

As We Gather

Thank God for mothers! The celebration of Mother's Day is not part of the traditional Church Year calendar. Rather, it is an informal celebration that presents an opportunity to give thanks to God for His gift of mothers. In observing the day, we are connected with the biblical record of mothers and grandmothers and are reminded that motherhood is a special vocation. Although the customary celebration of Mother's Day is focused on family relationships, we can extend our gratitude to God for His faithfulness to all the faithful women who have been blessings in every generation.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Hymn #493, st. 1-4

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

We pause to confess our sins to God our Father.

(please kneel)

Merciful Lord,

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, undeserving of Your mercy. We admit that we have sinned against You in countless ways. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not always been the family members we could be, taking for granted the gifts that come to us through our mothers and other Christian women. We have not always given our family lives the priority they should have and have been thoughtless in our words and careless in our deeds. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask for Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living 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:

"Now Thank We All Our God"

**Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.**

**All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom
Earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and
Shall be evermore.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, it is by Your grace that we are nurtured and grow. Look with favor upon Your people as they live out their callings to Your glory. Bless all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and aunts as they give expression to their faith in You through the witness of their words and the testimony of their lives. Give courage, patience, and strength to all who have special vocations of care and responsibility that Your people may know peace and joy in every generation. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Proverbs 31:10-31 *(The wife of noble character)*

- ¹⁰ An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
- ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
- ¹² She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
- ¹³ She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
- ¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar.
- ¹⁵ She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens.
- ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷ She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong.
- ¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

- 19 She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
 20 She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.
 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
 22 She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
 23 Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.
 24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant.
 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
 27 She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ²⁹ "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 22:1–6 (*In heaven at last, after this time "in between," we will find perfect unity with God.*)

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶ And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

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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. John the seventeenth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:20–26 (*Jesus prays for unity for all who follow Him, based on the Word.*)

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:

Pete LeBorious
Director of Christian Education

THE CHILDREN’S ANTHEM: (10:45)

"I Wanna Go Up"

Sunday School Kids

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

"For All the Faithful Women"
(*Hymn tune: Come Unto Me, Ye Weary*)

Hymn #855, st. 1, 3, 4

THE MESSAGE

"Mom"

Pastor David Brighton

THE APOSTLES’ CREED:

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

++ The Stewardship Thought ++

Live in the power of the resurrection!

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

(1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

OFFERTORY:

"We Praise You, O God"

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us,
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

THE PRAYERS: After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, "*Lord in Your mercy,*" and the congregation will respond, "***Hear our prayer.***"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**THE POSTLUDE**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by Pruett & JoAnn Burge, in honor of their daughter Barbara's birthday, and in honor of JoAnn's mother's birthday.

BibleSticks. Over the past half dozen years or so, our congregation has been involved with "Faith Comes by Hearing," an organization that seeks to place the Scriptures in the hands of our troops who are serving overseas. Our congregation has provided \$6,000+ over the years, which has placed 278 BibleSticks into the hands of Chaplains to share with the men and women of the Armed Forces. If you would like to contribute to this year's campaign, please make checks out to Mt. Calvary and put "Bible Stick" on the memo line. Chaplains are currently requesting 2,000 BibleSticks each week, so the demand is high! Any size contribution is welcome – \$25 provides a BibleStick for a service member (\$2,500 serves an entire company of 100 servicemen and women).

Calling All Graduates! We will recognize all of our graduates (high school, college, other post-high school degrees) at our worship services on Memorial Day weekend (Saturday and Sunday, May 28-29). If you are graduating or there is a graduate in your family, please contact Jack in the church office and let him know the school, degree (if applicable) and future plans of our graduates so that we may recognize them by name at the services on Memorial Day weekend.

Members of the Week: Don & Judy Parrott both grew up in North Carolina. Judy grew up in Dallas and graduated from High School there. Don grew up in Gastonia and graduated from High School there. They had mutual friends, but didn't meet until Don came home on leave from North Africa. He had joined the Air Force after High School. They were married in 1959 at Antioch Lutheran Church in Dallas; a church that Judy's great, great grandfather had helped build. They were the last couple to be married in the "old church". In his AF career Don achieved the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. He was Command CMSgt for 21st AF, MAC and for Blytheville AFB. SAC. He retired as Command Chief for Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, RAFB; after 32 years of active service. Judy was a homemaker who did lots of volunteer work with the Red Cross and with Family Services on the base. Don and Judy have two sons. Don and his wife Lynn live in Houston, where Don is an engineer with NASA. Michael and Bo and their 3 girls live in Macon. Michael is an investigator for Bibb CO Sheriff Dept. Don loves to read and play golf. Judy likes to walk, read, do word puzzles and work in the yard. They have been very active members of Mt. Calvary since 2001. They appreciate the people of Mt. Calvary, who made them feel at home from the day they arrived.

Mount Calvary has received a gift in memory of Belle Wright, from Betty Cummings.

I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of you for your prayers, love and support during these past months. Marlene and I are overwhelmed by your many kindnesses. Thanks to you, Pastor and Vicar, for your visits and the sharing of God's Word. - Dwight Miller.

