

WE GATHER IN GOD’S HOUSE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

Ellen McLemore

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Robert Bohler, Jr.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Matt Hoots

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION

PRELUDE FOR WORSHIP

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Edstrom

(A time to prepare your heart to enter the presence of God. “Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10)

*HYMN #222

“Thine Is the Glory”

MACCABEUS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Deb Trimpe

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive us and set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open to us a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Hear now our silent prayers...(silent prayers of confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #196, v. 4

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

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WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD’S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

ESSENTIAL TENETS IN CATECHISM FORM — Lord’s Day 9: The Nature of the Trinity

Q. How can God be one God in three persons?

A. The three persons are consubstantial with one another, being both coeternal, and coequal, such that there are not three gods, nor are there three parts of God, but rather three persons within the one Godhead.

Q. How are the Son and the Holy Spirit related to the Father?

A. The Son is eternally begotten from the Father, and the Spirit proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son.

Q. What is due to each member of the Trinity?

A. All three persons of the Trinity are worthy of worship and praise.

CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

(After the Confirmation recognition, children ages 3 years old-5th grade are invited to their own services in the nursery wing. Parents pick them up after the service.)

*HYMN #395, v. 1-2

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

SCOTT

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Gregg Pawlowski, Biglife Ministries

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

Dr. Robert Bohler, Jr.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Matthew 7:15-20

OUR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Jesus Shall Reign”

arr. Larson

*The Doxology, #706

OLD 100th alt.

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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

ANTHEM

“Kyrie Eleison”

T. McPheeters

Chancel Choir; Dr. Kenneth Powers, Director

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon us.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

THE READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-23

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Smartest Man Around – Life Lessons from the Writings of Solomon”

Dr. Robert Bohler, Jr.

WE DEPART TO SERVE AND WITNESS

*HYMN #71

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

P. Lutkin

Chancel Choir; Dr. Kenneth Powers, Director

*CLOSING PRAYER

Matt Hoots

THE POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

arr. Larson

*Stand as able

The flowers on the alter are given by Pat Millican in loving memory of her husband Everett Millican, who passed away on April 29, 2011.

Lay Leader: *Matt Hoots*

Elders of the Week: *Stephen Bailey, Carol Bernhardt*

Deacon of the Week: *Mary Stone*

Greeters: *Mike & Glenda Greenhaw, Renatta Rasmussen*

Ushers: *Carol Bernhardt, Jim McLemore, Billy & Brandi Leopold*

Gathering Hosts: *Skip Trimpe, Gary & Karen Huff*

Fifth Sunday of Easter / Liturgical Color: White

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Wednesday Night Dinner Menu, May 1, 5:45 PM
 Cinco de Mayo: Mexican Chicken, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Tex-Mex Salad, Sopapillas & Churros; Kids' table: Pizza

ALPS ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Online Church DIRECTORY

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Our new online church directory has launched! Look for more information on how to set up your account in the April newsletter, as well as the church emails.

April 28, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Christian Education

- Sunday Mornings, 10:00-10:40 AM (resumes 5/5)**
- The Missionary Journeys of Paul**
Teacher: Rev. Deb Trimpe; Fellowship Hall
 - The Triune God**
Teacher: E.Y. Coley III; Room 200
- Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-7:30 PM**
- Jesus and the Seven Feasts of Judaism: His Purpose and Promise**
Teacher: Dr. Ron Bowie; Room 100
 - Bible Study on the Book of Romans**
Teachers: Dr. Robert Bohler, Jr. & Allen Haas; Room 200
 - The Bible Recap: Moms' Bible Study**
Teachers: Lucie Morris, Robin Rudisill, & Beth Stewart; Room 207
- Caffeine, Conversation, & the Canon (Men's Bible Study)**
- Mondays, 2:00 PM, Room 200; Teacher: Doug Jenkins**
- Women's Bible Study — Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World**
- Tuesdays, 9:30 AM, Room 100; Teacher: Rev. Deb Trimpe**
- Community Bible Study**
- Mondays, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall**
All groups meet: couples, men, women, teens & children
 - Wednesdays, 10:00 AM, Room 100**
Men's group meets; Led by Mike Greenhaw

MISSION IN A MILE

Tuesday, May 14 - Tailgate Food and Appetizers for Clarke Middle School Teachers and Staff (120 total): This has been a HUGE hit for the teachers over the last 2 years! We need your help providing food and decorating tables. **Please sign up here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0448ABA723A64-48990021-teacher#/>.

Thursday, May 16 - Bettye Henderson Holston Elementary Field Day: The teachers and staff are collecting bottled water for field day (large bottles for staff and small bottles for children). Please bring donations to the church office by Monday, May 13. They also need volunteers for two different shifts on May 16, from 9-11am and 12-2pm. If you are interested in helping them, please contact Laura Griner (school community liaison) at either grinerl@clarke.k12.ga.us or call/text her at (864) 556-4144.

