

## Baptism

**What is baptism?** Baptism is a sacrament of the new testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.

**Unto whom is baptism to be administered?** Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, and so strangers from the covenant of promise, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him, but infants descending from parents, either both, or but one of them, professing faith in Christ, and obedience to him, are in that respect within the covenant, and to be baptized.

**How is our baptism to be improved by us?** The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.

## Announcements

- Prayer Meeting this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the church.
- To volunteer to help clean the church property, please 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*

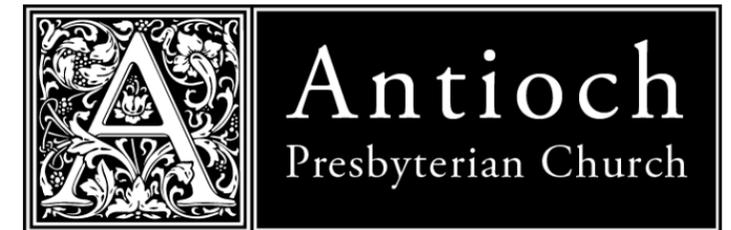
### Leadership & Accountability

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 20, 2020

"A Few Good Men"  
1 Timothy 3:1-7  
Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr.

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

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# The Lord's Day

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## Meditation

*Psalm 48:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, His holy mountain. <sup>2</sup> Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion in the far north, the city of the great King. <sup>3</sup> God, in her palaces, has made Himself known as a stronghold.

## \*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. 147B**

*O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good*  
MINERVA

## \*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

## \*Revelation of God's Will

*Deuteronomy 5:6-21*

## \*Confession of Sin & Supplication for Grace

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature: prone to evil; slothful in good. From that nature has come a multitude of shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have pity upon us because we are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \*Assurance of Pardon

*Psalm 130:3, 4*

<sup>3</sup> If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.

## Reception of New Members

Mrs. June Baek  
James

Mr. & Mrs. Lucas & Amaris McKown

Mrs. Carolyn "Sissy" Pipa

## Baptism

James Baek  
Son of Mr. & Mrs. John & June Baek

## Offering

**No. 292**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
PICARDY

## \*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. 119G**

*Your Word Remember to Your Needy Servant*  
PERFECT LOVE

## \*Prayer for Illumination

## \*Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 18:17-27*

## \*New Testament Reading

*1 Timothy 3:1-7*

## \*Congregational Response

**Leader: Man shall not live by bread alone,**

Congregation: But by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God!

## Sermon

"A Few Good Men"  
*1 Timothy 3:1-7*

## Prayer of Application

## \*Hymn of Response

**No. 546**

*God of the Prophets*  
TOULON

## \*Benediction

## \*Doxology

**No. 150B**

*Praise the LORD God in His Temple*  
(stanza 1)  
WYCLIFF

*\*Congregation standing, unless physically hindered*

## "A Few Good Men"

*1 Timothy 3:1-7*

## Main Proposition

Because the office of elder is a noble office, a man must have personal, domestic, and ecclesiastical qualifications.

## Outline

- I. The Dignity of the Office
- II. The Personal Qualifications for the Office
- III. The Domestic Qualifications for the Office
- IV. The Ecclesiastical Qualifications for the Office