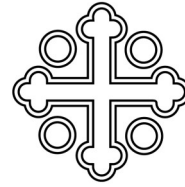


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CHURCH PICNIC, TODAY

Join us for a picnic after church on April 14! We will gather at Swift Cantrell Park from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Bring food and drinks for yourself and your family and meet us at the Mustang Pavilion. See Robby if you have any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP, APRIL 14

9th-12th graders, join us for fellowship and study tonight at the Starts' from 5:30 to 7:30. Be sure to bring your own dinner! See the Weekly Update to sign up to bring a dessert to share.

APRIL LEADERSHIP MEETING, APRIL 16

Please be praying for the elders as we have our Spring NorthWest Georgia Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, 4/16. Thank you in advance!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21

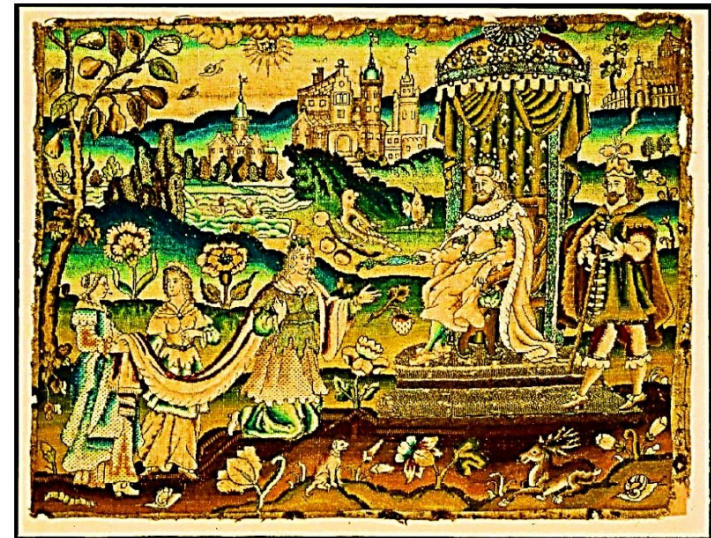
Following worship on Sunday, 4/21, we will have a follow-up meeting to discuss the results of the recent survey, so please join us!

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

As of April 7th, we've given \$49,349 to Faith Promise. Thank you for your generosity! We need \$38,651 to fulfill our commitments through August 31.

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

As of April 7th, we have \$270,688 in this fund. Thank you for your generosity! Please contribute by marking your gift "Building Fund."



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OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION
April 14, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 42:1-4**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

***Song of Preparation and Praise - Father, Long Before Creation**

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Luke 24:44-53**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Song of Comfort - Jesus Paid It All**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Eric & Rebecca Larsen, NEXT Ministries and
Presbyterian Church, Summerville**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - The Festive Celebration of God's Deliverance from Death to Life
Esther 9:20-10:3**

Baptism - Lois Mae Weathers

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible.

***Doxology**

***Song of Response - We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - 1 Corinthians 15:53-58**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

***Stand**

*Giving boxes are located on the table inside the sanctuary by the doors and
the welcome table in the lobby.*

We Will Feast In the House of Zion

*We will feast
In the house of Zion
We will sing
With our hearts restored
He has done great things,
We will say together
We will feast
And weep no more*

We will not be burned
By the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed,
By the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up
(Chorus)

In the dark of night,
Before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning,
Oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob,
Be my strength
(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken
And betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden
To the grave
Bind us together,
Bring shalom.
(Chorus)

*SONG OF
Response*

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

CALL TO Worship

- ¹ As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.
- ² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and appear
before God?
- ³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while they say to me all the day long
“Where is your God?”
- ⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession
to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

Psalm 42:1-4

“THE FESTIVE CELEBRATION OF GOD’S DELIVERANCE
FROM DEATH TO LIFE”
ESTHER 9:20-10:3
CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God calls us to regularly celebrate our eternal deliverance from death to newness of life in Christ week in and week out in worship.

Introduction:

Q: What do you regularly celebrate? Why?

⁸To you, O Lord, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
⁹“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”
¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into
dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,
¹²that my glory may sing your praise and not
be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Psalm 30:8-12

Esther 9:20-10:3: From Sorrow to Gladness, From Mourning into a Holiday:

“Good news must be celebrated, and Christians might ponder whether or not we have at times made the good news of Christ seem rather less appealing than it is by losing a sense of celebration. After all, how can anyone know that the deliverance celebrated is good news if it is hidden behind a façade so serious that no one can see how life changing it is?”

David G. Firth, *The Message of Esther: God Present But Unseen*

Q: How has God turned your sorrow into gladness through your eternal deliverance from death to newness of life in Christ? What helps you to festively celebrate this eternal deliverance on a regular basis?

Application:

Esther 9:20-10:3 teaches us that:

-God calls us to regularly celebrate our eternal deliverance from death to newness of life in Christ week in and week out in worship.

Baptism: Lois Mae Weathers

Communion

Benediction: 1 Corinthians 15:53-58

SONG OF
Comfort

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness,
Watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone
(Chorus)

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat
(Chorus)

*O Praise the one
Who paid my debt
And raised this life
Up from the dead*

Father, Long Before Creation

Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love
And that love so deep, so moving
Draws us close to Christ above
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone

Though the world
May change its fashion
Yet our God is e'er the same
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain
God's own children,
God's own children
Must forever praise His name

God's compassion is my story
Is my boasting all the day
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave

Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb

SONG OF
Praise

Confession of Sin

Gracious and Merciful Father,

We come before you to confess our sin as Your redeemed and beloved children. May Your Spirit alone convict us of our sin and remind us of our pardon in Christ through repentance.

(Take a moment to silently confess.)

We confess that we too often fail to festively celebrate our eternal deliverance from death to newness of life in Christ week in and week out in worship **(Esther 9:20-10:3)**.

We confess these things before You because You are faithful to forgive us in Christ.

Bless us with the assurance of our pardon by Your Holy Spirit in Christ alone, by faith alone, through Your grace alone, from Your Word.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for[a] the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Luke 24:44-53

(Leader) - And based on the gift of this assurance of pardon to us, God’s people, we all can’t help but say,

(Congregation) - Amen!