

December 9, 2018

TODAY: Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.  
Messages by PASTOR JIM BYRD  
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(webcasting live during listed service times)  
WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service—7:00 p.m.  
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### **SUBSTITUTION**

*Tune: "The Solid Rock," (LM)  
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd*

*Before creation was begun,  
God chose a people in His Son;  
Give praise unto the Trinity,  
Who saved us from eternity!*

*CHORUS: Jesus the Savior came to save,  
For us His life He freely gave,  
For us His life He feely gave.*

*All of the lambs sent forth to die,  
On Jewish altars typify;  
The Lamb of God whose sacrifice,  
Would pay our legal ransom price.*

*CHORUS:*

*When came the time the Lord had set,  
The Savior came and paid our debt;  
Upon the cross of Calvary,  
Christ died to set His people free.*

*CHORUS:*

*Who can a charge against us lay,  
Since Jesus washed our sins away?  
Risen with Him and justified;  
Soon to be with Him, gloried!*

*CHORUS:*

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### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

*Dec. 11 Connie Pemberton  
12 Larry Holbrook*

*Dec. 13 Ann Thompson  
14 Chuck Stapleton*

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*"Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still be praising Thee. Selah" (Psalm 84:4).*

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The luncheon for all ladies, sixty-five or older and/or widowed, will be this Thursday, Dec. 13th at 11:30 a.m. If you did not receive an invitation or have not responded please see Theresa Pennington or call the church office.

The numbered offering envelopes for 2019 are now available in the vestibule and the church office.

Congratulations to Jason Smith on receiving his Masters degree from Marshall University.

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### **PROPHET, PRIEST AND KING**

The offices which Christ sustains toward us are such as have been in the highest repute among men: prophets, priests and kings have always been accounted worthy of honor. We should give the highest honor to Christ who, as prophet is superior to Moses, and as priest, superior to Aaron and as king, the Lord of David. These offices, as exercised by Christ, deserve our honor, not only because of their excellence, but also because of their adaptiveness to us. We are, by nature, ignorant, guilty and depraved. As ignorant, we need Christ the Prophet to teach us; as guilty, we need Christ the Priest to make atonement for us; as depraved, we need Christ the King to rule over us and bring all our rebellious passions into subjection to Him. These offices of Christ are also adapted to the graces which distinguish and adorn the Christian character. The chief of these, as enumerated by Paul, are faith, hope and love (1 Corinthians 13:13). In the exercise of faith, we receive the truth, revealed by Christ, the Prophet. In the exercise of hope, we follow Christ the Priest who has entered into the holiest of all to appear before God for us. And we submit to Christ the King in the exercise of love, which is the fulfilling of the law, the principle and sum of all holy obedience. —J. L. Dagg

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### **GLORYING IN THE CROSS**

*"God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14). David wrote, "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1), but the glories of redemption vastly outshine the magnificence of creation. All of the infinite perfections of God are harmoniously featured in the sacrificial, substitutionary death of Christ. At the cross we behold God's determinate purpose, His everlasting love and His inflexible justice working together to bring about the salvation of unworthy sinners "to the praise of the glory of His grace."* —Pastor Jim Byrd

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### **PRIDE**

Pride is one great cause of unbelief. This is the influence of Satan, who, being lifted up with pride, fell into eternal condemnation. By pride he ruined us at first; *"Ye shall be as gods,"* he said; and by pride he still keeps men under His power. The pride in the hearts of sinners stands directly opposed to SALVATION BY GRACE! God will give life freely in Christ, but the proud sinner prefers to merit and deserve it; God will have eternal life to be ALL OF GRACE (that no flesh should glory in His presence), but the sinner wants it to be of his works that he might have some glory.

Men will put themselves in monasteries, go to the mission fields, keep holy days, count beads, afflict their bodies, go on pilgrimages, strive to keep laws, and do almost anything for pardon and salvation rather than receive eternal life as the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Why? PRIDE! The pride of the human heart will try anything, no matter how difficult or demeaning, rather than bow before God as a sinner and be saved by His grace. Isn't it strange that a naked beggar would rather clothe himself with filthy rags than to accept the beautiful, spotless robe of Christ by grace? Isn't it strange that a condemned criminal would rather seek to prove his innocence than to accept a full and free pardon from the hand of the King? It is not strange when one knows the awful pride of the human heart! To be saved and justified freely by the doing and dying of another is a situation the proud human heart cannot understand nor agree to until the strength of that pride is broken by the almighty power of God. —Henry Mahan, from our bulletin, 12/31/1989