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Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, April 25, 2021

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

Meditation

1CORINTHIANS 1: 18

“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

Prelude

JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

“Our Father, Thou in Heaven Art” - Buxtehude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

PSALM 3

Leader: O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

People: Many are saying of my soul, “There is no salvation for him in God.”

Leader: But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the Lifter of my head.

People: I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.

Leader: I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

People: I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

Leader: Salvation belongs to the LORD;

People: Your blessing be on your people! Selah

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 575

“Soldiers of Christ Arise” (Charles Wesley)

1 Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through his Eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in his mighty pow'r,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

2 Stand then in his great might,
With all his strength endued;
But take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.
Leave no unguarded place,
No weakness of the soul;
Take ev'ry virtue, ev'ry grace,
And fortify the whole.

3 To keep your armor bright,
Attend with constant care;
Still walking in your Captain's sight,
And watching unto prayer.
From strength to strength go on;
Wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the pow'rs of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.

Invocation *

Vows of Membership

Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Molly Eastland (Rhett & Gracie)

Charge to Graduate

Mr. Jesse Dickey

Pastoral Prayer

Dismiss Children For Children's Church (3 & 4 year olds)

Reading of Holy Scripture

LUKE 14:12-24

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

¹⁶ Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

¹⁸ "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' ¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' ²⁰ "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' ²¹ "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' ²² "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'

²³ "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

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Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

"Make No Assumptions, Excuses, or Mistake"

Hymn of Response *

N^o. 469

"How Sweet and Awesome is the Place "

1 How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors, while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

2 While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

3 "Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room, when thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

4 'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in; else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

5 Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come; send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

6 We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

Offertory Prayer

Gloria Patri *

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen, amen.*

Benediction

* Congregation Standing

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Bill Goodman (MTW Global Training & Development)
- **Ministry of the Month:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Gary Morrison (John Thompson)
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Ann Caroline, Beckett, & Cade Moffett
- **College Student of the Week:** Will Tolar
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **Bob Booth:** has passed away; please be in prayer for the family.
- **Bill Glover:** his surgery went well. Please keep Glover family in prayer.
- **Albert Alllen:** fell and hit his head. He is now recovering at Wisteria; please keep him in your prayers.
- **Jerry Moore:** please pray for him to regain his strength.
- **Jimmy Carmen** was just diagnosed with Ocular Myasthenia Gravis. He can't see out of his left eye. He is waiting to get an appointment with a specialist. Please pray for the appointment to happen soon. Please pray for Lois and Jimmy.
- **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): still has not gotten her sense of smell back after having COVID-19; please pray that the blood clots that she has will go away.
- **Cindy Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): had open heart surgery; has been moved to Select Specialty Hospital, Madison, WI; husband, Gary, has been allowed to go visit her. She has good days and bad. She is still on a ventilator, which they are trying to ween her off of; could still be in the hospital another 4 to 6 months yet due to her present condition.
- **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease; responding well to medication.
- **Danny Fillinger** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.
- **Alex Word Adams:** expecting mother; due date June 27.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Scott Baxter:** (son of Mary Thompson's friend) is 40 years old & lives outside Birmingham; he's been diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma.

- **Will Glover** (Marsha & Bill Glover's Son): is getting the IV temidor and avastin monthly. He had no side effects at this point except fatigue. He is continuing OT, PT and may begin more speech and swallowing therapy soon.
- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's Nephew): latest scan showed that Andrew's cancer has grown more than 20%, which makes him ineligible for the trial. MD Anderson and Sloan Kettering discussed next treatment options and agreed upon a new drug combination treatment. He has started that treatment in Tuscaloosa as prescribed by MDA. Please pray for relief from nausea and vomiting, which appear to be very real with this chemo, for him to maintain an appetite and for shrinkage of the tumors.
- **Sherrill Smith** (Jim Smith's sister): brain & lung cancer; has completed radiation on brain tumors and has begun chemo for the lung cancer.
- **Gib Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' Father): esophageal cancer; good report from the oncologist; they are pleased that the cancer is slowly progressing and not creating too many problems; tires easily some days but for the most part is doing well; next oncologist follow up is in July.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. 3 years out from extensive surgery and he has had 3 years of stable scans.
- **John** (French Camp Student): stage 4 Lymphoma; spread to his bones; admitted to St. Jude; started chemo Jan 27th.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15th birthday, Jan 18th.
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' Uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking; receiving treatment.
- **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer; through with Chemo, doing well.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)
- **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, Evelyn Culpepper, Bob & Jody Nelson, Laverne Parks, Laverne Roberts



Volunteer Recognition

Ashley Belknap
 John Belknap
 Davida Curtis
 Janet Davis
 John Dawson
 Rebekah Dawson
 Camille Herrington
 Bob Huddleston
 Julie Huddleston
 Clara Matthews

Kerri Matthews
 Jim Neill
 Melinda Neill
 Gray Ouzts
 Andrew Rush
 Deanna Rush
 Rebecca Thompson
 Joni Vance
 Cecile Whitten
 Nat Whitten

High School Graduate Recognition

Jesse Dickey



2021-2022 Sunday School Classes

2 and 3 Year Olds

Sarah Costello
 Beckett Moffett
 Caroline Ouzts*
 Taylor Vance
 Sophie Warren

4 and 5 Year Olds

Antley Grace Eastland
 Daisy Inman*
 Ann Caroline Moffett
 Avery Thompson
 Lou Woods

1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades

Graham Belknap*
 William Belknap*
 Rhett Eastland
 Merrian Glover
 Lara Inman*
 Joel Ouzts
 Steele Stanford*

4th, 5th and 6th Grades

Griffin Belknap*
 Sybil Glover
 Jack Inman
 Kate Inman*

Layton Matthews
 Gracey Napier*
 Lily Smith
 James Wade
 Jake Whitney*
 John Palmer Word

Youth

Oliver Dawson
 Elliot Dawson
 Ainslie Curtis
 Hutton Curtis*
 Laken Curtis
 Clara Matthews*
 Eliza Matthews
 Ejay Napier*
 Jesse Dickey
 Jonathan Dickey
 Ryan Groebe
 Jackson Smith
 Jude Smith*
 Colton Whitney*
 Cora Whitney
 Sam Word*

Promoted*