

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a congregational meeting today following the morning worship service. The business to be conducted at the meeting is the election of church officers and the approval of the proposed changes to the pastoral call of Chad Reynolds.

The nominees presented to you by the Session are Paul Moore (2024) and Jim Potts (2024) for elder, David Zwan (2024) for deacon, Adam Bruyere (Clerk of Session) and John Burnette (Deacon Chair) and Dennis Campbell (Treasurer) for trustees.

The meeting will also include a brief report by the Treasurer, Dennis Campbell, on our finances and stewardship in 2021, along with an overview of the 2022 General Operating Budget. Finally, Pastor Chad will give a brief review of ministry in 2021 and a look ahead to our hopes for ministry in 2022 and beyond.

If you would like tithing envelopes and have not gotten them, let Dennis know and he will make sure you get a box.

Restart of Family Promise Ministry—Our first week to house families will be February 13-20. Many volunteers are needed! Watch for further details regarding sign-ups and ways that you can help during this week of ministry. Plan to attend the meeting next week to give you more information and enable you to see how you can be involved. We will meet in the classroom on the music wing immediately following the worship service.

Mark your calendar for missions conference February 5 and 6.

Congratulations to Marshall and Whitney Davidson on the birth of their son, Malcolm Henry, who was born Friday at 7:53 A.M. He weighs 9 pounds 12 ounces and is 20 inches long.

PRAYER CONCERNS

THE CHURCH AT LARGE

Presbytery—Fulton PC, Greer—Grover Timms
Denomination—Admin Committee—Dr. Roy Taylor
Missionaries—Peter and Dianne Bakelaar—Japan
National and Regional Leadership

CHURCH MEMBER REQUESTS

Wheeler Smith family—father-in-law passed away
Jonathan Orr—recovery from appendectomy
Dennis Campbell—continued relief from back pain
Terry Baxley—complete healing of lungs, more stamina
Hope Natiello—pain management
Al Licalzi—continued good response to meds

THOSE EXPECTING

Rebecca Verdin—boy, due in June

To put requests on the weekend prayer chain

Pat Watts 864-871-0556 or Anne Edwards 705-0025

January Financial Report	
Income Week 1	9,548.18
Income Week 2	
Income Week 3	
Income Week 4	
Operating Income MTD	\$9,548.18
Total Expenses MTD	\$3,363.01
Operating Income YTD	\$9,548.18
Total Expenses YTD	\$3,363.01
YTD Total Income over (under) expenses	\$6,186.17

A Service for the Worship of God Sunday, January 9, 2022

PRELUDE

The Lord is My Shepherd

Lizzy Davidson

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie.
In pastures green, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness e'en for His own name's sake;
Within the paths of righteousness e'en for His own name's sake

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill,
For thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me
And in God's house forever more my dwelling place shall be;
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:3-5

Adam Bruyere

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

HYMN OF ADORATION

The God of Abraham Praise

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Call to confession

Matthew 3:2

Prayer of Confession

Dearest Lord, teach us what sin is so that we may truly repent. We are so stained by the world and the remnants of our own depravity that we do not always recognize our sin for what it really is. You are the Righteous Judge, so we must depend upon your Word and your Spirit to teach and guide us. May we not walk flippantly or arrogantly or coldly in deviance of your Law. We confess that we sometimes desire sin. Our lust, anger, and selfishness are more willful than we care to publicly admit. Forgive us. Sanctify us in our minds and hearts, giving us right spirits to turn from such iniquities. We thank you, our Redeemer and Savior, for cleansing us from sin by your precious blood. We praise you, our Good Shepherd, for your correcting rod and your comforting staff. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 40:1-2

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SONGS OF PREPARATION How Deep the Father's Love for Us ~ S. Townend

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure.
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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O Great God

O great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly
 I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your
 Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your
 heart. Own it all and reign su - preme, con - quer ev - ery re - bel pow'r. Let no
 voice, did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys. Then Your
 grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face. You are
 vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war. You have
 Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me through the
 worth - y to be praised with my ev - ery thought and deed. O great
 loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er more.
 gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
 God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

Prepare Ye the Way

Rev. Chad Reynolds

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star~Manz