

# THE LORD'S DAY

*Sunday, March 19, 2023, 11:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship*

## **The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Prelude:** "Search Me, O God" ..... arranged by Neil Maxey

**\*The Call to Worship:** Psalm 100

**\*The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

**\*The Hymn of Adoration:** "Come Thou Almighty King" - #101

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing, help us to praise.  
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.  
Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

## **The Corporate Confession of Sin**

"Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksand, but you are mountain, that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus's name. Amen."

## **The Silent Confession of Sin**

## **The Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace."  
Ephesians 1:7

**\*The Hymn of Pardoning Grace:** "Jesus Paid It All" - #308

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."

### Refrain:

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,  
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. (*refrain*)

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim –  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. (*refrain*)

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. (*refrain*)

### **The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 5:14-31**

<sup>14</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: "Because you have spoken this word, behold, I am making my words in your mouth a fire, and this people wood, and the fire shall consume them. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am bringing against you a nation from afar, O house of Israel, declares the Lord. It is an enduring nation; it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language you do not know, nor can you understand what they say. <sup>16</sup> Their quiver is like an open tomb; they are all mighty warriors. <sup>17</sup> They shall eat up your harvest and your food; they shall eat up your sons and your daughters; they shall eat up your flocks and your herds; they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees; your fortified cities in which you trust they shall beat down with the sword."

<sup>18</sup> "But even in those days, declares the Lord, I will not make a full end of you. <sup>19</sup> And when your people say, 'Why has the Lord our God done all these things to us?' you shall say to them, 'As you have forsaken me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve foreigners in a land that is not yours.'" <sup>20</sup> Declare this in the house of Jacob; proclaim it in Judah: <sup>21</sup> "Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not. <sup>22</sup> Do you not fear me? declares the Lord. Do you not tremble before me? I placed the sand as the boundary for the sea, a perpetual barrier that it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail; though they roar, they cannot pass over it. <sup>23</sup> But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone away. <sup>24</sup> They do not say in their hearts, 'Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives the rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest.' <sup>25</sup> Your iniquities have turned these away, and your sins have kept good from you. <sup>26</sup> For wicked men are found among my people; they lurk like fowlers lying in wait. They set a trap; they catch men. <sup>27</sup> Like a cage full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; therefore they have become great and rich; <sup>28</sup> they have grown fat and sleek. They know no bounds in deeds of evil; they judge not with justice the cause of the fatherless, to make it prosper, and they do not defend the rights of the needy. <sup>29</sup> Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the Lord, and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this?"

<sup>30</sup> An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land: <sup>31</sup> the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule at their direction; my people love to have it so, but what will you do when the end comes?

### **The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

"Our Father, who 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."

### **\*The Hymn of Supplication: "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting" - #188**

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,  
For by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

#### Refrain

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

O how great thy loving kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!  
O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,  
Know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. (*refrain*)

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,  
And thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings: thine is love indeed. (*refrain*)

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;  
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace. (*refrain*)

### **The Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ..... arranged by Cindy Berry

**The Sermon:** Acts 2:37-41..... Rev. Seth Starkey

"Evidence That Demands a Verdict"

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**\*The Hymn of Thanksgiving:** "Arise My Soul, Arise" - #305

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

**\*The Benediction**

**\*congregation standing**

# the week at grace

## **Birthdays This Week**

Diane Peters – March 24

## **Today**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship/Fellowship

## **Monday**

6:30 p.m. Trail Life

## **Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:15 p.m. Family Night Activities

7:00 p.m. Music Team Practice

## **Next Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Evening Worship

## **Elder on Duty for this Sunday**

Jonathan Barlow

## **Deacon on Duty for This Sunday**

Terry Wagner – Nathaniel McGowan

## **Ushers for This Sunday**

Austin Dye, Benjamin Wilkinson

## **Elder on Duty for Next Sunday**

Charles Clayton

## **Deacon on Duty for Next Sunday**

Gray Turnage

## **Ushers for Next Sunday**

Austin Dye, Casey Skelton, Benjamin Wilkinson

# announcements

**Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church** – We are so glad that you are here to worship with us! If you are a visitor, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate.

**Baby Bottle Boomerang** – The Starkville Pregnancy Care Center is sponsoring their baby bottle boomerang fundraiser. You can help support this ministry by picking up a baby bottle today in the foyer. Then fill your bottles with cash, change, and checks. We will collect the bottles until the end of the month. Your support will change lives!

**Operation Christmas Child** - For the month of March, we will be collecting hygiene items for our OCC shoeboxes. Items like soap, washrags, toothbrushes, combs and hairbrushes are things we sometimes take for granted but many children have never had such things in their lives. These are also items that we want to go in every shoebox so let's be sure to fill the basket in the foyer up.

**Join the Grace Music Team**—Singers and instrumentalists are invited to join our team that assists in leading morning and evening worship. For more information, please contact Cliff Taylor (Director of Music) and/or Collin McLeod (Evening Worship Music Coordinator).

**Ladies Bible Study** – All ladies are invited to participate in a Bible study that meets at the church on Wednesday mornings from 9-11:00. Join them for a time of fellowship, study and prayer. A nursery is provided.