

Confession of Faith: *Heidelberg Catechism (1563), questions 31, 33-34*

Why is he called "Christ," that is, Anointed?

Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit¹ to be our chief prophet and teacher² who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance;³our only high priest⁴ who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body,⁵ and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;⁶ and our eternal king⁷ who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.⁸

¹ Luke 3:21-22; 4:14-19 (Isa. 61:1); Heb. 1:9 (Ps. 45:7) ² Acts 3:22 (Deut. 18:15) ³ John 1:18; 15:15 ⁴ Heb. 7:17 (Ps. 110:4) ⁵ Heb. 9:12; 10:11-14 ⁶ Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24 ⁷ Matt. 21:5 (Zech. 9:9) ⁸ Matt. 28:18-20; John 10:28; Rev. 12:10-11

Why is He called God's only begotten Son, since we also are children of God?

Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.¹ We, however, are children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake.²

¹ John 1:1-3, 14, 18; 3:16; Rom. 8:32; Heb. 1; I John 4:9. ²John 1:12; Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:5, 6.

Why do you call Him “Our Lord”?

Because He has ransomed us, body and soul,¹ from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with His precious blood,² and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us His own possession.³

¹ I Cor. 6:20; I Tim. 2:5, 6. ² I Peter 1:18, 19. ³ Col. 1:13, 14; Heb. 2:14, 15.

The Pastoral and Congregational Prayer Elder Anthony Craven

Choral Anthem: “How Can I Keep From Singing” arr. Mark Schweizer

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentations.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Above the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?*

*When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knell ringing;
When friends rejoice, both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging.
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?*

*What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

“Be Thou My Vision” - #642 vv 1 - 4

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

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

The Preaching of God's Word: Exodus 20:3-6 Pastor Bill Heard

“A Jealous God”

³“You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

The Lord's Supper

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” - #421

Passing of the bread



1. Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad - ness, leave the gloom-y__haunts of sad - ness,



come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy yourprais-es ren - der.



Bless the One whose grace un-bound - ed this a-maz - ing ban-quet found - ed;



he, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking: quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
“Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever.”

Passing of the cup

Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding;
Humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

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*

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 Kenneth and Rachel Thomas, 1794 Sand Wedge Drive

Craven - Heard Small Group
5:00 p.m. – Meeting at the church

Joe - Turnage Small Group
5:30 p.m. – Meeting at home of Harold and Luanne Mashburn, 1103 Friar Tuck Road

Thomas – Wagner Small Group
5:30 p.m. - Meeting at home of Kenneth and Rachel Thomas, 1794 Sand Wedge Drive

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

Exodus 20:7; 3:14-18; Revelation 4:8; Malachi 3:6; Proverbs 22:1;
Ecclesiastes 7:1; Psalm 139:19; Leviticus 19:12; 24:10-23; Psalm 8:1;
Matthew 5:33; 1 Kings 17:7-12; Philippians 2:6-11

Birthdays This Week

Edna Joy Prisock – March 11
Sydney Heard – March 14
Sheri Gibson – March 14

Today

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

Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Hour of Prayer

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

2 and 3 year olds - Amelia Nolen
Pre-K and Kindergarten - Carolyn Clayton
1st and 2nd grades – Kelley Murphree, Emily Sanders and Mollie Schmidt
3rd - 5th grades boys – Ethan Hatcher and Luke Wojohn
3rd - 5th grades girls – Rachel Wall and Jeannie Turnage
Youth (6th - 12th grades) – Emily Benson and Nathan Lowery
Adult/College Class – Jon Barlow

Volunteers for Today

Nursery – Sydney Heard
Children's Church – Rachel Thomas
Deacon of the Week – Harold Mashburn
Ushers – Ben Ardahl, Elliott Everitt and Jim West

Volunteers for Next Sunday

Nursery – Gaby Lopez
Children's Church – Carrie Jackson
Deacon of the Week – Jason Townsend
Ushers – Ben Ardahl, Elliott Everitt and Jim West

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.

Spring Break Schedule – The Ladies Bible Study group and the adult choir will **not** meet this Wednesday.

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).

PCA Women’s Conference – There will be a women’s conference on April 13-14 in Jackson. The speaker will be Courtney Doctor, author of *From Garden to Glory: A Bible Study on the Bible’s Story* and Director of Women’s Ministry at the Kirk of the Hills PCA in Saint Louis, MO. For more information, please see www.pcacdm.org/one-conferences/.

Ladies Bible Study – There are two ladies Bible studies being offered this semester. The morning group meets each Wednesday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Rachel Thomas’ home (1794 Sand Wedge Road). They are using the book *Proverbs: the Ways of Wisdom* by Kathleen Nielson. The evening group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. They meet at the home of Carolyn Clayton (105 Oakmont Road) from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. They are studying from the book, *Psalms Vol. 2: Finding the Way to Prayer and Praise* by Kathleen B. Nielson. A nursery is provided at the church for the morning group only.

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.

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.

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.

The Grace Presbyterian Church Library Catalog for Books is available on our church website. Visit our website at www.pcagrace.org.

Assisted Hearing Devices - Grace Presbyterian Church offers assisted hearing devices for the morning worship service. They are located in the decorative box on the entryway table beside the bulletins. If interested, please speak with Ben Ardahl, 662-312-8407 or ardahlbe@bellsouth.net.

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

church missions & benevolences

Please write to encourage them, and pray for them.

Local Missions

RUF – Mississippi State University
Elliott Everitt – Campus Minister, RUF MSU (elliott.everitt@ruf.org)
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Ward Evans – Intern, RUF MSU (ward.evans@ruf.org)
Wilson and Callie West – Covenant Theological Seminary
Starkville Pregnancy Care Center (info@starkvillepregnancycarecenter.com)
Deacons’ Fund * Trail Life USA * Mission Sundays * Casserole Kitchen

Regional Missions

Covenant Presbytery (covpressc@gmail.com)
Palmer Home for Children (tharris@palmerhome.org)
Disaster Response Ministry * French Camp Academy

National Missions

Mark Casson – Metanoia Prison Ministries (mcasson@pcanet.org)
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PCA General Assembly

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servant leadership

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The Session (Board of Elders)

Bill Heard, Moderator Timothy Allison Charles Clayton
Anthony Craven Johnny Joe David Nolen, Clerk
Kenneth Thomas

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Jonathan Adams Tom Jackson Logan Link Harold Mashburn
Jason Townsend Gray Turnage Terry Wagner

Treasurer

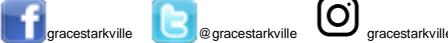
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, March 11, 2018, 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: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 5:7 (ESV) Responsively

I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” – #529 vv 1,2 & 4

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down:
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev’ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” - #32

Great is they faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*refrain*)