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**A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)**

Grace Presbyterian Church purposes to be a family of believers growing together in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in order to be a Biblical, reformed witness to that Grace in the Starkville-University community and the world.

# THE LORD'S DAY

*Sunday, January 10, 2021, 5:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship*

**\*The Call to Worship:** Psalm 107:1-3 (ESV)

**\*The Opening Prayer**

**\*The Song of Adoration:** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:  
And from my sticken heart with tears two wonders I confess,  
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

**\*The Affirmation of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (325 & 381 A.D.)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

**\*The Song of Grace:** "Thy Mercy, My God"

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here; sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive, and He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, and weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, and the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.  
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**The Preaching of God's Word:** Ephesians 1:1-2 (ESV)..... Rev. Seth Starkey

"The Principles of God's People"

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**\*The Song of Thanksgiving: "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior too;  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like man, untrue;  
And, while thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends may shun me; show thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to thy breast;  
Life with trials hard may press me, heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.  
O 'tis not in grief to harm me while thy love is left to me;  
O 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care;  
Joy to find in ev'ry station something still to do or bear;  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, what a Father's smile is thine,  
What a Savior died to win thee; child of heav'n shouldst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;  
Heav'n's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

**\*The Benediction**

**\*congregation standing**