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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 13, 2020, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" Rogers & Wyse/arr. Tornquist

***The Call to Worship:** Psalm 66:1-4 (*ESV*)

***The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

***The Hymn of Adoration:** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Corporate Confession of Sin

"Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace, we praise you and give thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen."

The Assurance of Pardoning Grace

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

***The Hymn of Pardoning Grace:** "Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands; no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within.
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.
Because a sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied; to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness.
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high; with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

The Old Testament Reading

51 “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. **2** Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. **3** For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

4 “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. **5** My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. **6** Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

7 “Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings. **8** For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool, but my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation to all generations.”

9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago. Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon? **10** Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? **11** And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
Isaiah 51:1-11 (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: “Isaiah 43”**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are Mine.

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),
I am the Lord your God (*I am*)
The Holy One of Israel Your Savior (*repeat chorus*)

I am the Lord (*do not fear*); I am the Lord (*do not fear*);
I am the Lord (*do not fear*); I am the Lord (*do not fear*).

When you walk through the fire you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are Mine. (*chorus*)

The Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings

The Choral Anthem: "From All the Earth Send Up the Song" Weaver & Pasch

*From all the earth send up the song! Shout glad hosannas loud and long!
Serve joyfully! Our God adore. Acclaim God's honor evermore!
Great God, Creator, Source of all, both keeps and guards us when we fall.
One flock in our Good Shepherd's fold, we feast on bounties yet untold.
The gates of glory beckon here. Come, bless God's name. Give thanks! Draw near.
God's mercies last through all our days. New psalms spring forth in grateful praise!
Our God is true from age to age. Our God is good beyond our gauge.
Our God is faithful, ever sure. God's kindness, love, and grace endure!*

The Sermon: 1 John 2:7-14 (ESV) Rev. Seth Starkey

"The Gift of Eyes That Can See"

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

¹² I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, children, because you know the Father.

¹⁴ I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

The Lord's Supper

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***The Benediction**

The Postlude

***congregation standing**

the week at grace

Today

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday

6:30 p.m. Trail Life

Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Music Team Rehearsal

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Birthdays This Week

Julianne Jackson – September 14
LeeAnn Joe – September 14
Trey Jackson – September 16
Daniel Tackett – September 19

Elder on Duty for this Sunday

Johnny Joe

Deacon on Duty for This Sunday

Harold Mashburn

Ushers for This Sunday

9:00 service – John Paxton; 11:00 service – Trey Jackson

Elder on Duty for Next Sunday

Dave Nolen

Deacon on Duty for Next Sunday

Jason Townsend

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announcements

Mission Project - During the month of September, we will be collecting food to send to Venezuela. Please see the list below for the items that are needed. Please place your items in the large baskets in the foyer. If you would rather give money to help cover postage, please designate on your check that it is for Venezuela. For further information, please contact Annie Barlow at 314-429-6648.

Needed non-perishables:

rice, pasta, soft wheat tortillas
dried beans (any type)
flour (wheat, corn)
oatmeal
dry milk
vegetable oil

canned vegetables
canned tomatoes/tomato sauce
parmesan cheese
nuts, dried fruit
sugar, coffee, tea
canned meats (chicken, tuna, sardines)

NOTE: no canned beans, canned pasta, canned soups, or canned fruit or corn tortillas.

Ladies Bible Study - The ladies weekly Bible study will begin this Wednesday, September 16, 9-11am, at the church. Charlotte Taylor will be teaching from Jeremiah. If you would like to order the book that they will be using, please see the link below. For more information or questions, please contact Charlotte at 662-418-8225 or ctaylorj@bellsouth.net.

[https://www.amazon.com/Jeremiah-12-Week-Study-Knowing-](https://www.amazon.com/Jeremiah-12-Week-Study-Knowing-Bible/dp/1433549085/ref=mp_s_a_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=knowing+the+bible+series+jeremiah&qid=1598313628&prefix=knowing+the+bible+series+jer&sr=8-2)

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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).