

The Worship of God

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2012

**Please stand if you are able*

Chiming of the Hour Beth McGinnis

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Arr. Craig Phillips Beth McGinnis

Welcome to Worship Gwen Roxburgh

Call to Worship Gwen Roxburgh

One: Praise the Lord!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

All: **He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars,
he gives to all of them their names.**

One: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

All: **Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.**
- Psalm 147:1-5, 7 NRSV

*Hymn No. 315 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
MIT FREUDEN ZART

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:21-31 Steven Thackerson

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39 Summer Hyché

One: This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

“Lord, I Want to Know You More”
Steve Fry

Sara Nix

Prayer of Confession and Lord’s Prayer

Gwen Roxburgh

One: Lord, you see all things.
Forgive us for our shaded view of your world and your will.
We see as if looking through a dark glass,
and we act upon our inadequate vision.

Silent confession

One: Open our eyes to see the vision you place before us.
Open our minds to understand you in a new way.
Open our mouths to tell of your grace.
Open our hands to do the work of your kingdom.
Open our hearts to pray as you taught us:

**All: 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.
Amen.**

*Hymn No. 54

“Like a Mother with Her Children”
UNENDING PRAISE

Offertory Prayer

Jane Helms

Offertory

“O, When Shall I See Jesus?”
Arr. Don Hustad

Beth McGinnis

*Presentation of the Offering

“Doxology”
OLD HUNDREDTH

Please stand to sing as the ushers pass your pew.

**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.**

Kindergarteners may go to room 210 in the Children’s Building for Worship Care.

Missions Moment

Tony Giles

Pastoral Prayer

Gary Furr

Anthem

“Be Thou My Vision”

Arr. Alice Parker

Sanctuary Choir
Mary Kathryn Borland, Soloist

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heavens joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
- Traditional Irish, translated by Mary E. Byrne

Sermon

“Insight”

Mark 1:29-39 (NT p. 27 in pew Bible)

Gary Furr

*Hymn No. 405

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
BRADBURY

*Benediction

Gary Furr

Postlude

“Toccata on ‘Amazing Grace’”
J. Christopher Pardini

Beth McGinnis

*The sanctuary flowers today are given in loving memory of Earl Donegan by his family.
The credenza flowers were prepared by Amy Hamilton and Marilyn Tinnermon.*

The Scripture Reader & Prayer Leader Workshop

Speaker: Bill Bugg D.M.A.

Sunday, February 19th
11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be provided
Please RSVP to Betsy

Have you ever read scripture or led prayer in worship? Would you like to? The Worship Committee is pleased to announce the second annual workshop for lay worship leaders. Join us on Feb 19th after worship for lunch. Our own Bill Bugg will be leading a seminar that will be helpful to all, whether seasoned or novice. We will also be signing up readers for this year. The seminar will last about an hour. The church will provide lunch for the event as a way of saying "Thank You!" to those who help lead in worship. Please RSVP to betsy@vhbc.com or call 979-5920.

Round Table Tuesday, Feb. 7
10:30 a.m. – Fireside Room

We will talk about American Heroine Eudora Welty. Our guest speaker will be Valerie Luessee.

Spring Season of Prayer for World Missions begins Tuesday, February 14 at 11:30 AM in the Chapel. Everyone is invited! Bring a sandwich & stay for a short time of fellowship after the meeting.

"What Age?!" is a parenting workshop led by Kristie Chandler. How do I decide what is the right time for my child to get a cell phone, have her ears pierced, go to a movie with a friend, etc. ? Join in this discussion! This Wednesday night, February 8, 6-7 PM in the Children's Activity Room.



Take a moment to silence your phone, beeper watch, and other necessary personal electronic devices you bring into worship, prayer service, or Bible study.

THURSDAY EVENING COMMUNION

Join us for a short, meaningful Communion Service every Thursday at 5:40 PM in the Chapel.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join us at 6:30 AM every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited, and no reservation is required.

Women's Bible Study

Sign-up sheets are outside the Fellowship Hall

James: Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore

Beginning the week of February 26th

Sundays 4-6 PM*

Mondays 9:30-11AM*

Tuesdays 6:30-8 PM

Cost: \$15 (book will be provided)

NOTE: Childcare now available for both Sunday and Monday groups. Please reserve your child's place; email betsy@vhbc.com.

Deacons Meeting

Next Sunday, February 12

5:00 PM - Adult Seminar Room

College Lunch update

Thank you for your generous response in offering to provide lunch for our college students this spring. Already, every available Sunday has a scheduled host home except for March 4. If you would like to sign up for that date, please email betsy@vhbc.com or call 979-5920.