

THE LORD'S DAY

December 1, 2013

WORSHIP SERVICE

Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.

Praise the LORD!

I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation.

²The works of the LORD *are* great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

³His work *is* honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;

The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

Psalm 111:1–4

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[†]*Doxology* OLD ONE HUNDREDTH
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

I Will Sing of My Redeemer Herbster Family Ensemble

Glorious, Indescribable Mark, Mike, Amy Hersbster

You Alone Are God Mark, Mike Herbster

PETITION

[†]Prayer of Intercession

Offering

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:1–25

[†]*Before the Throne of God Above* TUNE: DUKE STREET

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands;
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.

PRELUDE

Before the Throne of God Above

[†]CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Psalm 111:1–4

ADORATION

[†]*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

Hymn **25**
AMSTERDAM

[†]CONGREGATIONAL READING

The congregation will read text in italics.

Psalm 106:1–5

Praise the LORD!

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.*

²Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD?
Who can declare all His praise?

³*Blessed are those who keep justice,
And he who does righteousness at all times!*

⁴Remember me, O LORD, with the favor You have toward Your people. Oh, visit me with Your salvation,

⁵*That I may see the benefit of Your chosen ones,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation,
That I may glory with Your inheritance.*

Because the sinless Savior died,
 My sinful soul is counted free,
 For God the Just is satisfied
 To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
 My perfect, spotless, righteousness;
 The great unchangeable I AM,
 The King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die;
 My soul is purchased with His blood;
 My life is hid with Christ on high,
 With Christ my Savior and my God

Amazing Grace Mark, Mike, Matt Herbster

His Wondrous Love Mark and Amy Herbster

THE SERMON
 "Looking unto Jesus"
 Hebrews 12:1-3

THE LORD'S TABLE
 Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Prayer & Receiving of the Bread

Prayer & Receiving of the Cup

Deacons Fund Offering

+Be Thou My Vision

Hymn **374**
 SLANE

+PRAYER & BENEDICTION

+Congregation will stand



Annual Business Meeting, 6:00 PM



LOOKING UNTO JESUS—HEBREWS 12:1-3

Pastor Greg Stiekes

As his crowning example of persevering faith, the author urges us to look to our Savior, Jesus Christ, who is both the founder and finisher of our faith. For not only does Jesus become the object of our faith, but he also shows us what it means to live by faith. Why do we "look unto Jesus" according to this text?

1. Jesus looked to the reward.
who for the joy that was set before Him

2. Jesus endured the trial.
endured the cross

3. Jesus despised the shame.
despising the shame

4. Jesus completed the mission.
and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God

Hymns planned for Next Week: Joy to the World (194); O Come, O Come Emmanuel (229); Hark the Herald (199); Wonderful Grace of Jesus (155); Fairest Lord Jesus (162).



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*Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,
 Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.
 Fellowship Dinner 3rd Sunday of the month & no evening service.
 Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups
 Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.*

To Our Guests: We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekes personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

TONIGHT—Annual Business Meeting at 6:00

WEDNESDAY—6:45 PM, AWANA; Adult Bible Study, 7:00; Teen Discipleship Group at the St. Jacques, 7:00.
Deacons Meeting, 8:30.

DATES TO WATCH (Note changes from church calendar)
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING @ 6:00

December 8—Children's *Hanging of the Green* Service during SS
 December 15—Annual Christmas worship service
 5:00—Christmas Gathering at the Johnson Fireplace Room at Kanuga Camp and Conference Center

GIFT BASKETS—If you would like to contribute items for gift baskets to be distributed for Christmas to families and seniors, you may sign up to bring items on the bulletin board in the foyer.

	Nov 24	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$2495	\$3,712	\$181,825	\$174,442
Missions	50		\$2,714	
Deacons Fund			\$6480	
Building Fund			\$7,175	\$30,140

KIDS4TRUTH Q&A AND MEMORY VERSE FOR NEXT WEEK

Q. Does God reveal in His Word that He is greater than we are?
 A. Yes. One passage is Isaiah 55:8-9---"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." 201