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Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, January 02, 2022

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

Prelude JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST
“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” - setting by C. Uehlein

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship * PSALM 145:1-9

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

People: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Hymn of Praise *

N^o 2

“O Worship the King”

1 O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow’r and his love; our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow’r has founded of old; has ’stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o 674

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

1 I need thee ev’ry hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee, ev’ry hour I need thee; O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

2 I need thee ev’ry hour; stay thou near by; temptations lose their pow’r when thou art nigh. [Refrain]

3 I need thee ev’ry hour, in joy or pain; come quickly, and abide, or life is vain. [refrain]

4 I need thee ev’ry hour; teach me thy will, and thy rich promises in me fulfil. [Refrain]

5 I need thee ev’ry hour, Most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. [Refrain]

Confession of Sin

THE BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP, 1946

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory

JACQUELYN THORNELL

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.*

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

ACTS 18:1-17

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴ Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. ⁵ When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶ But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

⁷ Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titus Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized. ⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹ So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God. ¹² While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews of Corinth made a united attack on Paul and brought him to the place of judgment. ¹³ "This man," they charged, "is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law." ¹⁴ Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to them, "If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you. ¹⁵ But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law—settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things." ¹⁶ So he drove them off. ¹⁷ Then the crowd there turned on Sosthenes the synagogue leader and beat him in front of the proconsul; and Gallio showed no concern whatever.

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

"Never Give Up"

Hymn of Preparation*

N^o499

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (stanzas 1-2)

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfil the law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

The Lord's Supper

Hymn of Response

N^o 499

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (STANZAS 3-4)

3 Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Benediction

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Acts 18:1-17

“Never Give Up”

2022 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your 2022 Offering Envelopes in the breezeway .

Announcements

Lord's Supper: Please prepare your hearts to receive the Lord's Supper this morning.

Adult Choir: The Adult Choir will meet this afternoon at 4:30 in the sanctuary. We will plan on meeting each Sunday afternoon at this time until further notice.

Sewing Group: The Sewing Ministry group will meet this Tuesday, January 4th at 9:30 AM. We will be looking at a new sewing project for girls in Africa.

Ladies Bible Study: We will meet next Tuesday, January 11th at 9:30 AM; continuing in the book of James.

Sunday Night: The adult and children's Sunday evening activities will resume January 9th from 5:30-7:00 PM. We will all be learning how to study the Bible. The adults will be led by John and Ashley Belknap through the book *Help Your Kids Learn & Love the Bible* by Danika Cooley. The 4th - 6th will be led by Nate Inman through the book of Jonah using *Wrong Way, Jonah* by Kay Arthur and Janna Arndt. The 1st - 3rd will be led by Scotty and Nancilynn Dickey studying the NT focusing on the continuity of the Old and New Testaments. The 3 yr olds - K will be led by Susan Inman and will study the NT and learn to distinguish between Old and New Testament characters. Angela Wade will lead our nursery age children in a Bible story and song. Dinner will be provided.

Flowers: The flower calendar for 2021 has been posted on the bulletin board downstairs. If you have a date you prefer please sign up early to reserve that date. Thank you to all who provided flowers for church services this year.

BELL RINGERS: Today: Griffin Belknap **Next Week:** Hayes Hoge

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00):	Dec 26	68
Live Views		13
Total Online Views		22
Sunday School		
Last Week's Offering:		\$12,249.00
Online Giving:		\$125.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$438,013.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$358,047.00 (+79,966.00)

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 AM — 12:30 PM

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Rodney and Jana Davila
 - **Ministry of the Month:** Covenant Seminary
 - **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Gary Morrison, John Thompson
 - **Child(ren) of the Week:** Griffin, William, and Graham Belknap
 - **College Student of the Week:** Rebecca Groebe
 - God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**
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- **Peggy Jordan:** is back home after rehab at Wisteria; continue to pray for her complete recovery.
 - **Billie Aldy Stigler Family** (Jeanne Monsour's friends): Brad Aldy passed away on Wednesday, December 29. Please keep his sisters, Lucy Horton and Debbie Aldy, his brother Sonny Aldy, and his Aunts and Uncle in your prayers.
 - **Jim Neill:** had shoulder surgery; is progressing. Jim and Melinda thank everyone for all the cards, meals, prayers and support following his injury.
 - **James Callicutt** (Ranita's son): recently had a liver transplant; Drs. are pleased with his progress; still experiencing pain but that is expected. He goes back weekly for blood work. We are so thankful for everyone's prayers; God has been so good to us.
 - **Stephanie Daniels** (Noel Daniels's wife): had a stroke; is better but still doesn't talk or swallow. She is now moving her arms and legs; prayers are working. Love to all from the Noel Daniels Family.
 - **Joy Kemp** (Dotsy Peel's daughter): had surgery on December 21st; everything went well and she is recovering.
 - **Jimmy LeEarl** (Steve Hill's Dad): Steve Hill, a former asst. pastor of BPC, and missionary to Peru that we supported for years, had his father pass away recently. Please remember Steve and his family in prayer.
 - **Bill Glover:** is still experiencing pain; he will see a GI this month.
 - **Cindy Vredeveld** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): is now back at home with my brother and doing well. Thank you all for the prayers for her healing.
 - **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): has regained only some of her ability to smell from having covid a year ago; she can smell strong odors only. Her blood clots are under control as long as she stays on her Eliquis.

- **David Anderson** (Kerri Matthew's uncle): completed radiation treatment at MD Anderson. Treatment was effective but will need heart surgery in the near future.
- **Danny Fillinger** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. Jim's December 14 scan was stable. We want to thank our BPC family for all the prayer support. We are so thankful for these blessings.
 - **John** (French Camp student): stage 4 Lymphoma; had chemo at St. Jude. He is doing well and is back at French Camp.
 - **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's nephew): desmoplastic small round cell tumor(s); Two praises! His fluid retention has decreased by 50%! His latest scan showed no new lesions, the bulk of the disease covering his bowels is slightly less, and overall everything is stable! However this regimen of chemo has caused extreme fatigue, nausea, and a complete loss of appetite. He has also received multiple blood and platelet transfusions after each round of treatment. He started the same chemo regimen on Nov. 4th, with a slight decrease in dosage to see if that helps make it more tolerable. Please pray that this round will be much different in that regard. And that it will continue to produce positive results. Also please pray for success of fund raising and for federal funding for a research lab at MDA that is very close to starting a clinical trial specifically for DSRCT (desmoplastic small round cell tumor). The family is so thankful for all your prayers.
 - **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking.
 - **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15th birthday, Jan 18th.
 - **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)
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- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (Fort Campbell, KY; Sam Heath's nephew); 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, Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts