

As We Gather

Upon the chaos dark and rude—these words come from the hymn “Eternal Father, Strong to Save.” They refer both to the “formless void” preceding creation and to the frightening power of a storm at sea. We may at times feel like our lives are lived amid chaos dark and rude: random violence, destructive storms, and dozens of daily demands pulling us in multiple directions. Today’s Readings give us God’s assuring word of promise amid the chaos dark and rude. Following the chaos of the great flood, God establishes His covenant with Noah and all creation never again to destroy the earth and all flesh with a flood, but to give life. The Epistle teaches us that since Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, we are rooted and ground in His love amid the chaos dark and rude. And in the Gospel, Jesus treads the chaos dark and rude under His feet: walking on the water signaled that Jesus has the ultimate power over all the chaos that threatens to overwhelm us. So today, amid the chaos dark and rude, Jesus, who got in the boat with the disciples and caused the wind to cease, is with us through His Word and in Holy Communion calming our fears and guiding us through it all.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymn #790

THE INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

(Please kneel)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of Glory, Lord of Love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 9:8–17 (*The rainbow—a sign of His covenant forever*)

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 3:14–21 (*“So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith”*)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:45–56 (*Jesus walks on the sea and calms the storm.*)

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Mt Calvary Puppet Ministry

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

Hymn #798 (St 1,2,3,9)

THE MESSAGE: *"On Your Knees"*

Pastor Brighton

THE INSTALLATION OF VICAR TIM STAFFELD

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Gary & Lexie Hadley, in honor of the birthday of their Daughter, Tyson Van Lannen.

Member of the Week: Anita McIntyre grew up in Wuestenselbitz, Germany; a little village in Franconia, Germany. She went to Helmbrechts High School and Hof College, where she received a teaching degree in Home Economics. Anita's first husband was in the Air Force and they came to Warner Robins in 1992. They had two children, Scott and Jessica. Anita and her good friend and neighbor, Jo Ann Smith, have been attending Mt. Calvary since 2000. In May of 2012, Anita married her best friend, David Kessler, a retired aircraft mechanic. Together, they have 4 children and 4 grandchildren, all living in the Warner Robins area. Anita worked as a School Nutrition Manager with the Houston Board of Education from 2001 to 2013. Anita enjoys hiking, crafts, cooking and gardening. Anita has served as the Altar Guild Chairman. She appreciates the folks here at Mt. Calvary and says they are friendly and compassionate.

Brothers and Sisters at Mount Calvary Once again, I would like to thank those who sent cards, brought gifts and meals, visited me in the hospital, and prayed for my recovery. I have had some health issues recently, but God has seen me through! I am grateful for the outpouring of care from all of you that I have received in recent weeks -- thank you! - Dave Radcliff

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the August Newsletter in to the office no later than Monday, July 27th.

The Board of Outreach is now taking orders for "polo type" shirts with our logo embroidered on the left chest. A member of the Board of Outreach will be available after each service for you to place your order. The shirts are royal blue with the logo embroidered in white. Sizes Small thru XL will cost \$25: XXL and XXXL will cost \$27. August 9 will be the last day to place your order.

Our Ushers for August: Early – Brian Harper, David Rossman, Bob Yeager & Richard Uitto. Late – Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony & Earl Bogardus.

During the 6th Annual Back 2 School Bash, housing authorities of the City of Warner Robins will help kids get back to school by giving away 5,000 book bags with all the essential school supplies. This event will be held on Friday, July 31, 2015 at McConnell Talbert Stadium Parking lot on South Davis Drive from 9:00 am till 12:00 pm. There will be free haircuts for the young men given by the Barbers from Central Georgia Technical College. Mount Calvary will have a booth assisting with the distribution of book bags and handing out pencils, t-shirts and information about our church. We ask that you pray for a successful turnout and those children that need the supplies will be able to receive them. If you should have any questions please contact a member of the Social Ministry.

SLDT (Student Leadership Development Team) Fall Planning Retreat: The retreat is for all High School youth who applied to serve in the Fall Session and will be this Friday & Saturday, July 31st – August 1st (5 pm – 4 pm) in the Annex. **Youth Board** members should attend Friday Night from 7-9 pm.

Youth Ministry Weekend: The Youth will be leading worship next weekend (Saturday/Sunday, August 1st & 2nd) at all three services. During Education Hour they will be hosting a pancake breakfast to thank the congregation for their support and share more from the trip.

Family Fun Night: Families with youth going into 6th – 12th grade are encouraged to join us Wednesday, August 5th, from 5:30-7 pm. There will be dinner (burgers, chips, & veggies), games (both inside and out), and informational meetings covering everything from confirmation to the 2016 National Youth Gathering. We hope everyone can join us for the start of another year of TAG's Youth Ministry!

