

Confession of Faith: *Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 1 & 2*

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own,¹ but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death,² to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.³He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,⁴ and has set me free from all the power of the devil.⁵ He also preserves me in such a way⁶ that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head;⁷ indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.⁸ Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life⁹ and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.¹⁰

¹ I Cor. 6:19, 20. ² Rom. 14:7-9. ³ I Cor. 3:23; Tit. 2:14. ⁴ I Pet. 1:18, 19; I John 1:7; 2:2. ⁵ John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14, 15; I John 3:8. ⁶ John 6:39, 40; 10:27-30; II Thess. 3:3; I Pet. 1:5. ⁷ Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18. ⁸ Rom. 8:28. ⁹ Rom. 8:15, 16; II Cor. 1:21, 22; 5:5; Eph.1:13, 14. ¹⁰ Rom. 8:14.

What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are;¹ second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery;² third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.³

¹ Rom. 3:9-10; 1 John 1:10; ² John 17:3; Acts 4:12; 10:43; ³ Matt. 5:16; Rom. 6:13; Eph. 5:8-10; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:9-10.

The Pastoral and Congregational Prayer Pastor Bill Heard

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father which 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.

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 3:1-18

“More Love to Thee, O Christ” - #649

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
This is my earnest plea,

Refrain
More love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best:
This all my prayer shall be, (*refrain*)

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise,
This still its prayer shall be, (*refrain*)

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

The Preaching of God’s Word: Mark 4:35-41 Pastor Bill Heard

“Why Are You Afraid?”

³⁵ On that day, when evening came, He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side.”
³⁶ Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him. ³⁷ And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. ³⁸ Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Hush, be still.” And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. ⁴⁰ And He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?” ⁴¹ They became very much afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”

“Be Still My Soul” - #689 vs 1,2 & 4

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev’ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav’nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast’ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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*

evening worship

Please join us at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
Pastor Bill Heard will preach a message from Ephesians 5:21-33.

the week at grace

Bible Readings for Next Week’s Sermon
Mark 5:21-43, Psalm 50:15, Hebrews 11:6, 1 Thessalonians 4:17

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Jon and Annie Barlow – August 5
Sander Ohnstad – August 5
Carolyn Rodgers – August 9
Anthony and Tracy Craven – August 9
Graham Elliott – August 9
Jenna Jackson – August 11

Today

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

Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Hour of Prayer

Saturday

7:30 a.m. GPC Work Day

Next Sunday

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

Sunday School Teachers

2 and 3 year olds - Amelia Nolen
Pre-K and Kindergarten - Carolyn Clayton
1st and 2nd grades – Carrie Everitt and Rachel Thomas
3rd - 5th grades – Nathan Holman
Youth (6th - 12th grades) – Jason and Jennifer Krutz
Adult/College Class – Jon Barlow

Volunteers for Today

Nursery – Peggy West
Children’s Church – Allie Brown
Deacon of the Week – Jonathan Adams
Ushers – Jay Chancellor, Patrick Gibson and Newt Thomas

Volunteers for Next Sunday

Nursery – Beth Meek
Children’s Church – Rachel Wall
Deacon of the Week – Tom Jackson
Ushers – Jay Chancellor, Patrick Gibson and Newt Thomas

mission spotlight

Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher

Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher serve MTW missionaries, their families and national partners in Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, South Africa, Uganda & Zimbabwe. They are currently asking for prayer as they plan a ministry trip to Madagascar in August. They also are asking for prayer that God would send more career missionaries for sub-Saharan Africa. They currently have opportunities for ministry expansion in the following countries: Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Ghana and Kenya. And they request prayer as they plan an MTW/Africa Men’s retreat to be held in Ethiopia in January/February 2019 time frame. If you would like to contact the Wannemachers, you can do so at bruce.wannemacher@gmail.com or barbara.wannemacher@gmail.com.

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.

