

Announcements

Feb. 28 th (Sun.)	Worship Service “Forerunner of the King – John the Baptist” (Matthew 3:1-12)	10:30 a.m.
Mar. 3 rd (Wed.)	“Sunday” School – Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Mar. 7 th (Sun.)	Deacons Meeting “Baptism of the King” (Matthew 3:13-17) Lord’s Supper Observed	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
March 10 th (Wed.)	“Sunday” School Spiritual Gift Inventory Distributed	10:00 a.m.

SPILMAN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

601 Madison Avenue, Kinston, NC 28501

February 28, 2021

**We will be broadcasting via Facebook Live
from the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.**



**We would like to welcome Michael Cowan as our guest
Organist/Pianist today. Michael lives in Washington, N.C.**

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The Worship of God – February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Meditation and Silent Prayer

Prelude Michael Cowan

Welcome, Announcements, and Concerns Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship Hymn 249

Glorify Thy Name by Donna Adkins

1. Father, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Chorus:

Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

2. Jesus, we love You
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Chorus

3. Spirit, we love You,
We worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Chorus

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation Dr. Dew

Hymn of Praise and Adoration of the Son Hymn 208

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling by Charles Wesley

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,
Into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest;
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND PRAYER

Scripture ReadingMatthew 3:1-12

Prayer of Intercession Dr. Dew
(Please review our prayer list and pray for those listed.)

Children's Lesson.....A Voice in the Wilderness



Theme: Preparing for the coming King.

Object: Some cleaning equipment

Scripture: *In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Matthew 3:1-3 (NIV)*

Do you always keep your room neat and clean? Are all your toys picked up? Are there any clothes on the floor or hanging over the back of a chair? Did you make your bed this morning? Are there any "dust bunnies" hiding under the bed? If you knew I was coming to visit this afternoon, would you have to rush home to make sure everything was in order?

My mother was a very good housekeeper, and although our house always looked great to me, I can still remember what happened if my mother found out that company was coming. She brought out the broom, the mop and pail, sponges, window cleaner, bathroom cleaner, dust rags, and furniture polish. Then she called all the children together and assigned each of us the jobs that we were to do. When we were finished, she checked to make sure that not a speck of dirt or dust remained.

Can you imagine what it would have been like around our house if we had been expecting somebody really important -- someone like a king or queen? Well, that is what our Bible lesson is about this morning. The coming of a King. Not just any king -- the King of Kings! Jesus!

The Bible tells us that in the days before Jesus began his ministry, a man called John began preaching and telling the people to prepare for the coming King. When John told people to prepare for the King, he didn't mean that they should go home and sweep the floor, pick up

their toys, and make their beds. He meant that they should prepare their hearts. How? By repenting of their sins and turning toward God. When they did this, John would baptize them in the Jordan River. That is how he got the name, "John the Baptist."

It is important for you and me to make our hearts ready for the coming King too. We do that by confessing our sins and asking God to forgive us. If we will do that, the Bible tells us that he will forgive us and make our hearts clean. Then we will be ready for Jesus when he comes.

Father, every day we do things for which we need your forgiveness. We ask you to forgive us and make our hearts clean so that we will be ready to welcome the coming King. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Sermon is from www.sermons4kids.com

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND GIVING

Hymn of Creation and Providence..... Hymn 54
Great Is Thy Faithfulness by Thomas O. Chisholm

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

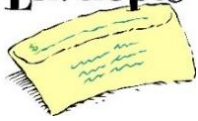
2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Chorus

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

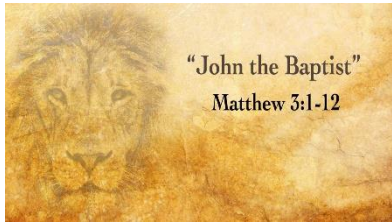
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Special Music Michael Cowan
I'd Rather Have Jesus by George Beverly Shea

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION



Forerunner of the King **John the Baptist**

Matthew 3:1-12

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.
(Sermon enclosed)

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

Hymn of Majesty and Power.....Hymn 10
How Great Thou Art by Stuart K. Hine

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze
Refrain

3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
Refrain

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
Refrain

BenedictionDr. Dew

Postlude Michael Cowan


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