

As We Gather

“Go!”

All of the preparation doesn't mean much if we don't actually play the game! A football team that practices hard, where each individual understands their role on the team and the over-all strategy for winning is going to do well. But they have to play the game! In the same way, our church will only be that mighty army for God when we not only talk the talk, but walk the walk – going out into the world to serve in the name of Jesus and do great things for Him!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

OPENING HYMN:

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

Hymn #902

INVOCATION AND SENTENCES AND RESPONSES (Selected verses from Psalm 27)

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

Amen.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

As we come to the house of the Lord, we know that we are unworthy of God's love. We have sinned against friends and families, neighbors and co-workers. Let us then confess our sins to God, our father.

(please kneel)

O Lord,

We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have grumbled against You and those You have put in authority over us. We have sought selfish desires instead of Your will. We turn to You in repentance and implore You for mercy. Lord, do not hide Your face from us. Do not turn Your servants away in anger. Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation! Amen.

The prophet Isaiah writes, "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." 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: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**Praise to the Lord,
The Almighty the King of creation!
O, my soul, praise Him for He is your
Health and salvation!**

**Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called us to be Your witnesses to the world. Help us to fulfill our commission to make disciples of all nations by going to those who don't know You and sharing the Good News of salvation with them; 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: **Isaiah 55:6–9** (*"Return to the Lord, that He may have compassion."*)

⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *"We Are Brothers and Sisters in Christ"*

Sanctuary Choir

THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30 (*Paul's imprisonment helps to advance the cause of the Gospel.*)

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE:



C 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. Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 16-20 (*"The Great Commission"*)

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Mt. Calvary Puppet Ministry

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: *"All Are Welcome"*

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.**

(refrain)

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. *(refrain)***

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. *(refrain)***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger. (*refrain*)**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. (*refrain*)**

THE MESSAGE:

"Go!"

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 ++

**The Pentecost Season is all about the growth of the Christian Church.
We use this time to study God's Word and then go out into our community
To share the love of Jesus as we call people to repentance and faith!**

**"Go and make disciple of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."**

Matthew 28:18-19

THE OFFERTORY:

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

**Renew me, O Eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your Word,
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.**

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.

THE CLOSING HYMN:

"Lift High the Cross"

Hymn #837

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Altar Flowers were provided this week by D. J. & Cynthia Nelson, in honor of the anniversary of Caleb's baptism, and by Doug & Cindy Branham in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Voters Meeting Today! A light lunch will be served at noon, with the meeting scheduled to start at 12:15pm. Please come and be part of the decision-making body of our congregation. Items on the agenda include the presentation of the 2018 budget (to be voted on in January, 2018), the announcement of the Nominating and Audit Committees, board and staff reports, reports about our Karenni ministry and the Reformation 500 Committee plans for Oktoberfest on October 28th.

Want to prepare for the Oktoberfest dancing? We will be teaching the Polka, Chicken Dance and Schottische after the Voters Meeting on September 24th in the Michael Fellowship Hall.

Newsletter Deadline: Please have all items for the October Newsletter in to the office by Monday, September 25th.

FREE PIZZA on Mon, Tues, & Wed, Sep 25-27, at **YOUR PIE** (next to Del Taco) with a cash donation to **FAMILY PROMISE**. Drinks, salads, chips, and brownies are extra. To sign up, go to Family Promise of Greater Houston County GA Facebook page and scroll down to FREE pizza.

Flood Buckets. The President's Equip Conference is in Ponte Vedra, Florida (near Jacksonville) this Thursday – Saturday. Six members of Mount Calvary are attending the conference. Since the church van will be used for transportation, a total of 40 flood buckets will fit in the van to be delivered to people in need in Jacksonville following the flooding there. Each flood bucket will cost about \$25. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please make payments to Mt. Calvary and put "Flood Bucket" on the memo line.

Pastor Lee Hopf, a son of this congregation, serves at Trinity Klein Lutheran Church in Spring, TX, just north of Houston. Lee and his congregation are on high ground and were spared the flooding. Pastor Hopf said their efforts are focused on the massive clean-up that is just beginning. If you would like to give a contribution directly to Pastor Hopf and his congregation's relief efforts, please make out a check or designate through Vanco that your contribution is to go to "Hurricane Relief" and we will send one check from Mt. Calvary to help with the relief efforts in Houston through Trinity. A check from the congregation will be mailed this week.

We published a new Member Directory last month. If you didn't pick up one up, but would like to have one, please let Jack in the church office know and he'll put one in your mailbox.

Summer Picnic and Concert on the Lawn! Mark your calendar for Friday, September 29th at 6:30 for a really nice, end-of-the-summer evening together. On the grassy area between the church and annex, we will be having a local band, War Town Heroes, come and play for us. They will be doing a large variety of music, including Christian, country, oldies, and a few others! Bring your dinner, a friend, and a lawn chair or blanket for this FREE concert! See you there! Board of Fellowship.

Warner Robins Food Bank needs your donations! Check your pantry or go to the nearest store: **What to bring the week of 25 – 30 September** - Canned vegetables, Canned Spaghetti and Meatballs, Cornbread Mix, and Cake or Biscuit Mix. **What to bring the week of 1 – 7 October** – Dried beans, rice, macaroni and cheese, pasta and peanut butter. Thank you very much – Board of Social Ministry

The Linus Blanket year is coming to an end. The blankets will be blessed on LWML Weekend, October 21st & 22nd. Since there is a wedding that Saturday, the blankets will be put out late that afternoon before worship service. Please bring your blankets to the church by Thursday, October 19th. Blankets can be given to Diane Doyle or put under the Linus Project display table. Thank you everyone for making blankets and for your prayers.