May for Missions is a month-long emphasis on over-and-above mission opportunities for our church. Please be praying about how you can give to support the following ministries:

- Help free some of the 4.5 million Pakistani people trapped in generational slavery (brick kiln workers)
- Support the ongoing ministry and new women's clinic at the Athens Pregnancy Center

MAY FOR MISSIONS PRESENTATIONS
TODAY, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall (with light breakfast)
Guest Speaker, Gregg Pawlowski,
Regional Advancement Officer for Biglife

SUNDAY, MAY 5 in both services
Minute for Mission by Miriam Nelson
Executive Director at Athens Pregnancy Center

The **Get to Know Alps Road** class, scheduled for today, has been rescheduled for sometime in the fall.

UGA FINALS STUDY BREAK
APRIL 30, 8-10PM

ARPC is co-hosting an open study break with InterVarsity campus ministry and needs folks to sign up to provide light refreshments, host and meet students, and lead a time of prayer for students and exams. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0448ABA72FA13-49168065-ugastudent/3962656#/>

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 5

If you or someone in your immediate family is graduating from high school or college (undergraduate or graduate) this year, or has graduated since August 2023, please let us know by sending the following information **by April 29** to office@alpsroadpres.org: Name, school, graduation date, degree (for college grads), and plans for next year, if known.

A BIBLICAL DEFENSE FOR WOMEN IN MINISTRY
Tuesday, May 14, 9:30-10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Rev. Trimpe recently presented this topic to a group of UGA students who are part of a campus ministry. In requesting prayer for the presentation, many in our congregation asked that this be presented at ARPC as well. All are welcome to join us! Light refreshments served.

BOOK CLUB MEETING
 Sunday, May 19, 3:00pm via Zoom
 Discussion of *The Case For Christ* by Lee Strobel
 Contact Amber Lawson (amberlawson02@gmail.com) for link.

April 28, 4:30-6pm - End of the year party at OVP
June 12-15 - Middle School Merge Youth Camp at Shocco Springs Conference Center, Talladega, AL; \$300
June 23-28 - Fun in the Son High School Conference at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons, GA; \$500

REGISTER FOR VBS!
June 3 - 6
9:30AM - 12:30PM

STUBA
 diving into friendship with God
 kids ages 4 years to rising 6th grade

Volunteers also needed! Use the QR code or sign up here: <https://vbspro.events/p/8a42e8>

APRIL 2024 BUDGET UPDATE

Total April Offerings to date	\$38,126
Monthly Budget Requirement	\$60,000

We cannot know God exhaustively, but we can know God accurately. Though the Bible does not reveal everything about God, what it does reveal is a true description of the living God. As the early church developed language to describe this mystery, it affirmed that the three persons of the Trinity were “consubstantial” with one another. This means that they are of the same essence and substance. They are the same kind of being and the same being. More than that, they are not merely a being as we are beings but the source of all being. No other creature is of the same substance and essence as God.

How exactly are the Son and Holy Spirit related to the Father? The language of the Trinity indicates that they are related differently in some way that is shrouded in mystery. They are not two “Sons” of the Father, nor two “Grandsons,” nor a “Son and a Daughter.” The names given by Jesus indicate some of the difference. Jesus is the Son of God. The third member of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit. This differentiates the Trinity from a typical human family configuration. In addition, the scriptures use two different words to describe the relation between the Father, Son, and Spirit. John 3:16 calls Jesus the “only begotten Son” of God. What does the word “begotten” mean? It indicates a coming forth rather than creation or birth. The Son came from the Godhead in the beginning, before time, at the instigation of the Father. This did not make the Son a part of creation but was an act within the Godhead before time and creation.

Jesus himself gave us language to talk about the relationship between the Father and the Holy Spirit. When telling the disciples about the coming of the Spirit, he called him the “Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father” (John 15:26). This word, “proceeds,” also indicates a coming forth. The Spirit is not born or made as part of creation but came into being, from the Godhead, before time, space, and anything that exists.

There is a wonderful early Christian statement of belief called the Athanasian Creed. It affirms the unity and diversity of the Trinity while holding them together as one God. A section of the creed is printed below:

Now this is the catholic faith: That we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence.

The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal. And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being. So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

Similarly, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings; there is but one almighty being. Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God. Thus the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord. Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord.

Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually as both God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords. The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone. The Son was neither made nor created; he was begotten from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten; he proceeds from the Father and the Son. Accordingly there is one Father, not three fathers; there is one Son, not three sons; there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits. Nothing in this trinity is before or after, nothing is greater or smaller; in their entirety the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other. So in everything, as was said earlier, we must worship their trinity in their unity and their unity in their trinity. Anyone then who desires to be saved should think thus about the trinity. (From the Athanasian Creed)

With Warm Regards,
Bob
 Dr. Robert Bohler, Jr.