

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. If you missed or would like to review a video from our small group series on The Protestant Reformation, all videos may be viewed at theprotestantrevolt.com.

Walk of Heroes - Join Starkville Pregnancy Care Center's 1st annual Walk of Heroes. It is a family friendly two mile walk to raise funds for the center. It will be 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 28 at the MS Horse Park. To learn more and to register, go to starkvillepregnancycenter.com.

Ladies Bible Studies – We will be offering two ladies Bible studies this semester. There will be an evening group and a morning group. The evening group will meet 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 will meet 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!

Disaster Response - Our church denomination is very much involved in disaster relief for those impacted by Harvey and Irma. You can help in two important ways – by giving and/or going. To donate to Mission to North America for Harvey or Irma disaster relief or to register as a disaster response volunteer, please go to pcamna.org. Items needed to finish stocking our Disaster Trailer are listed below. All items need to be "Heavy Duty" quality. For questions, please contact Tom Jackson at jacksontom1860@yahoo.com or 662-769-1222.

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| Honda Portable electrical generator | Tarps, various sizes |
| Black heavy duty trash bags | Nail aprons |
| Gloves | Safety glasses |
| Bright safety vests | 5 gallon buckets |
| Chainsaw with extra chain | Electrical extension cords |
| First aid kit | Rakes, Shovels, Rope |

Church Directory – We are working on a new directory of members and associate members. You can help by sending Lisa, our church administrator, a family photo or a photo of yourself, if single. You can send it to office@pcagraces.org. If you would rather send a printed photo, please leave it on Lisa's desk or mail to the church office at 525 Academy Road. She will scan it and return it to you.

Church Office – The church office will be closed October 2nd and 3rd.

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@pcagraces.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.

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)
- Laura Whitten – RUF Stanford University (laura.simoneau@ruf.org)
- Austin McCann – RUF Auburn (austin.mccann@ruf.org)
- Ross Lockwood – RUF Western Kentucky (rglockwood@gmail.com)
- Anna Grider – RUF East Carolina University (anna.grider@ruf.org)
- Madeline Hogue – RUF University of Georgia (madeline.hogue@ruf.org)
- Anna Kristen Mitchell – RUF University of Florida (annakristen.mitchell@ruf.org)
- PCA General Assembly

International Missions

- Betsy Aeschliman– MTW Medical (betsy.c@comcast.net)
- 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)
- Craig and Stacy Pohl –MTW Santiago, Chile (cpohl@mtwsa.org)
- Alex and Irina Ponomarev – Ministry to Slavic Tribes (alex.most@juno.com)
- Bruce and Barbara Wannemacher – MTW Africa (barbara.wannemacher@gmail.com)
- Linda Wixon – MTW Japan (wixonmtw1@aol.com)
- Evan and Bonnie – MTW West Africa (evanedj6@gmail.com)

servant leadership

The Staff

- Bill Heard, Pastor, 662-722-1726, bheard@pcagraces.org
- Lisa Vaughan, Church Administrator, office@pcagraces.org
- Amelia Nolen, Children's Ministry Director, 662-312-5454, anolen@pcagraces.org
- Emily Benson, Youth Leader, 256-460-9713, ebenson@pcagraces.org
- Nathan Lowery, Youth Leader, 229-591-4018, nlowery@pcagraces.org
- Cliff Taylor, Music Director, 662-418-8224, ctaylor@pcagraces.org
- Carolyn Rodgers, Organist/Pianist, 662-323-1632
- Gwyen Elizabeth Sutphin, Choir Accompanist
- Daniel Neely, Band Coordinator, 256-322-1212, dan108@msstate.edu

The Session (Board of Elders)

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

The Diaconate

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

Treasurer

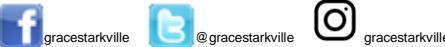
Dennis Baird

Reformed University Fellowship

- Elliott Everitt – Campus Minister, 662-705-1809, elliott.everitt@ruf.org
- Allie Harmon – RUF Intern, 334-782-1534, allie.harmon@ruf.org
- Ward Evans – RUF Intern, 706-207-6981, ward.evans@ruf.org
- A ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America on the MSU campus.

Grace Presbyterian Church

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 web/social media contact, Tracy Craven, web@pcagraces.org



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, October 1, 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: 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.

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

1. O ___ day of ___ rest and glad-ness, O ___ day of ___ joy and ___ light,
O ___ balm of ___ care and sad-ness, Most beau-ti-ful, most ___ bright
On thee the high and low-ly, through a-ges joined in ___ tune,
Sing Ho-ly, Ho-ly, ___ Ho-ly, ___ to ___ the great God Tri-une.

On Thee, at the creation, the light first had its birth;
On Thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
On Thee, our Lord, victorious, the Spirit sent from heav’n,
And thus on Thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv’n.

Today on weary nations the heav’nly manna falls;
To holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,
Where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams,
And living water flowing, with soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining from this, our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blessed.
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;
The church her voice upraises to Thee, blessed Three in One.

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 Rev. Elliott Everitt

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” - #708

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

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

The Preaching of God’s Word: Genesis 32:22-32 (ESV) Rev. Elliott Everitt

“Striving with God”

²²The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip on the sinew of the thigh.

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Else” - #521 vv1,2,4

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (*refrain*)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (*refrain*)

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.
Rev. Elliott’s sermon will be available on our website: www.pcagrace.org.*

evening worship

Please join us at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

the week at grace

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week

Barbara Monts – October 1
Nick and Jen Fitzkee – October 4
Brad and Mary Bradway – October 5
David Nolen – October 5
Nick Fitzkee – October 6
Amelia Nolen – October 7

Today

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

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
5:45 p.m. Hour of Prayer
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Inquirer’s Class

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 – 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

missionary spotlight

Ross and Anne Todd Lockwood

Ross Lockwood is the RUF Campus Minister at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. RUF at WKU exists to reach students with the Good News of Christ and equip them to love and serve others in the way Christ first loved and served us. They want to remind students that the Bible tells us we are both fully known and fully loved in Christ. They strive to be a safe place where anyone, no matter what they believe or where they are from, can come to hear, doubt, process and learn the message of the Gospel. Ross and his wife Anne Todd are graduates of Mississippi State University and former members of Grace Presbyterian Church. If you would like to contact Ross you can email ross.lockwood@ruf.org.