

## The Lord's Supper

**What is the Lord's Supper?** The Lord's Supper is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the appointment of Jesus Christ, His death is showed forth; and they that worthily communicate feed upon His body and blood, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace; have their union and communion with Him confirmed; testify and renew their thankfulness, and engagement to God, and their mutual love and fellowship each with other, as members of the same mystical body.

**May one who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation, come to the Lord's Supper?** One who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account has it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labor to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's Supper, that he may be further strengthened.

**May any who profess the faith, and desire to come to the Lord's Supper, be kept from it?** Such as are found to be ignorant or scandalous, notwithstanding their profession of the faith, and desire to come to the Lord's Supper, may and ought to be kept from that sacrament, by the power which Christ hath left in his church, until they receive instruction, and manifest their reformation.

**What is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the time of the administration of it?** It is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, that, during the time of the administration of it, with all holy reverence and attention they wait upon God in that ordinance, diligently observe the sacramental elements and actions, heedfully discern the Lord's body, and affectionately meditate on his death and sufferings, and thereby stir up themselves to a vigorous exercise of their graces; in judging themselves, and sorrowing for sin; in earnest hungering and thirsting after Christ, feeding on him by faith, receiving of his fullness, trusting in his merits, rejoicing in his love, giving thanks for his grace; in renewing of their covenant with God, and love to all the saints.

**What is the duty of Christians, after they have received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?** The duty of Christians, after they have received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, is seriously to consider how they have behaved themselves therein, and with what success; if they find quickening and comfort, to bless God for it, beg the continuance of it, watch against relapses, fulfill their vows, and encourage themselves to a frequent attendance on that ordinance: but if they find no present benefit, more exactly to review their preparation to, and carriage at, the sacrament; in both which, if they can approve themselves to God and their own consciences, they are to wait for the fruit of it in due time: but, if they see they have failed in either, they are to be humbled, and to attend upon it afterwards with more care and diligence.

## Announcements

- Prayer Meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
- To volunteer to help clean the church property, please speak with Mr. Groff or contact the church at [info@antiochpca.com](mailto:info@antiochpca.com).

## Vision

**Our vision** is to see the historic Antioch Presbyterian Church revitalized as a worshipping community to be a blessing to every man, woman, and child in the growing residential hub west of Woodruff and south of Reidville, to the glory of God.

## Mission

**Our mission** as a parish church at the crossroads of Greenville and Spartanburg Counties is the gathering and perfecting of God's people through biblical worship, evangelism, and pastoral care.

## Areas of Ministry Focus

*Expository Preaching*

*Biblical Worship*

*Parish Evangelism*

*Pastoral Care*

*Discipleship*

## Leadership & Accountability

As a *mission work*, Antioch Presbyterian Church (PCA) is governed and overseen by a *provisional session* of elders serving as a *commission* of Calvary Presbytery. The six men appointed to the *provisional session* are active elders within the bounds of Calvary Presbytery, and they have graciously agreed to serve "above-and-beyond" to encourage the revitalization of Antioch. They include:

Dr. Chipley Bennett, Ph.D. - Ruling Elder, Providence Presbyterian Church

Dr. E. Todd Buchner, D.Min. - Pastor, Reidville Presbyterian Church

Mr. Richard Hollifield - Ruling Elder, Roebuck Presbyterian Church

Mr. William Johnson - Ruling Elder, Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church

Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr., Ph.D., D.D. - Professor of Systematic & Applied Theology, President Emeritus, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary;

Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church

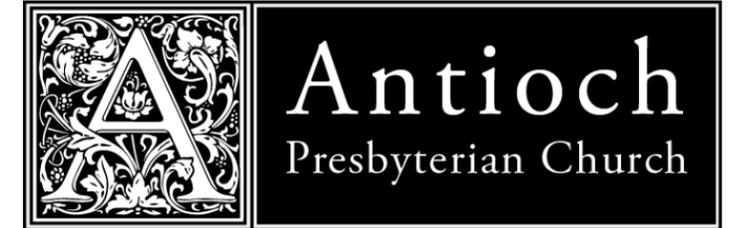
Pastor Richard Thomas - Senior Pastor, Mount Calvary Presbyterian Church;

Clerk of Session, Antioch Presbyterian Church

## Church Staff

Mr. Zachary Groff - Ministerial Assistant

Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr. - Organizing Pastor & Moderator of Session



The Lord's Day  
December 6, 2020

"The Promise of  
Christian Discipleship"

*Mark 8:22-26*

Mr. Zachary Groff

Worship - Sunday, 5:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting - Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

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# The Lord's Day

December 6, 2020

## Meditation

Titus 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, <sup>12</sup>instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup>looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, <sup>14</sup>who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

## \*Call to Worship

## \*Congregational Commitment

**Minister: Congregation, in whom is your confidence?**

Congregation: Our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made the heavens and earth.

## \*Salutation

## \*Hymn of Adoration

No. 320

*As with Gladness Men of Old*  
DIX

## \*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

## \*Revelation of God's Will

Exodus 20:1-17

## \*Confession of Sin & Supplication for Grace

Almighty God, rich in mercy to all those who call upon You: Hear us as we come to You, humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds, 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 our 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

Acts 13: 38, 39

<sup>38</sup>Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, <sup>39</sup>and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

## Offering

No. 116A

*I Love the LORD, for He Has Heard My Voice*  
(stanzas 1, 6-8)  
EVENTIDE

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication

Lord's Prayer

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.

## Hymn of Preparation

No. 119E

*Teach Me, O LORD, Your Way of Truth*  
BISHOP

## \*Prayer for Illumination

## \*Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40

## \*New Testament Reading

Mark 8:11-26

## \*Congregational Response

**Leader: Faith comes by hearing,**  
Congregation: And hearing by the Word of God!

## Sermon

“The Promise of Christian Discipleship”  
Mark 8:22-26

## Prayer of Application

## \*Hymn of Response

No. 63A

*O God, You Are My God Alone*  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

## \*Benediction

## \*Doxology

No. 569  
*Doxology*  
TALLIS' CANON

## \*Silent Prayer

*\*Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*

## “The Promise of Christian Discipleship”

Mark 8:22-26

## Main Proposition

Christ completes the saving work He begins in you just as He restored sight to the blind man of Bethsaida.

## Outline

- I. Christ's saving work accomplished through direct contact
- II. Christ's saving work completed through faith in Him