High School TAG Night: The next High School TAG Night is next Sunday, October 1st, from 6:30-8 pm in the Annex.

FL/GA District Middle School Youth Gathering: The gathering will be the weekend of November 3rd-5th and take place at Lake Yale Retreat Center in Florida. Registration is due NO LATER THAN Wednesday, October 4th. The cost for the weekend is \$100 plus money for dinner on the way down to Florida. (The actual cost is closer to \$150/person but we are able to reduce this thanks to our fund-raisers!) This event is open to all Middle School Youth.

DCM Is Stepping Down: Mrs. Cynthia Nelson has served as our Director of Children’s Ministry for the past 5+ years. While we are saddened at her departure, we understand her desire to have more time for family and are thankful for her contributions to sharing the love of Christ with the children of Mt. Calvary! The children had a “hand” in presenting Mrs. Cynthia with a parting gift in Sunday School this week to help her remember her time in ministry with them.

Help Is Needed! With the resignation of our DCM, there are some areas we need help in to keep our Children’s Ministry running smoothly.

- **Sunday School Secretary:** We need someone willing to record the weekly Sunday School attendance (at least once a month).
- **Samuel’s Storytime:** This person teach the Sunday School lesson to Kindergarten – 5th grade students in Rotation Station. You will teach the same lesson 3 out of 4 weeks each rotation.
- **Wednesday Night Co-Teacher:** We need a partner for our current teacher that will be able to split the remaining 16 classes of Wednesday Night helping to teach the lesson time (Music, movie, & crafts are covered).

If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Pete at (478) 919-3723 or e-mail him at DCEPete91@gmail.com.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Paul Brown, who is hospitalized.

Linda Hartman, who has lung cancer.

Nancy Vormelker, Kathy Eubank's sister, as doctors try to insert a feeding tube so that Nancy can be moved into a skilled nursing facility.

Jeanene Crawford, who faces surgery to remove a lung.

Crawford Hicks, for continued healing and that the additional skin grafts would

JoAnn Leininger, who had surgery to repair a broken vertebrae in her back.

Mike Longbine, who is recovering from eye surgery.

Lena Grube, who was injured in a fall and is now at Warner Robins Rehab facility.

Miriam Crawford, Rob's mom, who is very ill.

Keep In Your Prayers

Suzanne O'Daniel, Arlene Zeuner, Pat Wolfe, Chet Branscom, Cheryl Stafford, John Harmon, Karen Harmon, Annamarie vonDebschitz, Jeannie Hawkins, Carolyn Rumage, Layne Kesler (Dick's granddaughter), Marilyn Schultz, Bill Bohm, Jan Fingles (Doug's mom), Tom Guilford, John White, 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

Joe Hill (Cynthia Nelson's dad), Jeanne Day (Bob's mom), Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (Amanda McVay's boyfriend's son), Diana Iverson (Bonnie Hudlin's sister-in-law), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom) and Bruce Oswald (Krystal Ferguson's father).

Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas

Darrin Landis, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.

SERVING US TODAY

PREACHER: Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Vicar Brad Wellik. **ELDERS:** Darron Counselman (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Sara Van Lannen (Sun 8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (Sun 10:45 am). **USHERS:** Early – Don Parrott, Darron Counselman, Dale Hawkins & Roger Foss. Late – Sam Culpepper, Dale Channell, Champ Aldredge & Mark Burnette. **ALTAR GUILD:** Heather Johnson, Angleen Trasmer, Barbara Locke & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Kathy Robinson (Sun 8 am) and Jim Morey (Sun 10:45 am). **SLIDE PREPARER:** Christi Bacon. **PROJECTIONISTS:** Open (8 am) & Open (10:45 am).

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

ELDERS: Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Brian Harper (Sun 8 am) and Bob Gerstenberger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Carlee Toler (Sat 6 pm), Abigail Halsell (Sun 8 am) and Seth Nelson (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Heather Johnson, Angleen Trasmer, Barbara Locke & Pat Stetzler. **LAY READERS:** Debi Cole (Sat 6 pm), Dick Kesler (Sun 8 am) and Jeff Townsend (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Eileen Mittuch (8 am) and John & Marie White (10:45 am).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Philippians 1:1-18

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Saturday 6 pm – 51 Sunday 8 am – 88 Sunday 10:45 am – 134 Total – 273
Karenni Worship - 93

THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	Day 60: DTNT (2 Cor. 10-11) 11:00 am Karenni Worship Service (Annex) 12:00 pm Children's Ministry Field Day 12:00 pm Voters Meeting 6:30 pm SLDT Meeting
Monday	Day 61: DTNT (2 Cor. 12-13) 6:20 pm Evangelism Callers 6:30 pm Women's Small Group
Tuesday	Day 62: DTNT (Gal. 1-3) 4-6:30 pm RG@MC Tutoring
Wednesday	Day 63: DTNT (Gal. 4-6) 9:30 am Craft & Chat 5:30 pm Christian Fellowship & Education 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	Day 64: DTNT (Eph. 1-3) 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
Friday	Day 65: DTNT (Eph. 4-6) 6:30 pm Picnic & Concert on the Lawn
Saturday	Day 66: DTNT (Phil. 1-4) 3:00 pm Karenni Bible Study (Annex) 5:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

