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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, January 3, 2021

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

Meditation

"BE THOU MY VISION"

"Thou and thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art."

Prelude

JAQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

"At The Lord's Table" by Perry

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

PSALM 92

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

**People: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

**People: They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.**

Leader: They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,

**People: To declare that the LORD is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 642

"Be Thou My Vision"

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save
that thou art-- thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or
sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and
thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me
dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou
my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r: raise thou me
heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance,
now and always: thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of
heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O
bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my
vision, O Ruler of all.

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 347

"The Church's One Foundation"

1 The church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is His new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against the foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

5 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

6 Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Confession of Sin.

VALLEY OF VISION

O King and Father, your Son died and was raised up in power.
Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance so we may rise to
new life in Him. We confess to you:
Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves;
though you should rule us, we control ourselves;
though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.
We think your truth too high, your will too hard,
your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not!
And without them, we are of all people most miserable.
Now heal our confused minds with your word,
heal our divided wills with your law,
heal our troubled consciences with your love,
heal our anxious hearts with your presence,
all for the sake of your Son,
who loved us and gave himself for us. *Amen*

Assurance of Pardon

1 JOHN 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in
us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8(NIV)

- ¹ There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- ² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

Sermon

DR. MIKE MCKELVEY

"A Time for Everything"

Hymn of Response *

N^O. 708

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

- 1** O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give
thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer,
fuller be.
- 2** O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.
- 3** O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.
- 4** O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee. I lay in
dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that
shall endless be.

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

Sermon Notes

Ecclesiastes

“A Time for Everything”

Dr. Michael G. McKelvey is Associate Professor of Old Testament at RTS Jackson. His special interests include the Psalms, the Prophets, Genesis, and Biblical Theology. He has published the book, *Moses, David, and the High Kingship of Yahweh* (Gorgias Press, 2010), a commentary on Amos (Crossway, 2018), and he is currently working on a commentary on the book of Psalms (Lexham Press).

Prior to coming to RTS Jackson in 2014, Mike served as a pastor for several years in both Pennsylvania and North Carolina while teaching Old Testament courses as an adjunct faculty member at RTS Jackson.

Having a heart for the church, Mike’s great focus and interest is the preaching of Jesus Christ. He and his wife, Mary Alice, have two children.

Announcements


Communion: The Lord’s Supper has been rescheduled for February 7th.


2021 Offering Envelopes: Offering Envelopes are in the breezeway.

Flowers: 2021 calendar is on the bulletin board downstairs. If you have a date you prefer please sign up early to reserve that date.

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00):	Dec 27	58
Live Views		20
Total Online Views		41
Sunday School		N/A
Last Week’s Offering:		\$ 7,469.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 7,194.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$ 353,042.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$ 374,088.00 (-\$21,046)

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God.

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IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Rodney and Jana Davila (Costa Rica)
 - **Ministry of the Month:** Covenant Seminary
 - **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jim Neill and Nate Inman
 - **Child(ren) of the Week:** Taylor Vance
 - **College Student of the Week:** Samuel Hellier
 - God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**
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- **Elsa Davis** (Earl Davis' Mother): passed away on Dec 31st.
 - **Sam Heath:** has COVID-19.
 - **Rebekah Dawson:** has COVID-19; symptoms are currently mild.
 - **Marsha Glover's Mother:** has COVID-19; improving; at a LTC facility in Hernando. Marsha has been unable to see her these last 9 months.
 - **Ken Bramlett:** still having pain in his legs and trouble with his balance.
 - **Cindy** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): had open heart surgery; remains in a coma due to the anesthesia; husband, Gary, is not allowed to see her due to COVID regulations; they live in WI.
 - **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter & son-in-law): has COVID-19; better but has not regained her sense of smell and taste.
 - **Jean Beasley** (Jeanne Monsour's neighbor): moved to Select Specialty Hospital, no visitation; still requiring a lot of medicines for seizures.
 - **Cheryl Marbury** (Jeanne Monsour's sister-in-law): thankful to be making progress from her back surgery.
 - **Bob Booth:** has ALS; receiving physical, occupational and respiratory therapies, as well as, home health.
 - **Bill Glover:** still experiencing many problems due to Parkinson's; hopeful of seeing his doctor soon.
 - **Debbie Ford** (Beeg Ford's daughter-in-law): had heart surgery Dec 3rd.
 - **Taylor** (Ken & Nancy Bramlett's grandson): back home, improving.
 - **Jerry Moore:** please pray for him to regain strength and for his new medications to be effective.
 - **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease; continues to improve; doctors have been able to further reduce her steroids and other medications; she is feeling much better.
 - **Steve Pilgrim** (Charlie Moak's son-in-law): COVID-19; much improved but still weak.
 - **Brandi Brock:** had gastric sleeve surgery on Nov 9th; hopes she can lose enough weight to be eligible for a kidney transplant.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; Dec 15th scan was stable; We thank and praise God for His goodness and mercy to us!!
 - **Will Glover** (Marsha & Bill Glover's Son): cancer has reappeared on the brain stem; got a good report from his recent MRI; continuing avastin and will be evaluated again soon for physical therapy; will see his eye specialist, may have surgery to correct double vision problems soon.
 - **Kala Richardson** (Kerri Matthews' friend): small cell lung cancer; metastasized to her liver; recently began treatment.
 - **Robin Marbury Morris** (Jeanne Monsour's Niece): liver & colon cancer; continuing chemo but getting weaker.
 - **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' Uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking; receiving treatment.
 - **Gib Vredevelt** (Julie Rogers' Father): esophageal cancer; slowly getting worse, starting to have more bad days; sees the oncologist in January.
 - **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer; through with Chemo, doing well.
 - **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's Nephew): Desmoplastic small round cell tumor (DSRCT); approved for clinical trial at MSK and 6 week treatment began on Nov 9th; Praise the Lord! Please pray for shrinkage of the tumors and successful management of the concerning fluid build up.
 - **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.
 - **Steven Bell** (Tiffany Glover's brother): liver/colon cancer; doing well.
 - **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).
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- **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)
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- **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