High School T.A.G. Night: The next High School TAG Night will be Sunday, August 2nd, from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Annex. Join us for an evening of fellowship and a Bible-centered discussion of how God's Word applies to their lives today with the help of "The Princess Bride."

Middle School Party: The next Middle School Party will be Friday, August 7th, from 6-9 pm in the Annex. Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship to grow as the body of Christ! (Cost is \$5/person)

High School Outreach Party: It will be Saturday, August 8th, from 7-10 pm in the Annex. Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship to grow as the body of Christ! These parties are a great time to invite your friends to come and check out TAG, meet the rest of the group, hang out, and learn a little bit about how amazing our God is! Pick up your party pass invitation/coupon so your friends are free and plan on having a blast! (Cost is \$5/person)

Wednesday Nights Resume: Our midweek program of Christian Fellowship & education will resume on Wednesday, August 12th with **Dinner** @ 5:30, Adult **Bible Classes** @ 6:00, and **Children & Youth Classes** @ 6:15. We hope you can join us as we connect with Jesus and one another!

Middle School Back-To-School Retreat: This team-building retreat will be run from 6 pm Friday the 14th through 7:00 pm Saturday the 15th. Our Bible Study theme for the weekend is "God's Plan!" It will be held in the Annex at a cost of only \$25/child to cover meals.

Sunday, August 9th is Rally Day! The theme this year in Sunday School is "New Beginnings." We will be exploring how God gave His people New Beginnings throughout the Bible and how WE have been given a New Beginning through His Grace. Children will learn each lesson by digging into God's Word, creating scrapbook pages, watching movies, and even making crafts to remind them about the New Beginnings God gives. Besides starting this new and exciting theme, children will move up into the next grade (for some that might even include going across the lawn to the Annex). Please take the time to stop by and register your child for this new Sunday School year!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Larry Ellgass, who will be having surgery on his arteries on July 27th.

Annie Hyde, 96-year-old great-grandmother of Devon and Paige Ringer, who is recovering from a double mastectomy.

Sherry Parsons, who is recovering from surgery.

Lorraine Jensen, who is recovering from wrist & elbow surgery on July 23rd.

Angleen Trasmer, who is hospitalized on bed rest until her baby is born.

Karen Harmon, who is recovering from knee surgery.

Keep In Your Prayers

Tricia Nicolosi, Kurt Rover, Jay Wallace (son of James & Emily Wallace), Rosie Schulz, Fred Tamer, Dave Radcliff, Jeanene Crawford, Arnie Reule, Carol Quednow, Heather Yarbrough and Karen Johnson.

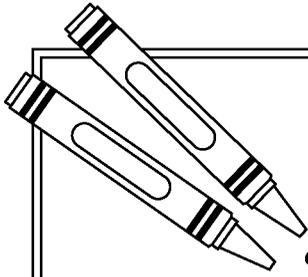
(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)

Those Battling Cancer

Those battling cancer: Margaret Frazier, Mary Jahnke (Joe's sister), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), John Hoar, Paula Babcock, Kathy Grube, Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (son of Amanda McVay's boyfriend), Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom), Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father), Gary Jennings (Margaret Jennings' son), Elaine Mead (Jeannie Hawkins' aunt) and Fred Diehl.

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

Chris Walker, J. T. Cole, Christopher Dierking, Thomas Kaiser Guilford, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Michael Welch, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.



Just for **KIDS**

“Take a Vacation”

Use your imagination to plan a great “Bible Lands” vacation.
Use the code to find the names of these Biblical places. Look up
the verses to find out about each place.

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Garden of Gethsemane, Garden of Eden, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Mount Sinai, Jacobs Well, Rome, Tower of Babel, Lions' Den, Wilderness

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (8 am) and Bill Gragg (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Colton Durbin (8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Laird Van Gorder, Brent Durbin, Dick Kesler & Kent Hansen. Late – D. J. Nelson, Don Netzing, Adam Beecher, Dave Miller, Bob Day & Larry Ellgass. **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and Julie Dimes (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Gary Webb. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Louis Foss (8 am) and Sean Palmer (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Rob Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and John Hunter (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Christopher Crawford (Sat 6 pm), Garrett Counselman (8 am) and Tyler Longbine 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sallie Brinkley, Barbara Locke, Sherry Parsons & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Youth (Sat 6 pm), Youth (Sun 8 am) and Youth (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Sallie Brinkley (Sun 8 am) and John & Marie White (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Exodus 16:2-15 and Ephesians 4:1-16

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 51 Early – 104 Late – 141 Total – 296

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Installation of Vicar Tim Staffeld	
Monday	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
Wednesday	8 am – 4 pm	HS Whitewater Rafting Trip
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
Friday	7 pm – Saturday, 4 pm SLDT Fall Planning Retreat	
Saturday	YOUTH MINISTRY WEEKEND	
	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	YOUTH MINISTRY WEEKEND	
	6:30 pm	TAG Night