

THE LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

The Eighth Day of May, Two Thousand Eleven
MORNING WORSHIP
Ten O’Clock

Interim Minister — Dr. Guy L. Richardson
Minister to Youth and Families — The Reverend Mr. Richard E. Owens, III

The Bible is the means by which God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, reveals Himself to His people. We respond to His grace by praising Him through praying, singing, reading, and preaching the Bible.

The Greetings and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship and Instrumental Prelude

Introit — “All Creatures of Our God and King”

The Call to Worship

‡The Hymn No. 119 — “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

‡The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

The Scripture Reading and Pastoral Prayer
Proverbs 15:20; 19:26; 23:22; 23:25; Mark 10:19Rev. Richard Owens

The Sacrament of Baptism.....Cole Benton Pillow
Son of Neil and Allison Pillow

The Prayer.....Walter Pillow

‡The Hymn No. 165 — “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

*Anthem — “Surely the Lord Is in This Place”

Surely the Lord, the Lord is in this place.
Surely the Lord is in this place.
This is none other than the House of God,
None other than the House, the House of God.
And this is the Gate of Heav’n,
The gate of Heav’n.
Surely the Lord, the Lord is in this place.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Exodus 20:12 (Pew Bible 61)
The Sermon — “A Place of Honor”.....Dr. Guy L. Richardson

‡The Hymn No. 644 — “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

‡Benediction

*Children depart for Little Worship at the conclusion of the Anthem.

‡Congregation standing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

VERITAS CLASS

Who: Couples with young children
Where: The Choir Room
Teacher: Stephen Pillow and Trey O’Brien
Study: “Grace Changes Everything”

AGAPE/KOINONIA CLASS

Who: Couples with older children, and Seniors
Where: The Fellowship Hall
Teacher: Paul Kosko

YOUNG ADULTS CLASS

Who: Young married couples and singles
Where: The Library
Teacher: Lee Coleman
Study: “The Peasant Princess: A Love Story from the Song of Songs”

SENIOR HIGH AND JUNIOR HIGH CLASSES COMBINED

Who: 6th grade through 12th grade
Where: Fireside Room
Teacher: Richard Owens

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Who: 3rd, 4th and 5th grade
Where: Classroom by the Library
Teacher: Michael and Cathy Adams

Who: 1st and 2nd grade
Where: Classroom by Harris Coleman’s Office
Teachers: Lorie Guenther and Eleanor Braswell

Who: 4 and 5 year olds
Where: Classroom by the nursery on the right
Teachers: Jeff Warren

Who: 2 and 3 year olds
Where: Classroom by the nursery on the left
Teacher: Larry Joe and Margie Makamson

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 8

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Prayer in the Fireside Room
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship: Dr. Guy L. Richardson
Little Worship: Dustin and Joie Blount
11:20 a.m. Sunday school for all ages
No luncheon today

TUESDAY, MAY 10

9:30 a.m. Women’s Discipleship Group (Cathy Adams’ home)
8:00 p.m. Young Adult Sunday School Men’s Discipleship Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

6:00 p.m. Men’s Discipleship Group will meet in the Library
Women’s Discipleship Group will meet in the Choir Room
Youth Ministry – Jr. High & Sr. High
Children’s Ministry
Nursery Available

THURSDAY, MAY 12

6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (at the church)

SUNDAY, MAY 15

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Prayer in the Fireside Room
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship: Dr. Guy L. Richardson
Little Worship: Stephen and Kim Pillow
11:20 a.m. Sunday school for all ages

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: The flowers this morning are given in joy and thanksgiving for the blessing of Cole Pillow.

MAY COVERED DISH LUNCHEON. We will *not* have our covered dish luncheon today so that we can enjoy Mother’s Day with our families.

LITTLE WORSHIP. This morning children ages 4-5 may remain in the sanctuary or be dismissed to attend Little Worship at the conclusion of the Anthem. Those who are scheduled to teach Little Worship for May are: May 8 – Dustin & Joie Blount; May 15 – Stephen & Kim Pillow; May 22 – Trey and Elizabeth O’Brien; May 29 – Neil & Allison Pillow and for June are: June 5 – Ellen Hey; June 12 – Johnny and Georgeanne Smith; June 19 – Walter and Stevie Pillow; and June 26 – Kent and Cyndi Savage. The Lesson Book is in the church office on the top shelf of the book case. Please return it to the office each Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP
(FROM PSALM 92 AND PSALM 95)

Pastor — It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

People — *to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.*

Pastor — to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

People — *For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.*

Pastor — Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People — *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Pastor and People — **For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

The New Testament Reading:

Proverbs 15:20 — *A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother.*

Proverbs 19:26 — *He who does violence to his father and chases away his mother is a son who brings shame and reproach.*

Proverbs 23:22 — *Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.*

Proverbs 23:25 — *Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.*

Mark 10:19 — *You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"*

WILL BAPTISM SAVE THIS CHILD?

Will baptism save this child? No, salvation comes through trusting in Jesus Christ as one's Savior and Lord. Then why do we baptize this child? Not for sentiment, though he/she is sweet. Not for tradition, though it is dear. We baptize this child because we believe the Bible commands us to do so.

Throughout biblical history, God has promised to bless through a covenant relationship with his people. He said to Abraham, "I will be a God to you and to your children after you." Abraham believed God's covenant promise and devoted all that he had to the Lord, including the members of his household. In obedience to God, Abraham showed his devotion through practicing the rite of circumcision in his household. This rite demonstrated that God's covenant would pass to future generations but would necessitate the shedding of blood for sin.

The shed blood did not create the covenant but rather acted as a seal, a pledge given by God, that he would honor his promise to all who, like Abraham, put their faith in him.

In the New Testament the Apostle Peter, preaching on the day of Pentecost, assured all that covenant promises of God would continue for the children of believers. He said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven. The promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off for all whom the Lord our God will call."

The promise to bless through faith in God's grace continued, but the Apostle Paul told Colossian believers that the sign of this covenant has changed. No longer foreshadowing the shedding of Christ's blood, the New Testament sacrament of baptism is a sign of what Christ's blood accomplishes, the washing away of sin and, thus, our union with him.

This water does not itself wash away sin but rather, according to the Apostle Paul, this sacrament acts as a seal, a visible pledge of God given to the church, whereby Heaven assures us that when such children as this one express faith in Christ, all the promises of his covenant of grace will apply to them.

The Bible gives us good reason to express our covenant privileges through such a baptism. In the New Testament accounts of baptism, every person identified as having a household present at his or her conversion also had the household baptized.

Yes, it is sweet to savor God's goodness to this family, but sentiment is not what leads this church or these parents to this holy ordinance. We baptize this child in obedience to biblical teaching, in keeping with the precedent of centuries of faithful families, and in expectation of God's presence and blessing. God now uses this sacrament to pledge to us his faithfulness as we, in faith, devote this child of the covenant to him.

~ Dr. Bryan Chapell



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