

Order for the Worship of God
11 A.M.

The Prelude *God's Tender Mercy Knows No Bounds* Handel

The Welcome & Exhortation to Worship

The Introit *The LORD Is in His Holy Temple* G. F. Root

*** The Call to Worship – Revelation 5:11-13**

Pastor: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

People: “Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

Pastor: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

People: “To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

*** Hymn of Praise No. 125** *Let All Things Now Living*

*** The Prayer of Invocation & Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

The Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another, that we have sinned against You by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved You by wasting Your gifts, by wandering from Your ways. Forgive us, we pray You, most merciful Father; And free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 1:7

“If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from sin.”

*** Hymn of Assurance No. 97** *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*

The Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response

The LORD's Tithes and Our Offerings

(Please sign & pass the registration pad)

The Offertory *Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* J. S. Bach

*** The Doxology** Old Hundredth

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** The Old Testament Reading – Psalm 22:19-31 (pg. 458)**

The Anthem *Go, Congregation, Go!* John Antes
Lisa Ogburn ~ Soprano

Go, congregation, go! Go and see. See thy Saviour, go and see thy Saviour in Gethsemane. There is a scene, a scene which with amaze must strike thee. There, astonished, gaze! Thy Master prays. Surely, He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows! He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed.

*** Hymn of Preparation No. 498** *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church)

*** The New Testament Reading – Mark 15:33-39 (pgs. 853)**

The Sermon *Darkness before the Dawn: The Death of Christ* Rev. Joel Smit

*** Hymn of Affirmation No. 481** *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

*** The Benediction**

*** The Congregational Chorus Psalm 23:6** CRIMOND
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

*** The Postlude** *Trumpet Tune* Norman Warren

*** The congregation stands.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

LORD's Day - 9:15 A.M. - Prayer Time
9:45 A.M. - Adult & Children Sunday School
10:30 A.M. - Fellowship Time
11:00 A.M. - Worship of Almighty God
6:00 P.M. - Evening worship of Almighty God
12:30 P.M. - Congregational Luncheon
Tuesday - 11:30 A.M. - Keenager Luncheon
Wednesday - 5:45 P.M. - Greek feast dinner
7:00 P.M. - Adult Bible study, King's Kids
FACT, Choir Rehearsal
Thursday - 10:00 A.M. - Prayer Shawl ministry meeting
6:30 P.M. - Deacon meeting
Saturday - 8:00 A.M. - Churchwide workday
11:00 A.M. - Moms & Kids Carnival

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL: On Wednesday, March 21st we will have Gyros, hummus and pita, spanakopita, salad, tzatziki, roasted potatoes, and baklava for dessert. The cost is \$4 per person with a \$12 cap per family. If you plan to eat dinner, please sign the sign-up sheet.

CONGREGATIONAL SHEPHERDING GROUP LUNCHEON: Our fellowship luncheon will be held immediately following morning worship today. We hope to see you all there!

KEENAGERS: On Tuesday, March 20th we will meet at the O'Charleys on East West Connector @ 11:30 a.m. for a time of Bible study, food, and fellowship.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The Prayer Shawl ministry will meet Thursday, March 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor.

DEACON MEETING: The Deacons will meet Thursday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room.

CHURCHWIDE WORKDAY: We will be sprucing up the grounds in preparation for Easter on Saturday, March 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tasks included in the workday are spreading pine straw, repairing a sinking sidewalk with plans to paint and a handful of additional projects if we have a good turn-out. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

MOMS & KIDS CARNIVAL: We will have a moms and kids carnival on Saturday, March 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be games, prizes, Bible time, and treats! We will kick-off with lunch consisting of hotdogs, chips, and fruit.

PROJECT NEHEMIAH: On Wednesday evening, March 28th Lynne Rienstra will speak to us about Project Nehemiah. The Missions Committee has adopted this project as a focus for ministering to others. This project helps to raise funds to rebuild homes in war torn Iraq that have been damaged or destroyed by insurgent troops. Lynne Rienstra is the Regional Director/Church Partnerships for Samaritan's Purse. Please plan to attend to hear more about this important work.

