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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, January 10, 2021

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

Meditation

"I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD"

"I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spreads the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day, the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey."

Prelude

JAQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

"There's a Song in the Air" by Held

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Leader: This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

People: **But we received mercy for this reason, that in us, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.**

Leader: And now, to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,

People: **Be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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, unhasting, 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 Praise *

N^o. 173

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

1 Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim! Hail him! hail him! Highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to his holy name! Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children, in his arms he carries them all day long:

Refrain:

Praise him! praise him! tell of his excellent greatness;
Praise him! praise him! ever in joyful song!

2 Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! For our sins he suffered and bled and died; he our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation, hail him! hail him! Jesus, the Crucified. Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows, love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong:
[Refrain]

3 Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring! Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever; crown him! crown him! Prophet and Priest and King! Christ is coming! over the world victorious, pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:
[Refrain]

Responsive Reading

Psalm 19, TRINITY HYMNAL

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

People: **Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

People: **Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

Leader: In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

People: **It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: **The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

People: **The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

People: **The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.**

Leader: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

People: **they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.**

Leader: By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: **Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.**

Leader: Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

People: **Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.**

Leader: May the words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Special Music

MARSHA GLOVER/PIANIST

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Arranged by Chris Rice

Reading of Holy Scripture

GENESIS 1:1-2 (NIV)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Sermon

DR. MIKE MCKELVEY

"In the beginning..."

Hymn of Response *

N^o. 181

"We Come, O Christ, to You"

1 We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man, by whom all things consist, in whom all life began: in you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

2 You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid; in you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid. Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

3 You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you, the Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE! O great I AM! in you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

4 You only are true Life, to know you is to live the more abundant life that earth can never give: O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!

5 We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King; to you our youth and strength adoringly we bring: so fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

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

Genesis 1:1-2
“In the beginning...”

Dr. Michael G. McKelvey is Associate Professor of Old Testament at RTS Jackson. 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.

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00): Jan 3	57
Live Views	20
Total Online Views	49
Sunday School	49
Last Week’s Offering:	\$ 4,443.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$ 4,443.00
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Dear Church Family,

While I am happy for Cathy Costello, that she will be able to spend more time with Sarah and Joe, I am sad to say that she has tendered her resignation as our secretary effective Friday, January 29 to be a full-time wife and mom. She has been a huge blessing to me and to our church. She is so reliable, helpful and efficient, so proactive and congenial. I don’t know how we will replace her. But may God bless her and her family as she makes this transition home.

Would you please join me in praying that the Lord will provide us with a suitable replacement for Cathy soon? If you know of someone who might be looking for a great part-time position please have them contact me: jdawson@brandonpres.com.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

Announcements

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.

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:** Walt Herrington, Brian Smith & Darrin Tolar
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** James David Wade
- **College Student of the Week:** Troy Stokes
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

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- **Rich Harrison:** had a mini-stroke Jan 5th; at home, seems to be fine.
 - **Robbe Mahaffey:** has COVID-19 with fever, coughing, headache; received infusion on Jan 7th.
 - **Elsa Davis** (Earl Davis' Mother): passed away on Dec 31st.
 - **Sam Heath:** has COVID-19; feeling better.
 - **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:

- **Will Glover** (Marsha & Bill Glover's Son): cancer has reappeared on the brain stem; has been unable to walk and continues to have trouble swallowing and with speech; recently evaluated for PT.
 - **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; Dec 15th scan was stable,
 - **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 Vredeveld** (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