

**Confession 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 Pastoral and Congregational Prayer** ..... Elder Anthony Craven

**“Abide With Me”**

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

*Words by Henry Lyte alt by Justin Smith, Music by Justin Smith. © 2007 Justin Smith Music*

**Choral Anthem:** “This Is The Hour” ..... arr. Richard Shephard

*This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heavenly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast, and feasting,  
Still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.  
Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;  
Here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.  
Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone,  
The Bread and Wine consumed:  
Yet all our days thou still art here with us, our Shield and Sun.  
Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet passing points to the glad feast above,  
Giving us foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb’s great marriage feast of bliss and love.*

**Children ages K3 through K4 may be dismissed to go to Children’s Church.**

**The Preaching of God’s Word:** Joshua 2:1-24 ..... Pastor Bill Heard

“Women in the Bible: Rahab”

**The Lord’s Supper**

**“Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”** - #424

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless your chosen pilgrim flock  
With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak, as you when here below,  
Our souls the joys celestial seek which from your sorrows flow.

We would not live by bread alone, but by that Word of grace,  
In strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine; your body and your blood,  
That living bread, that heav’nly wine, be our immortal food.

**“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”**

Draw us in the Spir-it's te - ther, for when hum - bly in\_\_ thy\_\_ name,  
two or three are met to - geth - er, thou art in the midst of\_\_ them.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now\_\_ thy gar - ment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup:  
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

**The Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings**

**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.

**Benediction**

*Scripture is taken from the New American Standard Bible unless otherwise indicated.  
Pastor Heard’s sermons are available on our website: www.pcagrace.org*

# mission spotlight

**The Wycliffe Ministry of Richard and Brenda Harman**

Richard and Brenda count it a blessing to have served with Wycliffe for 35 years. They served in Indonesia; Dallas, TX; the Philippines; and Malaysia. During this time they focused primarily on coming alongside mission leaders through leadership training and coaching. Richard and Brenda now desire to continue serving in retirement as volunteers with Wycliffe as time and energy allows. Brenda serves in the Wycliffe Ministry international clinic at the Dallas, TX campus. Richard volunteers as needed through leadership training and coaching

# small group fellowship

**Meeting Places this Evening**

Allison - Nolen Group  
5:30 p.m. – Meeting at the church

Clayton - Jackson Small Group  
5:30 p.m. – Meeting at home of Charles and Carolyn Clayton, 105 Oakmont Rd.

Craven - Heard Small Group  
5:00 p.m. – TBA

Joe - Turnage Small Group  
5:30 p.m. – TBA

Thomas – Wagner Small Group  
5:30 p.m. - Meeting at home of Chip and Rachel Wall, 1106 Nottingham Rd.

*Nursery is provided here at the church from 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.*

# the week at grace

**Bible Readings for Next Week’s Sermon**

1 Samuel 1:1-28, 2:18-2; Genesis 18:10, 29:31, 30:2,22; Ephesians 5:25; Luke 22:44; Joshua 5:13-14; Jeremiah 32:26; Song of Solomon 2:8-16

**Birthdays This Week**

Joshua Nolen – January 14  
Carrie Everitt – January 16  
Terry Wagner – January 17

**Today**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. The Worship of God  
5:30 p.m. Small Group Fellowship

**Monday**

6:00 p.m. Joint Session Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Trail Life

**Wednesday**

5:45 p.m. Hour of Prayer  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday**

6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen

**Next Sunday**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. The Worship of God  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Sunday School Teachers and Nursery**

Nursery – Angelica Vaughn  
2 and 3 year olds – Amelia Nolen  
Pre-K and Kindergarten - Carolyn Clayton  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades – Creagh Goings, Kendra Sanders, and Mabry Shook  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls – Sheri Gibson and Julia Kraker  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys – Caleb Aultman, Caleb Franklin,  
Walker Sayle and Zay Speed  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades – Elliott & Carrie Everitt and Gray & Jeannie Turnage  
Youth (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades) – Jason and Jennifer Krutz  
Adult/College Class – Kevin Jones and Jim West

**Volunteers for Today**

Nursery – Carrie Jackson  
Children’s Church – Rachel Wall  
Deacon of the Week – Tom Jackson  
Ushers – Jon Barlow, Patrick Gibson and Dave Nolen

**Volunteers for Next Sunday**

Nursery – Jenny Wagner  
Children’s Church – Josh and Katie Black  
Deacon of the Week – Logan Link  
Ushers – Jon Barlow, Patrick Gibson and Dave Nolen

# announcements

**Welcome Visitors** - Please take a moment to complete the Visitor Welcome card located on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate as it is passed. If you are looking for a church, we invite you to make Grace your church home. If you are from out of town, we hope you will worship with us whenever you are in the area.

