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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 26, 2021, 5:30 p.m.  
Evening Worship*

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

**\*The Opening Prayer**

**\*The Song of Adoration:** "Come Ye Sinners"

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.  
This he gives you, this he gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

**\*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:** "He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain:

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (*refrain*)

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! (*refrain*)

**The Preaching of God's Word:** Psalm 28 (ESV)..... Rev. Seth Starkey

“The Rock for Those in a Hard Place”

**28** To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.  
<sup>2</sup> Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.  
<sup>3</sup> Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts.  
<sup>4</sup> Give to them according to their work and according to the evil of their deeds; give to them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward.  
<sup>5</sup> Because they do not regard the works of the Lord or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and build them up no more.  
<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.  
<sup>9</sup> Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

**\*The Song of Thanksgiving: “From the Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)”**  
(**Bold** – Men; *Italicized* – Ladies)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
**O who shall stand before Thee?** *Who shall stand before Thee?*  
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To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,  
**And live alone by mercy.** *Live alone by mercy.*  
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Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;  
**I wait for it with patience.** *Wait for it with patience.*  
**I wait for it with patience.** *Wait for it with patience.*

What though I wait the live-long night, and 'til the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;  
**And wait 'til God appeareth.** *Wait 'til God appeareth.*  
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Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, Our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free  
**From all their sin and sorrow.** *All their sin and sorrow.*  
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**\*The Benediction**

**\*congregation standing**