Thank you for all the prayers and cards for Joyce Boone. She is currently doing better and has moved to Virginia Gardens, 404 E Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030. Thank you again, for your thoughts and prayers. - The Hudlin Family.

Mount Calvary has received gifts in memory of Ken Reilly from D. J. & Cynthia Nelson and Betty Cummings.

Red Cross Blood Drive: MCLC will host another blood drive on Friday, May 20th, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The goal is 26 pints of blood; each pint can potentially save 3 lives! There is a sign- up sheet with time slots located on the information counter in the narthex. There are also different sized posters on the information counter for you take to your office. The general eligibility requirements are age 17, 110 pounds, and good health. For more detailed information, you can go to the website, "redcrossblood.org" and select "Am I eligible to donate blood." If you have any questions, please talk to Bruce Bauman.

Come out and support the church softball team! This week's games: 1) SSBC Crusaders- 6:30 on Monday at Peavy 3; and 2) Union Grove Disciples – 8:30 on Thursday at Peavy 3.

Make sure to like the Mount Calvary GA on Facebook! Also, check out the Twitter and Instagram pages, too. Our social media sites have tons of great content and church news!

Interested in playing on a summer adult volleyball team? Contact Eric Gossman at egossman@wrga.gov.

Vacation Bible School – Mark your calendar today for this year's Vacation Bible School—Holy Spirit's Fruit Stand!! Join us the week of June 6th-10th from 9 am until 12 noon as we become living examples of Christ's love and as we share Christ's love with others. Our week will be full of high-energy worship, life application Bible study time, creative crafts, amazing recreation, hilarious puppets, and tasty snacks. **Pre-register today. Pre-K and 3- 7th grade.** Look for information in the Narthex or contact Cynthia at mt-cal-dcm@att.net.

Summer Sunday School – Please volunteer to be a summer Sunday School teacher for our Pre-K to 5th grade students. Our regular teachers are on vacation for 2 months, and we need YOU! We have crafts, scrapbooking, Stories with Jesus, movies, and Pre-K. The dates are June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31. If you could help for at least 2 Sundays, that would be great! Please contact Cynthia Nelson at mt-cal-dcm@att.net or leave a note in her DCM mailbox. Thank you for teaching our Kids for Christ!!

PRAYER CONCERNS

The family of Jim Nicholas, Michelle Crawford's father, who died April 30th.

The family of Earl Nicholas, Michelle Crawford's uncle, who died May 4th.

Michael Longbine, who continues to have problems with his eye.

Hiltraud Culpepper, who fell and broke her hip.

Sherry Parsons, who had abdominal surgery.

JoAnn Smith, who is hospitalized with pneumonia.

Marrissa Halsell, who was hospitalized in Atlanta battling MS.

Margaret Frazier, who is hospitalized.

Josh Johnson, who is recovering from pneumonia.

Keep In Your Prayers

Monika Reynolds, Michael Longbine, Charleen Beahm, John Harmon, Hiltraud Culpepper, Pat Aldredge, Peggy Rodriguez, Carol LeBorious (Pete's mother), Mike Finnegan (Barbara Jernigan's brother), Kurt Rover, Sallie Brinkley, Sandi Jacobsmeyer, Josie Kong (Evy Keyes' mom), Deloris Denzine 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: Mary Jahnke (Joe's sister), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Paula Babcock, Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom), Bruce Oswalt (Krystal Ferguson's father), Gary Jennings (Margaret Jennings' son) and Elaine Mead (Jeannie Hawkins' aunt).

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

Benjamin Brighton, Emily Whaley, Rodney Hood, Matthew Forehand, Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Michael Welch, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor Dave Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Tim Staffeld. **ELDERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and D. J. Nelson (10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Andrew LeBorious (8 am) and Maddy Hagemann (10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early –Don Parrott, Ralph Wenrick, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Paul Ferguson, Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette. **ALTAR GUILD:** Cindy Branham, Anita McIntyre, JoAnn Smith & Arlene Zeuner. **LAY READERS:** Brian Harper (8 am) and Carolyn Burnam (10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Early – Lyle Wurdeman. Late – Kyle Webb.

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Bob Yeager (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Garrett Counselman (Sat 6 pm), Cody Halsell (Sun 8am) and Colton Wurdeman (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Glaser, Barb Mabee, Ginger Martin, Kathy Robinson & Sharon Suckow. **LAY READERS:** Becky McVay (Sat 6 pm), Bob Reynolds (Sun 8 am) and Adam Beecher (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Erv & Kathy Robinson (Sun 8 am) and Paul & Dottie Brown (Sun 10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 11:1-9 and Acts 2:1-21

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday – 36 Early –98 Late – 153 Total - 287

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	MOTHERS DAY	
Monday	11:00 AM	Daytime Callers
	6:20 pm	Evangelism Callers
	6:30 pm	Women's Small Group
	6:30 pm	Softball
Tuesday	5 – 7 pm	RG@MC Rigby's Party
	7:00 pm	Council
Thursday	10:00 am	Ladies Bible Study
	8:30 pm	Softball
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adult Bible Study
	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	5 – 7 pm	Confirmation Dinner

Next Sunday **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
CONFIRMATION AT 8:00 AM SERVICE