**Small Groups** – Small Group is a great place for lasting friendships, ministry and spiritual growth. They meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in homes and at the church. We encourage everyone to be involved in one, if possible. A nursery is provided here at the church from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. For more information, speak with the pastor, one of the elders or call the church office (662-324-0180).

**Casserole Kitchen** – GPC will be serving and provide the meal for the Casserole Kitchen this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen is a collaborated effort of over 15 churches in our community. The goal is to provide meals 3 times per week for people in Starkville. GPC participates every third Thursday of each month by providing and serving the meal at First Presbyterian Church. We are always looking for volunteers to help provide food, serve or visit with the people. For more information please contact Annie Barlow at 314-429-6648 or [ann@barlownet.com](mailto:ann@barlownet.com).

**Men’s Bible Study** - This Thursday, January 17, we begin an eight week Men’s Breakfast Bible Study on the book of Titus. We will meet 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. at the Starkville Café. If you plan to attend, please take a study guide from the foyer table. See you there!

**Ladies Bible Studies** – The evening Ladies Bible Study will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening at 7:00. They are studying the book of Esther from the *Knowing the Bible Series*. They meet at the home of Carolyn Clayton. For any questions about this group, please contact Charlotte Taylor 662-418-8225. The morning Ladies Bible Study will begin Wednesday, January 23. They will be studying the book The Envy of Eve by Melissa Kruger. They meet every Wednesday morning from 9:00 -11:00 at the home of Jenny Wagner. Nursery is provided at the church for the morning study. For any questions about this group, please contact Rachel Thomas 662-617-5135.

**PCA Women’s Ministry Leadership Training Conference** – The PCA women’s leadership conference will be held on February 21-23, 2019 at the Atlanta Airport Marriott. The conference is open to women who are interested in teaching, leading, and serving in their local churches. Early registration ends on January 15; registration closes February 5. For more information, go to <https://pcacdm.org/lt-2019/>.

**Come be a part of the Grace Music Team!** Weekly rehearsals of our choir are held on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. For more information about the choir or our instrumental music team, please contact Cliff Taylor at [ctaylor@pcagrace.org](mailto:ctaylor@pcagrace.org).

**Wednesday Night Hour of Prayer** – Prayer is needed for each person, family and ministry of Grace and also for lifting up Christ in our church, in Starkville, the nation and the world. We invite you to join us this week at 5:45 p.m. in the conference room.

**Nursery** – We welcome your infants and toddlers in the worship service and in the church nursery where we provide a safe, nurturing and friendly environment.

**Children’s Sunday School** – We encourage you to bring your children to Sunday School where we seek to shepherd every child toward a growing faith in Jesus Christ.

**Adult and College Sunday School** – Sunday School is a place within the larger body of Christ where people are prayed for and cared for, where biblical community is experienced, and a place where new people are welcomed and can develop relationship in our church family. We invite you to join us each Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

*Please, no food or drinks in the sanctuary. Thank you.*

# church missions & benevolences

*Please write to encourage them, and pray for them.*

### Local Missions

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 Starkville Pregnancy Care Center ([info@starkvillepregnancycenter.com](mailto:info@starkvillepregnancycenter.com))  
 Deacons’ Fund \* Trail Life USA \* Mission Sundays \* Casserole Kitchen \* Backpack Meals

### Regional Missions

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 Disaster Response Ministry \* French Camp Academy

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# servant leadership

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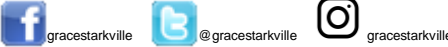
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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Sunday, January 13, 2019, 10:50 a.m.*

### Prelude

### Greetings and Announcements

*Visitors, please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate.*

### Choral Call to Worship: “God of Glory, Power, Mercy (ODE TO JOY)”

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;  
 We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.  
 Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;  
 With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

### Prayer

### Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-3 (ESV)..... Responsively

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
 Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
 Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God,

**And a great King above all gods.**

### “Come Christians, Join to Sing” - # 302

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
 Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
 Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
 Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
 Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;  
 His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
 Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
 On heaven’s blissful shore, His goodness we’ll adore,  
 Singing forevermore, “Alleluia! Amen!”

### “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.  
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
 My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.  
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
 ‘Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
 For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
 Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again.  
 And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.  
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.  
 From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
 No power of hell, no scheme of man, could ever pluck me from His hand.  
 ‘Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.