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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, July 18, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude: "Blessed Assurance" arr. Mark Hayes

***The Call to Worship:** Psalm 100 (*ESV*)

***The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

***The Hymn of Adoration:** "To God Be the Glory" - #55

To God be the glory great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that we may go in. (*refrain*)

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory,
Great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (*refrain*)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. (*refrain*)

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Corporate Confession of Sin

"We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen."

The Assurance of Pardoning Grace

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins." I John 4:10

***The Hymn of Pardoning Grace:** "What Wondrous Love Is This" - #261

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

The New Testament Reading

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.
Hebrews 12:18-29 (ESV)

The Pastoral Prayer and the 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."

*The Hymn of Supplication: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" - #252

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory: "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Paul Johnston

The Sermon: Mark 9:1-13 (ESV) Rev. Jeff Jordan

"The Coming of the Kingdom in Power"

⁹ And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. ¹¹ And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" ¹² And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore

all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? ¹³ But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.”

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving:** “How Firm a Foundation” - #94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

***The Benediction**

The Postlude

***congregation standing**

the week at grace

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Donnie and Amy Prisock – July 18

Donnie Prisock – July 20

Jill Jackson – July 21

Bryant Bangus – July 21

Today

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship/Fellowship

Monday

6:30 p.m. Trail Life

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:15 p.m. Family Night Activities

Next Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Elder on Duty for this Sunday

Anthony Craven

Deacon on Duty for This Sunday

Harold Mashburn

Ushers for This Sunday

Jon Barlow, Caleb Blake, & Cole Vaughn

Elder on Duty for Next Sunday

Jon Barlow

Deacon on Duty for Next Sunday

Gray Turnage

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announcements

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church – We are so glad that you are here to worship with us! If you are a visitor, please fill out the information card and place it in the offering plate.

Family Night – Please join us on Wednesday for family night. The fellowship hall will be opened and set up for you to bring your own supper and eat in fellowship with one another from 5:30-6:15. At 6:15, children will be dismissed to a supervised and structured play time and youth will be dismissed for youth group. The adults will divide into men's and women's groups for a time of study, discussion, and prayer. This portion of the evening will last from 6:15-7:15.

Operation Christmas Child – For the month of July, we will be collecting crayons, colored pencils and pencil sharpeners. You may continue to bring any of the items that we have collected in previous months. Thank you for supporting this ministry and showing the love of Christ to children all over the world!

Join the Grace Music Team—Singers and instrumentalists are invited to join our team that assists in leading morning and evening worship. For more information, please contact Cliff Taylor (Director of Music) and/or Jennings Duncan (Band Coordinator).