

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.

Upcoming Schedule – There will be no church activities this Wednesday, November 22. The church office will be closed Wednesday – Friday.

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. **Next Sunday** all small groups will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. for a soup dinner and to decorate the church for Christmas.

Ladies Bible Studies – We are offering two ladies Bible studies this semester. There is an evening group and a morning group. The evening group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday nights of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Carolyn Clayton’s home on 105 Oakmont Road. The morning group meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at Rachel Thomas’ home on 1794 Sand Wedge Drive. A nursery will be provided at the church for the morning Bible study. All ladies are invited to participate in either group!

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)
Allie Harmon– Intern, RUF MSU (allie.harmon@ruf.org)
Ward Evans – Intern, RUF MSU (ward.evans@ruf.org)
Wilson and Callie West – Covenant Theological Seminary
Starkville Pregnancy Care Center (info@starkvillepregnancycenter.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)
Kristen Spink Thompson – RUF Washington University (kristen.thompson@ruf.org)
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PCA General Assembly

International Missions

Betsy Aeschliman– MTW Medical (betsy.c@comcast.net)
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Richard and Brenda Harman – Wycliffe Bible Translators (richard_harman@wycliffe.org)
Ellie Honea – MTW Tokyo (le_san2007@yahoo.com)
Craig and Stacy Pohl –MTW Santiago, Chile (cpohl@mtwsa.org)
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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		

The Diaconate

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

Treasurer

Dennis Baird

Reformed University Fellowship

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, November 19, 2017, 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: “Arise O Lord Our God Arise”

Arise, O Lord our God, arise and enter now into your rest;
O let this house be your abode, forever with your presence blest.

Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalms 107:1-3, 8-9 (ESV)Responsively

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
Whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,
From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
For his wondrous works to the children of man!

**For he satisfies the longing soul,
And the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

“Come Ye Thankful People Come” - # 715

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God’s own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my want and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
Upward for aye on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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.

“In my Life, Lord, Be Glorified” *(The congregation will sing at the closing of the prayer.)*

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In Your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

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Affirmation of Faith and Church Membership:

Zay Speed
Elise Catherine Fitzkee (to be baptized)

“Psalm 100” (Tune: “Old 100th”)

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth; His praise forth tell: Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk; He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise; Within His courts your thanks proclaim;
With grateful hearts your voices raise to bless and magnify His name.

Because the Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood and shall from age to age endure.

Choral Anthem: “Song of Thanksgiving” by Milton and Archer

*Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord, for he is kind;
For his mercies ay endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
Let us blaze his name abroad, for of gods he is the Lord;
For his mercies ay endure, ever faithful, ever sure.
He the warm and golden sun causes in its course to run;
And the moon to shine at night, 'mid her starry sisters bright.
All things living he doth feed, his full hand supplies their need;
For his mercies ay endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

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

The Preaching of God’s Word: Exodus 15:22-27 Pastor Bill Heard

“Then They Came to Elim”

²² Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah. ²⁴ So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” ²⁵ Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw *it* into the waters, and the waters became sweet.

There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He tested them. ²⁶ And He said, “If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer.”

²⁷ Then they came to Elim where there *were* twelve springs of water and seventy date palms, and they camped there beside the waters.

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

Refrain:

I am bound (I am bound); I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound); I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. *(refrain)*

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father’s face, and in His bosom rest? *(refrain)*

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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

French Camp Academy

In 1885 a group of Presbyterian missionaries established a school, The MS Institute for Girls, at French Camp, MS. It was so successful, a school for boys was started later that year. It was named French Camp Academy. Today it is an interdenominational ministry that provides a Christ-centered home and school to serve young people and families for the glory of God. The academy provides a full slate of extracurricular activities, including team sports, an equine program, choral music, art and theater. Their desire is to see young people mature academically, athletically, socially and emotionally, all within a Christian worldview.

evening worship

Please join us at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
Pastor Bill Heard will preach a message from Ephesians 1:15-23.

the week at grace

Bible Readings for Next Week’s Sermon

Exodus 16; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 11:33-36; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13;
2 Corinthians 8:13-15; Matthew 6:25-34; 26:17-30; John 6:30-59

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Leighton and Katharine Spann – November 20
Jennifer Fitzkee – November 21
Rachel Thomas – November 22
Wilma Rogers – November 22
Linda Roberts – November 23

Today

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

Next Sunday

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

Volunteers for Today

Nursery – Amber McDonald
Children’s Church – Kendra Sanders
Deacon of the Week – Logan Link
Ushers – Ben Ardahl, John Hutchins and Jim West

Volunteers for Next Sunday

Nursery – Holly Adams
Children’s Church – Amelia Nolen and Rachel Wall
Deacon of the Week – Tom Jackson
Ushers – Ben Ardahl, John Hutchins

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, Clay McCann and Luke Wojohn
3rd - 5th grades girls – Allie Harmon
Youth (6th - 12th grades) – Emily Benson and Nathan Lowery
Adult/College Class – Kevin Jones and Jim West