer box on the table at the back of the church. Please feel free to put in any prayer requests you may have, and the ladies will pray for these throughout the week.

The Blessing Bag is in need of small gift items. This bag will be filled during the month and then given to a woman in our congregation. Some gift ideas are: lotion, coffee mugs, scripture cards, devotional books, calenders, 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.



Don’t Forget Your Sunday School Booklet!

The new class begins this morning. 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.



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. Come and bring a friend!

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

No. 22, in the black binder

The love of Christ is rich and free;
Fixed on His own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;
Long as He lives His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be
Their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,
And love maintains it to the end.

*Love cannot from its post withdraw;
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away;
He'll love His own to endless day.*

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;
And love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life;
And love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart
Can make His love for her depart.

*Love cannot from its post withdraw;
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away;
He'll love His own to endless day.*

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;
In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love
Which never could from them remove.

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.

How Firm a Foundation

No. 275, The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration

How firm a foundation,
Ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith
In His excellent Word!
What more can He say
Than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge
To Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee:
O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God,
And will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
And cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous,
Omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials
Thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient,
Shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee;
I only design
Thy dross to consume
And thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus
Hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not
Desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell
Should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never,
No, never forsake!