GPC Work Day – We will have a church work day this Saturday, August 11th, 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Men, women, college students, youth, Trail Life, etc. are encouraged to come. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or call the church office early this week (helps with planning for lunch). Also welcome - yard tools and power washers.

Lord’s Supper – Next Sunday we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

Casserole Kitchen – 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.

The Great College Comeback Luncheon – Invite your friends! Our luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, August 26, following morning worship. The church will provide chicken, rolls, and drinks. We are asking members of the small groups to bring the following sides: Allison/Nolen Group - macaroni and cheese or potato salad; Heard/Craven Group - baked beans; Turnage/Joe Group - green salad; Clayton/Jackson and Thomas/Wagner Groups - dessert. If you are not in a small group, please choose one of the sides to bring. Please bring enough to feed at least 12 people. All are invited to stay for lunch and fellowship. Evening small groups are canceled that day.

Inquirers Class – Learn the foundations of Christian living and get to know a few others and the pastor in this around-the-table setting. Those wanting to become members or associate-members of Grace Presbyterian are encouraged to attend. We will hold the class on a Saturday morning this fall (date to be determined). If you are interested, please indicate it on a visitors/prayer card, and put the card in the offering plate. Bill Heard will be in touch.

Youth Leaders - GPC welcomes Jason and Jennifer Krutz as part-time staff working with youth. Recognizing we are a covenant family, we hope that many will offer to assist them however needed.

Band Coordinator – GPC welcomes Ethan Hatcher as part-time staff working with music.

Treasurer - GPC is blessed that Luanne Mashburn has agreed to serve as church treasurer.

Adult Choir - Come sing with the choir this summer! There will be no Wednesday p.m. choir practice this summer, but we will continue to have a choir during worship service. Please come to the choir room at 10:35 Sunday mornings. See Cliff Taylor for more information.

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).

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.

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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 Shelton Wittenberg – RUF Intern MSU (shelton.wittenberg@ruf.org)
 Starkville Pregnancy Care Center (info@starkvillepregnancycenter.com)
 Deacons’ Fund * Trail Life USA * Mission Sundays * Casserole Kitchen * Backpack Meals

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)
 Wilson and Callie West – National Church of the Resurrection, New Orleans
 Anna Grider – RUF Intern East Carolina University (anna.grider@ruf.org)
 Madeline Hogue – RUF Intern University of Georgia (madeline.hogue@ruf.org)
 Ross Lockwood – RUF Western Kentucky (rglockwood@gmail.com)
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 PCA General Assembly

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 Dale and Susan Ellison – Peru Mission (daleellison@hotmail.com)
 Richard and Brenda Harman – Wycliffe Bible Translators (richard_harman@wycliffe.org)
 Ellie Honea – MTW Tokyo (le_san2007@yahoo.com)
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 Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher – MTW Africa (barbara.wannemacher@gmail.com)
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 Evan and Bonnie – MTW West Africa (evanedj6@gmail.com)

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	

The Diaconate

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

Treasurer

Luanne Mashburn

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, August 5, 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: “Holy Spirit”

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breath new life into my willing soul;
 Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
 Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
 Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breath new life in me.

Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-5 (ESV) Responsively

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
 Praise befits the upright.

**Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
 Make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

Sing to him a new song;

Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the LORD is upright,
 And all his work is done in faithfulness.

**He loves righteousness and justice;
 The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” - #604

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
 Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Bright youth and snow crowned age, strong men and maidens meek,
 Raise high your free, exulting song; God’s wondrous praises speak.
 Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
 Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, no blest mirth!
 Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go,
 From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
 Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” - # 498

Jesus! What a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
 Friends may fail me, foes assail me. He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain
 Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
 Saving, helping, keeping, loving. He is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
 Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing. He, my strength, my vict’ry wins. *(refrain)*

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o’er me roll,
 Even when my heart is breaking. He, my comfort, helps my soul. *(refrain)*

Jesus! What a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
 Storms about me, night o’ertakes me. He, my pilot, hears my cry. *(refrain)*