

Mikes Monday Message

Preparing for Mother's Day

*"Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you."
Luke 27:11*

I am always careful about planning the worship service the Sunday of Mother's Day. This Sunday, May 14, will be a special day of worship as we have three baptisms and we have new families joining the church.

But how does the preacher handle the SERMON on Mother's Day? After all, Mother's Day is a secular holiday; it is not part of the church calendar. There is not an "official" mother's day liturgy. Then there are the folks who do not have a good relationship with their mothers, and there are folks who have lost their mothers and are mourning the loss. Others are not comfortable being in worship on Mother's Day maybe because they are unable to have children. Still others are estranged from their families.

Often, preachers will use Proverbs 31 which extols the "wife of noble character" as the text for that day's sermon. I'm not sure who the lady in those verses was, but she far exceeds any reasonable expectations! As one who studies the gospels, I find it interesting that Jesus doesn't spend a lot of time talking about the family unit and what defines a good "Christian" family. So... I hope you will join us this Sunday to see what, if anything, the sermon says about mothers.

Speaking of sermons, I want to thank Jim Miller and Donnie Woods for preaching while I was away on vacation.

Have a blessed week,
Mike

Mother's Day Offering will be collected May 14, 21, and 28. This offering will benefit residents of SC Presbyterian Communities needing financial assistance.

Vacation Bible School 2023 – July 10 to 14, hosted by the St. James-Santee Episcopal Church. Currently seeking volunteer teachers, helpers, etc. Email ehills0222@gmail.com to volunteer. Registration forms available at local churches.