FEED NORTON PARK: Please provide donations or goods for families at North Park Elementary School who need our help. We have a lot of shopping to do in order to bring the inventory back up to 100% of compacity. Please mark your check FEED NORTON PARK.

Our next opportunity to fill the pantry is March 27th. Please have your donations in by this date. Thank you all for your support and cooperation!!

MISSIONS YARD SALE: TO BENEFIT PROJECT NEHEMIAH

Please plan to join us on Saturday, April 14th from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at the church for our Missions Yard Sale. How you can help?

1. You can set up your own table to sell items
2. Contribute items to the SPC table. Look around your home for gently used items in good shape that you would like to donate to the church table. No linens or clothing items as space is limited.
3. We ask that 10% of the proceeds from your own table be donated to Project Nehemiah to help rebuild homes in war torn Iraq. All proceeds from the church table will be donated to this project.
4. Come by and join us and check out the items at the various tables. You may find some future treasures that you were not aware that you needed!

Need more details? Contact Mark Jackson or the church office.

DEACON FUND OFFERING: A Deacons fund offering will be collected for this Sunday and next Sunday, March 25th.

CCS GATSBY GALA: On April 21st Covenant Christian School will be hosting an evening of fun, fellowship, and flappers! At the Hotel Indigo in Vinings, CCS will have the Gatsby Gala and Silent Auction. To make this evening a success, we are asking for donations towards our silent auction and sponsorships for the evening. Do you have an item that you would be willing to donate to help our school raise money? Funds go directly to operational needs, technology and science upgrades, facility enhancements, teacher training and more. For more information or to donate, please contact Kelly Becker at Kelly.becker@abc.com.

UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

March 18th

Church Wing— Smadja Hart
School Wing— Chip & Sis Howells

March 25th

Church Wing— Dervon Douglas
School Wing— Randy & Page Whitfield

UPCOMING NURSERY WORKERS

If you have a conflict, change your date with someone else and contact the staffing coordinator. Please note: You may request a CD for the message preached during your time of service; see the audio team in the sound booth for a copy.

March 18th

Infant— Jill Fogarty/Tansy Ridings
Toddler— Julie Ramsey/Mike Becker
2's & 3's—Susan Holland/Leah Thomas
Extra— Andy Fogarty
Floater—Lucy Katrek
Children's Church—Gina Fogarty

March 25th

Infant— Kelly Becker/Leslie Boyd
Toddler— Howard Campbell/Jean Campbell
2's & 3's—Marsha Gleason/Danny Powell
Extra— John Milberger
Floater—Eryn Ridings
Children's Church—Henry Katrek

Elders

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.

~ I Timothy 5:17

<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>	<i>Class of 2020</i>
Rob Hines	Rob MacGregor	Dan Hall
John Milberger	David Owen	Bill Pruett
David Stallings		

Elder Emeritus

Gene Hall	Chip Howell	Don Wilkes
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Deacons

For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. ~ I Timothy 3:13

<i>Class of 2019</i>	<i>Class of 2020</i>	
Dervon Douglas	Mike Becker	Matt Ramsey
Danny Powell	Andy Fogarty	James Wesley
	Buddy Kelly	

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Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

The Words of Welcome

* The Call to Worship

* The Psalm 143C

ST. ELIZABETH

* The Prayer of Invocation

* The Hymn – 79 *My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me?*

Psalter Reading - Westminster Shorter Catechism #104-105 (pg. 877)

The Offering & Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory

The Evening Prayer

Elder John Milberger

* The Reading of God's Word

Joshua 10:1-15 (pgs. 185-86)

The Sermon

God Quick to Save & Deliver

Rev. Joel Smit

The Private Confession of Sin

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins: and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words; and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 32:5

“I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

Hymn of Preparation. No. 378 (1-3)

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Fencing the Table

The Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 378 (4-5)

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

* The Benediction

The Postlude



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The ministry of Smyrna Presbyterian Church exists to worship the triune God by preaching, praying, singing, and living the Holy Scripture so as to know Christ as a covenant community of believers and to make Him known in our community and world.