

## CHURCH SESSION

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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

September 19, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

#### Prelude

Peace Like a River/Down By the Riverside  
Bob Vawter, trombone; Susan Steppe, organ

#### The congregation stands to sing

#### Hymn 264

When in Our Music God is Glorified Engelberg

#### Opening Sentences

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

#### Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

God and Father of all, you have willed that the last shall be first, and you have made a little child the measure of your kingdom. Give us that wisdom which is from above, so we may understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

#### Prayer of Confession

Unison

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.**

**We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.**

**We have not loved you with a pure heart,  
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have not done justice, loved kindness or walked humbly with you, our God.  
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.**

**In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.**

**Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation  
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit....**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 310** Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee St. Agnes

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### Passing of the Peace

(Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

## Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Old Testament

Proverbs 31:10-31

#### Psalm 1

Unison

Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of the scornful.

But their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on that law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in due season.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

### Duet

Just a Closer Walk James Curnow  
Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn

### Epistle

James 3:13-18

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 351** Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart Gatescarth

The congregation sits.

### Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

### Sermon

Women and Children First Mike Krech

“Then he took a little child and ... taking her in his arms he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me ... .’”

Mark 9:36-37a

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 304** Jesus Loves Me! Bradbury

**Apostles’ Creed** Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

**Gloria Patri 579** Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

## Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

**The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

### Offertory Sentence

**Offertory** Blessed Assurance arr. Mark Hayes and Douglas F. Wagner

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592** Old Hundredth

### Benediction

**Hymn 145** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Marion

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,  
or you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

**Postlude** All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name Tune: Diadem  
James Ellor, 1838; arr. Diane Bish

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

We continue the long season after Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time, which culminates in Christ the King Sunday, November 21, the Sunday before the first Sunday in Advent. Our Gospel readings are from Mark.

The Old Testament lessons are from Proverbs and, later, Esther, Job, and Ruth.

The Epistle readings are from James, and later, Hebrews.

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## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **When in Our Music God Is Glorified**

When in our music God is glorified, And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music we have found A new dimension in the world of sound,  
As worship moves us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the church in liturgy and song, In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Amen.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1972;

Tune ENGELBERG; Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

### **Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee**

Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing nor heart can frame, Nor can the mind recall  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show:  
The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, As Thou our prize will be;  
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, And through eternity.

Text: Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153); trans. Edward Caswall, 1849; alt. 1987;

Tune: ST. AGNES; John Bacchus Dykes, 1866

### **Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart**

Give to me, Lord, a thankful heart And a discerning mind;  
Give, as I play the Christian's part, The strength to finish what I start  
And act on what I find.

When, in the rush of days, my will Is habit-bound and slow,  
Help me to keep in vision still What love and power and peace can fill  
A life that trusts in You.

By Your divine and urgent claim, And by Your human face,  
Kindle our sinking hearts to flame, And as You teach the world Your name  
Let it become Your place.

Jesus, with all Your church I long To see Your kingdom come:  
Show me Your way of righting wrong And turning sorrow into song  
Until You bring me home.

Text: Caryl Micklem, 1973;

Tune: GATESCARTH; Caryl Micklem, 1973

### **Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago,  
Taking children on His knee, Saying, "Let them come to me." (Repeat refrain)

Text: Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859;

Tune: JESUS LOVES ME; William Batchelder Bradbury, 1861

## **Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart**

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!

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!

At last the march shall end; The wearied ones find rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Then on, 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!

Text: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865;

Tune: MARION; Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883