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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, September 12, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship*

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

***The Opening Prayer**

***The Song of Adoration:** "A Debtor to Mercy Alone"

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, my person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which His goodness began, the arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen, and never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now, not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego, or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure, the glorified spirits in heaven.

***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:** "I Boast No More"

No more, my God, I boast no more of all the duties I have done;
I quit the hopes I held before to trust the merits of Thy Son.

Chorus

(Men) No more my God (Women) No more my God
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(All) No more my God, I boast no more.

Now, for the loss I bear His name, what was my gain I count my loss;
My former pride I call my shame, and nail my glory to His cross. (chorus)

Yes, and I must and will esteem all things but loss for Jesus' sake;
O may my soul be found in Him, and of His righteousness partake! (chorus)

The best obedience of my hands dares not appear before Thy throne;
But faith can answer Thy demands, by pleading what my Lord has done. (chorus)

The Preaching of God's Word: Psalm 26 (ESV)..... Rev. Seth Starkey

"The Righteousness of the Righteous"

26 Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. ² Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind. ³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness. ⁴ I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites. ⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked. ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord, ⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds. ⁸ O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. ⁹ Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, ¹⁰ in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes. ¹¹ But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. ¹² My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

***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.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain;
In thy service, pain is pleasure, with thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on thee.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

Know 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**