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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, August 1, 2021

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

Meditation

"Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Take my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above."

Prelude

JACQUELYN THORNELL/ORGANIST

"Day by Day" - Ahnfelt/Fettke

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

Hebrews 12:1-2

Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,

Leader: and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

People: looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

Leader: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

People: and He is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 128

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way " (William Cowper)

1 God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

- 2 Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill
he treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.
3 Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.
4 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 693

"Blessed Assurance"

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on
my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy,
whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his
love. [Refrain]

Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose
face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the
blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us
from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble
hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in
your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus
Christ your Son.

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 cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

MARSHA GLOVER/ PIANIST

“Be Still and Know” with “Day by Day” arr. Melody Bober

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

Ruth 1:1-5

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab.

2 The man’s name was Elimelek, his wife’s name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

3 Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, and she was left with her two sons.

4 They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years,

5 both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“A Series of ‘Unfortunate’ Events”

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'er takes 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]

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

Hymnist for August

William Cowper (1731-1800) was the 4th child of a British clergyman and his wife. All of his siblings died by the time his mother died in childbirth with their fifth child. Afterward at age 6, William was sent to a boarding school where he was bullied mercilessly. He found kindred spirits later in his education but after failing to pass his boards as an attorney he turned to poetry. His association with John Newton produced the *Olney Hymnal* from which "Amazing Grace" and "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" are found. Cowper (pronounced "Cooper") suffered from bouts of depression and anxiety throughout his lifetime.

Sermon Notes

Ruth 1:1-5

“A Series of ‘Unfortunate’ Events”

1. Temptations to Choose the Wrong Path
2. Truths for Choosing the Right Path
3. Trials On the Wrong Path
4. Tenderness Around the Corner

WOMEN’S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARRIS BOND: Please don’t forget that the Summer Sunday School Class offering and the Ladies Bible Study offering will go to the Ouachita Presbyterian Church Plant pastored by Harris Bond. His wife, Laura Beth Shields Bond, is a former BPC member.

We would like to express our appreciation to Elizabeth Pinkerton for the beautiful coverings on the piano and T.V. console in the Fellowship Hall.

Ladies, if you weren’t at the Summer Gathering, please pick up a handbook in the church office. Also, the ladies directory is in the office. Check your name, etc.; if there are any changes, please let Barbara know by the end of August.

Lakeland Presbyterian is inviting us to their Ladies Conference at the end of August. Please see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Announcements

Sewing Ministry: The Sewing Ministry group will meet at the church this Thursday from 9:30-11:30 AM. *Note time change.

Swim Party: Back to School Swim Party! BPC children and their families are invited to a swim party at The Club at Crossgates on Friday, August 13 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Snacks will be provided. Questions?? See Nate or Susan Inman.

Book Study: Parents and Children will meet this evening at the church from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Parents will study *First Ask Why?* with John and Ashley Belknap leading. Children will eat, study *The Young Peacemaker*, and play. Questions??? please see Nate or Susan Inman.

Golf Tournament: There is a sign up sheet for the Will Brown Memorial Golf Tournament scheduled for October 9th on the Bulletin Board. If you would be interested in participating; please sign up. Thank you, Buford.

2021 Offering Envelopes: Offering envelopes are in the breezeway.

BELL RINGERS: Today: Avery Thompson **Next Week:** Daisy Inman

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00):	Ju1y 25	98
Live Views		11
Total Online Views		47
Sunday School		80
Last Week’s Offering:		\$2,750.00
Online Giving:		\$1,625.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$241,199.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$207,669.00 (+33,530.00)

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Charlie Moak.
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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:** Walt Herrington, Brian Smith & Darrin Tolar
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Oliver and Elliot Dawson
- **College Student of the Week:** Rebecca Groebe
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **Frank Clayton:** making great progress; walking with no pain and can drive again.
- **Bill Glover:** Bill's surgeon was pleased by x-rays that showed his kneecap healed. Bill is wearing a less restrictive knee brace. He continues to battle the ill effects of Parkinson's.
- **Jimmy Carman:** still no diagnosis on his eye problem; waiting for one more test on July 8th. May possibly be a nerve-muscle disconnect.
- **Cindy Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): is in a nursing home now. She still needs a lot of personal care. She is making slow progress; has been able to take a few steps using a walker.
- **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.
- **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.

Dear Church Family,
On behalf of the Glover Family, I would like to thank you for over 3 1/2 years in which you have been our prayer partners in Will's battle with glioblastoma. We have experienced your love in many forms: through your cards, notes, gifts of food, flowers, and hugs. We are still struggling with grief but we know that Will is healed and with our Lord. We appreciate your many gestures of sympathy and concern. God bless you for helping us through the toughest battle of our lives.
Marsha

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Gib Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' Father): esophageal cancer; recently saw the oncologist. Over the past 2 months he has taken a turn for the worse. He has chosen hospice care. My daughter, Jennifer and her daughter, Mia and I are going to WI on Saturday, July 24, to go see him and will probably head back home on July 29.
 - **Sherrill Smith** (Jim Smith's sister): brain & lung cancer; her cancer is very aggressive, and she is in terrible pain. She is completely bedridden and is now in in-home hospice care.
 - **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. We are so very thankful and grateful to report that Jim has had another stable scan. We are so appreciative of all the pray-ers and all the prayers from our church family.
 - **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's Nephew): desmoplastic small round cell tumor(s); has undergone several rounds of chemo prescribed by MDA. The tumors have remained stable; doctors are please with this, as there are ongoing studies and trials which seem promising. This stability buys time in hopes that a new treatment will emerge that will be successful.
 - **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)
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- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Bob & Jody Nelson, , Laverne Roberts
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- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (S. Korea; Sam Heath's nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)