

## Order for the Worship of God

11 A.M.

*“Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the LORD.”*

*~ Philippians 3:1*

### The Prelude

### The Welcome & Exhortation to Worship

### The Introit

#### \* The Call to Worship – Isaiah 66:1-2

Pastor: Thus says the LORD: “Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool;

**People: what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest?**

Pastor: All these things My hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD.

**People: But this is the one to whom I will look:**

**ALL: He who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.**

#### \* Hymn of Praise No. 302

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

#### \* The Prayer of Invocation

#### \* The Confession of Faith – Apostles Creed

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

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic+ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.* *+universal*

#### \* Hymn of Assurance No. 179

*Hallelujah! Thine the Glory*

### The Pastoral Prayer

### Choral Response

*Almighty Father*

### The LORD's Tithes and Our Offerings

(Please sign & pass the registration pad)

### The Offertory

#### \* 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.*

#### \* Hymn of Preparation No. 310

*Rejoice, the LORD Is King*

(Children K4-1<sup>st</sup> grade dismissed to children's church)

#### \* The New Testament Reading – Philippians 3:1-11 (pgs. 981)

### The Sermon

*Counting Our Gain as Loss*

Rev. David Barry

#### \* Hymn of Affirmation No. 642

*Be Thou My Vision*

#### \* The Benediction

#### \* The Congregational Chorus Psalm 23:6

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*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

#### \* The Postlude

\* 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  
*Wednesday* - 5:45 P.M. - Dinner  
7:00 P.M. - Adult Bible study, King's Kids  
PYF, Choir Rehearsal  
*Thursday* - 10:00 A.M. - Faithfulness Circle meeting

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Rev. David Barry is an Assistant Pastor at Midway Presbyterian Church (PCA). Previous to serving at Midway, David was in the Ph.D. program at Westminster Seminary (Philadelphia, PA), and is awaiting final approval of his doctoral dissertation. He was ordained in the Northwest Georgia Presbytery this last year. David's wife is Katie and they have been married for three years.

### CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 2018

#### Tuesday, January 9th—10:00 A.M.

Love Circle - Will meet in the church parlor. Nursery is provided.

#### Tuesday, January 9th—7:15 P.M.

Gentleness Circle - Will meet at the home of Page Whitfield.

#### Thursday, January 4th—10:00 A.M.

Faithfulness Circle - Will meet in the church parlor.

#### Saturday, January 13th—8:45 A.M.

Kindness Circle - Will meet in the church fellowship hall.

**BABY SHOWER BRUNCH:** The Love and Gentleness Circles will be hosting a baby shower brunch for Smadja Hart & Meg King on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited to attend.

**DINNER GROUPS:** We are beginning a new round this month. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you are interested in knowing, on a more personal level, your fellow church goers please sign up. Each group is autonomous to themselves. We encourage all to participate. Contact Ralph Canup at ralphcanup@gmail.com with any questions.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** Praise the LORD for SPC's faithful teachers of our covenant children. Some have served the Lord as teachers for more than ten years, and some without a break. What love of Jesus this shows. Would you consider helping to share in this growing work? We need more teachers, as well as some who can substitute or help with the administration of our Children's Discipleship Ministry. Whether Sunday School, King's Kids or PYF, and from toddlers through teens, there is room in this harvest field for both men and women. Interested? See Bill Pruett or call him at 404-277-0067.

**CALL TO PRAYER:** As we look forward to a new year, we're excited to introduce a renewed emphasis on prayer. We want to be like the early church, devoting ourselves to teaching, fellowship, and prayer. (Acts 2:42). To help enrich our prayer lives, we are changing the bulletin insert to reflect specific prayer and praise requests in designated categories to help focus our prayers on timely matters. For example, we will provide specific requests for prayer for our church leaders and our church ministries. We will also feature three church families each week to be upheld in prayer. Sharing our praise and prayer requests is humbling, but it also bonds Believers in deep fellowship. It is our prayer that you will find the *Call to Prayer* helps deepen your prayer life and that of this church body. If you would like to be part of the prayer team behind a *Call to Prayer*, please see David Owen.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The offering envelopes for 2018 are available in the Narthex across from the men's restroom. At the end of December, please discard any remaining 2017 envelopes you may have. **Please remember to write your name on your envelope.** Thank you!

### UPCOMING GREETER SCHEDULE

#### December 31st

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

#### January 7th

Church Wing— Julie Ramsey  
School Wing— Howard & Jean Campbell

### 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.

#### December 31st

Infant— Hortense Bediam/Ruth O'Neal  
Toddler— Ellen Milberger/Jamie Hughes  
2's & 3's—Rose Zang/Andy Fogarty  
Extra— Dwight Thomas  
Floater—Lilli Hovey  
Children's Church—Henry Katrek

#### January 7th

Infant— Anh Ton/Meg King  
Toddler— Gail Stallings/James Wesley  
2's & 3's—Stefanie Smit/Julie Ramsey  
Extra—Mike Becker  
Floater—Denise Phan  
Children's Church—Gina Fogarty

**SERMON NOTES**

**Evening Worship**

**6:00 P.M.**

*“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”*

*~ John 10:27*

- The Prelude
- The Words of Welcome
- \* The Call to Worship Revelation 5:11-14
- \* The Psalm – 103D SICILIAN MARINERS
- \* The Prayer of Invocation
- \* The Hymn – 296 *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!*
- Psalter Reading Psalm 103 (pg. 821-22)
- The Offering & Prayer of Dedication
- The Offertory
- The Evening Prayer
- The Hymn - 94 *How Firm a Foundation*
- \* The Reading of God's Word John 10:27-30 (pg. 897)
- The Sermon *God’s Eternal Resolutions* Ed Gleason
- \* Hymn of Thanksgiving – 80 *LORD, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee*
- \* The Benediction
- The Postlude



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**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 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Dan Hall	Rob Hines	Rob MacGregor
Bill Pruett	John Milberger	David Owen
	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 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2019</i>
Mike Becker	Dervon Douglas
Matt Ramsey	Danny Powell
James Wesley	

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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.*