

The Pastoral and Congregational Prayer Elder Timothy Allison

“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”

O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem-er, great-est trea - sure of my long-ing
soul, my God, like You there is no oth - er. True de - light is found in You a -
lone. Your grace, a well too deep to fath - om, Your
love ex - ceeds the heav - ens' ____ reach; Your truth, a fount of per - fect
wis - dom, my high - est good, and my un - end - ing need.

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, strong defender of my weary heart,
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver, and my shield against his hateful darts,
My song when enemies surround me, my hope when tides of sorrow rise,
My joy when trials are abounding, Your faithfulness my refuge in the night.

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my ruined life,
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders, in my place You suffered bled and died.
You rose, the grave and death are conquered. You broke my bonds of sin and shame.
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, may all my days bring glory to Your Name.

The Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Choral Anthem: “Sing Praises Unto the Lord” (Psalm 30) Henry Ruthven

*Sing praises unto the Lord O ye saints of God
And give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.
For God’s wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life.
Heaviness may endure for a night, yet joy cometh in the morning.*

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.

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

The Preaching of God’s Word: Matthew 5:1-3 (ESV) Dr. Mike McKelvey

“Poor in Spirit”

5 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Lord’s Supper

“Behold the Lamb”

The Body of Christ

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The Blood of Christ

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

Benediction

mission spotlight

Foster and Laura Gullett

Foster and Laura serve Mission to the World in Bologna, Italy. Bologna is home to the oldest university in the world. However, less than 0.1% of the University of Bologna’s 80,000 students have a relationship with Christ. To meet this need, the Gulletts work alongside Chiesa Evangelica Nuova Vita (the local church) and the church’s university ministry to reach students with the gospel. They also work with the church’s human trafficking ministry to help prostituted women get off the streets and find stable work. Their efforts in Bologna are to support the growth of the local church, planting gospel seeds of hope in a city steeped in church history and post-modern darkness.

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 & Carolyn Clayton, 105 Oakmont Road

Craven Small Group
5:00 p.m. – Meeting at home of Charles & Carolyn Clayton, 105 Oakmont Road

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

Thomas – Wagner Small Group
5:30 p.m. - Meeting at home of Kenneth & Rachel Thomas, 6910 MS Hwy. 389

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

the week at grace

Birthdays This Week

Ashley Simmons – September 9
Kennedy Burgreen Eason – September 9
Julianne Jackson – September 14
LeeAnn Joe – September 14

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:45 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

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, Jill Jackson and Evelyn Taylor
2 and 3 year olds –Amelia Nolen
Pre-K and Kindergarten - Carolyn Clayton
1st and 2nd grades – Lydia Allison
3rd - 5th grade girls – Carrie Jackson
3rd - 5th grade boys – Chip Wall
Youth (6th - 12th grades) – Jason and Jennifer Krutz
Adult/College Class – Kevin Jones

Volunteers for Today

Children’s Church – Anthony & Tracey
Craven
Deacon of the Week – Gray Turnage
Head Usher – John Paxton
Ushers – Elliott Everitt, Trey Jackson and
Chip Wall

Volunteers for Next Sunday

Deacon of the Week – Harold Mashburn
Head Usher – John Paxton
Ushers – Trey Jackson, Chip Wall

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.

Mission Project - The Outreach Committee would like to thank those that helped with the collecting of food and personal care items for the three families in Venezuela. They have received the items and are very appreciative of your kindness and generosity. Thank you for showing God's love to those in need around the world!

Crossroads International Friendship House will be accepting gently used furniture, small appliances, cookware, dishes, blankets, towels, wash cloths, sheets, children's books and toys. **Please NO Clothes or shoes.** You may drop off donations at Calvary Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall, 405 N. Jackson Street, Starkville on Monday, September 23 thru Friday, September 27, 9:00 am -3:00 pm. For questions, contact Tracey Nash at Traceynash102399@hotmail.com.

Ladies Bible Studies – There are two ladies Bible studies being offered this fall. The Thursday evening study will begin this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. They are meeting at the home of Carolyn Clayton (105 Oakmont Road). They will be using From Garden to Glory by Courtney Doctor to lead them through an overview of the whole story of the Bible. This group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. If you are interested in participating, please see Charlotte Taylor, so she can order you a study book. The Wednesday morning study meets each Wednesday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Jenny Wagner's home (412 Cross Creek Road). They are studying Romans, using a book by Hope Blanton. There is a nursery provided at the church for this group. If you are interested in attending this Bible study, please see Carrie Everitt.

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 one of the elders or call the church office (662-324-0180).

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.

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.

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

church missions & benevolences

Please write to encourage them, and pray for them.

Local Missions

RUF – Mississippi State University
Starkville Pregnancy Care Center (info@starkvillepregnancycarecenter.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 & Callie West - Nat. Church of the Res., New Orleans, (m.wilson.west@gmail.com)
Anna Grider – RUF Intern East Carolina University (anna.grider@ruf.org)
Ross Lockwood – RUF Western Kentucky (rglockwood@gmail.com)
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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)
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Linda Wixon – MTW Japan (wixonmtw1@aol.com)
Evan and Bonnie – MTW West Africa (evanedj6@gmail.com)
Daniel and Katy Brink – MTW Belgium
Foster and Laura Gullett – MTW Italy

servant leadership

The Staff

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Jennings Duncan, Worship Band Coordinator, 601-862-0650

The Session (Board of Elders)

Charles Clayton, Moderator	Dave Nolen, Clerk		
Timothy Allison	Anthony Craven	Johnny Joe	Kenneth Thomas

The Diaconate

Harold Mashburn, Chairman			
Jason Townsend	Gray Turnage	Terry Wagner	Tom Jackson

Treasurer

Luanne Mashburn

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, September 8, 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: “Come, We That Love the Lord” - # 700 vs. 1

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalm 5:11; Nehemiah 8:10b Responsively

...let all who take refuge in You be glad,
Let them ever sing for joy;

**And may You shelter them,
That those who love Your name may exult in You.**

...this day is holy to our Lord.

Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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

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 are you called a Christian?

Because I am a member of Christ by faith¹ and thus share in His anointing,² so that I may as prophet confess His Name,³ as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him,⁴ and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life,⁵ and hereafter reign with Him eternally over all creatures.⁶

¹ I Cor. 12:12-27. ² Joel 2:28 (Acts 2:17); I John 2:27. ³ Matt. 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10; Heb. 13:15. ⁴ Rom. 12:1; I Pet. 2:5, 9. ⁵ Gal. 5:16, 17; Eph. 6:11; I Tim. 1:18, 19. ⁶ Matt. 25:34; II Tim. 2:12.

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. ² John 1:12; Rom. 8:14-17; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:5, 6.

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