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Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, September 6, 2020

During the prelude, please prepare your heart to worship our gracious, Almighty God together.

Meditation

Service in the kingdom of God isn’t a stepping-stone to nobility; it is nobility.

Prelude

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

MASON/RITTER

Jacquelyn Thornell, Organist

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

PSALM 27

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

People: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to

you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

People: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 38

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Invocation *

Hymn of Response *

N^o. 498

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

1 Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

2 Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. [Refrain]

3 Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul. [Refrain]

4 Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry. [Refrain]

5 Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. [Refrain]

Responsive Reading

PSALM 136

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His love endures forever.

People: to him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever.

Leader: who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures forever.

People: who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever.

Leader: who made the great lights — His love endures forever.

People: the sun to govern the day, His love endures forever.

Leader: the moon and stars to govern the night; His love endures forever.

People: to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, His love endures forever.

Leader: and brought Israel out from among them, His love endures forever.

People: with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever.

Leader: to him who divided the Red Sea asunder, His love endures forever.

People: and brought Israel through the midst of it, His love endures forever.

Leader: but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea; His love endures forever.

People: to him who led his people through the desert, His love endures forever.

Leader: who struck down great kings, His love endures forever.

People: and killed mighty kings — His love endures forever.

Leader: Sihon king of the Amorites, His love endures forever.

People: And Og king of Bashan — His love endures forever.

Leader: And gave their land as an inheritance, His love endures forever.

People: an inheritance to his servant Israel; His love endures forever.

Leader: to the One who remembered us in our low estate, His love

endures forever.

People: and freed us from our enemies, His love endures forever.

Leader: and who gives food to every creature. His love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

MICHELLE SMITH, SOLO

“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

Reading of Holy Scripture

EPHESIANS 5:22-24 (NIV)

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“Fix My Plate!?”

Hymn of Response

N^o. 342

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts today:
With thy wonted lovingkindness hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee forever with the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

5 Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Offertory Prayer

Doxology *

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

* Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Ephesians 5:22-24

“Fix My Plate!”

I. What Does Submission NOT Mean?

II. What Does Submission REALLY Mean?

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): August 30	73
Live Views	27
Total Online Views	45
Children’s Sunday School	18
Last Week’s Offering:	\$ 2,940.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 7,194.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$ 211,981.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving	\$ 251,790.00 (-\$39,809)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Casseroles for Hurricane Laura Relief: MNA Disaster Response is in need of casseroles. The casseroles will be used to feed the PCA workers helping with disaster relief and at some point to feed hungry people in the area. If you would like to donate a casserole to the cause, please bring it by the church and put it in the freezer in the kitchen **by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept 10th**. You can drop them off Tuesday-Wednesday 8:30-12:30 p.m. or Thursday 8:30-3:00 p.m.

Casserole FAQs:

- Please include the name (what the casserole is) and a list of ingredients if possible. This will help any folks who have allergies or dietary restrictions.
- Please send casseroles FROZEN in disposable pans with a lid.
- Write or tape instructions for reheating on the lid.
- Any size casserole is great! 9x13 with some type of meat or a complete meal is amazing!
- Store-bought lasagnas and casseroles are very appreciated.

Walk-through Wedding Shower: Please join us for a Walk-through Wedding Shower in honor of Anna Kate Carter and John Stowers, on Sunday, September 13th, 3-4:00 PM. Guests will walk-through the BPC Fellowship Hall as they speak to our honorees, view their gifts on display, and receive a special treat on the way out. Please bring gifts to the church by Wednesday, September 9th. Anna Kate and John are registered at Amazon, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Elizabeth Clair’s, and Brandon Stoneware.

A video will be made of the shower which will be put on the BPC Women’s Facebook page.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Stephanie Dupree, from your twins, Alex & Amber, and Mom & Frank.

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IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** Rodney and Jana Davila (Costa Rica)
- **Ministry of the Week:** PCA Church Plant, Ocean Springs, MS
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Walt Herrington, Brian Smith, and Darrin Tolar
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Sam and John Palmer Word
- **College Student of the Week:** Eli Whitten
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



Weddings and Babies:

- **Terry and Jackson Pullen:** expecting a baby boy Sept 28th
- **Katlyn and Joel Huddleston:** expecting a baby boy in October.
- **Sarah Carpenter and Thad Moody:** to be married on October 17th.
- **John Stowers and Anna Kate Carter:** to be married on Nov 14th.



- **Hurricane Victims:** Please remember those affected by Hurricane Laura. Places like Lake Charles were devastated.
- **Penney Stokes:** back at work, will be off oxygen soon. Penney wants to thank everyone for their prayers and is happy to be on the other side.
- **Ken Bramlett:** still having dizzy and fainting spells, will have surgery on Sept 9th to remove blockage in heart.
- **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease, released from Oshner's and is at home in Hattiesburg, labs will be monitored and meds adjusted in Hattiesburg, please continue to pray for her.
- **Bill Glover:** Parkinson's, may have Shy-Drager syndrome as well, debilitating fatigue, receiving in-home PT and home health services.
- **Jerry Moore:** improving, continues to have pain in his ankle, is having additional tests and treatment for the pain, will visit neurologist mid-Sept.
- **Bob Booth:** neurological disease, getting weaker, scheduled to go to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville on Sept 14th.
- **Lois Carman:** severe back pain from scoliosis.



Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Will Glover** (Marsha & Bill Glover's Son): cancer has reappeared on the brain stem; continuing Avastin infusion; trying to get a consult with the Palliative Care Clinic; starting speech, swallowing, physical and occupational therapies at home. *(I want to thank everyone who has*

prayed for us and have faithfully done so for many years now. Marsha Glover)

- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's Nephew): Desmoplastic round cell tumor; significant growth of the tumors in his abdomen; aggressive chemo is indicated; The really good news is that at long last, he will be able to travel to Sloan Kettering on Friday, Sept 4th. Please pray for safe travel and for the ability of the doctors to arrive at the healing treatment for Andrew.
- **Charles Watkins** (Sharon Nicholson's brother): cancer may have spread to his brain, has moved to his mother's home for in-home hospice care.
- **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer.
- **Anna Taylor** (wife of Jim Taylor, Pastor of The Pointe): cancer in her back, back at work, continuing chemo.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia, reached 2 year anniversary of bone marrow transplant.
- **Kelly Langford** (Jacquelyn Thornell's Daughter): has had some difficult weeks since March caused by oral chemo, full dose of chemo resumed, appointment at MD Anderson postponed until mid-August.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer, June 25th scan was clear, Praise God!
- **Steven Bell** (Tiffany Glover's brother): liver/colon cancer, doing well, just finished second round of chemo.
- **Robin Marbury Morris** (Jeanne Monsour's Niece): liver & colon cancer, continuing chemo biweekly.
- **Gib Vredeveld** (Julie Rogers' Father): esophageal cancer, doing good, next appointment scheduled for July.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor); Jerry Long, Batesville Pres (kidney cancer).
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' Uncle): prostate cancer.



- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (S. Korea; Sam Heath's nephew); Isaac Jay (Army, Fort Polk; Elton & Sonia Jay's grandson); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)



- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Ken Bramlett, Evelyn Culpepper, Elsa Davis, Bob & Jody Nelson, Laverne Parks, Laverne Roberts

Dealing with Abuse

Know Your Rights

The Bible does not require a woman to remain in an abusive marriage. Jesus allows divorce on the basis of adultery (see Matt. 5:32), and the apostle Paul also identifies willful and irremediable desertion as a form of marriage-covenant breaking that may serve as grounds (see 1 Cor. 7:15). It is my understanding of these Scriptures that severe emotional and physical abuse are included as forms of desertion of the marriage covenant and provide grounds for separation or dissolution of a marriage (see 1 Cor. 7:10–11).

Know Your Lord

God's allowance for divorce in the face of marital unfaithfulness and desertion (in all their forms) does not require the one who has been sinned against to end a marriage. All Christians are representatives of their Savior. Where Christ's grace is better represented by forgiveness and perseverance, a person sinned against may choose to remain in a difficult marriage for the sake of showing Christ's reconciling love to a sinful spouse—or to children and the watching world. Christ may call us to temporal sacrifice and service for the sake of sharing eternal love.

Know Your Limits

Whether to endure or end a difficult marriage should never be decided alone. Those who are in difficult marriages may be the least ready to determine what they should do. Sin and selfishness can tempt one to label as “abuse” human fault and weakness that are not truly threats to any who, for Christ's sake, are willing to consider the needs of others higher than their own (see Phil. 2:3–4). However, abuse can create a skewed reality in the mind of a victim, causing her (or him) to accept or excuse mistreatment. Selfishness inflates accusations

of abuse, but true abuse also robs its victims of perspective and objectivity. No one should try to handle abuse without talking to a pastor, a church officer, a counselor, or other mature believers.

Know Your Resources

If you are in immediate danger, call the police or get out of the situation. Paul teaches that the civil authorities are instruments of God's purpose to restrain evil (see Rom. 13:4). Additionally, the God who sanctifies life requires us to defend our lives and our children. Separation may be needed for an extended time both for safety and to allow effective counseling for all parties. Responsible church authorities should be told of abuse so they can protect victims (and correct abusers) by providing family intervention, counseling, prayer, support, and, if needed, safety and church discipline. The yellow pages and the Internet will also provide numerous confidential social services for families with abuse problems.

Know Your Status

You are not alone. Experts say abuse is present in almost 20 percent of marriages, and this includes many Christian marriages. Both women (85 percent of the time) and men can suffer from domestic violence.⁴ Shame, false guilt, and fear are the most common reasons that spouses do not seek help for abuse that damages them, their families, and their abuser. Willingness to confront abuse for the sake of the purposes God intends to promote in our lives and family comes with the confidence that we are eternally loved by God and eternally secure in his care. Refusing to accept abuse in our lives and families is biblical. Jesus will not forsake you because you take steps to confront an abuser and end abuse.