

OCTOBER 9, 2022

## OUR HELPER IS WITH US AND FOR US

The Prelude *March on "Lauda Anima"* arr. J. Behnke

The Call to Worship Rev. Christian Brewer

The Hymn of Praise No. 2 *O Worship the King*  
Stanzas 1, 2, 4 and 5

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.

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

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

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

Based on Psalm 104, Robert Grant, 1833, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1808

The Invocation Rev. Brewer

The Confession of Faith Westminster Larger Catechism #178, 182

Leader: What is prayer?

*Leader and People: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, in the name of Christ, by the help of his Spirit; with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.*

Leader: How does the Spirit help us to pray?

*Leader and People: We not knowing what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helps our infirmities, by enabling us to understand both for whom, and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and quickening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same measure) those apprehensions, affections, and graces which are required for the right performance of that duty.*

The Song *I Asked the Lord*

I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and every grace, might more of His salvation know, and seek more earnestly His face. 'Twas He who taught me thus to pray and He I trust has answered prayer, but it has been in such a way as almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour at once He'd answer my request and by His love's constraining power subdue my sins and give me rest. Instead of this, He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart and let the angry powers of hell assault my soul in every part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe, crossed all the fair designs I schemed, cast out my feelings, laid me low.

"Lord, why is this," I trembling cried. "Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?" "Tis in this way" the Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith. These inward trials I employ from self and pride to set thee free and break thy schemes of earthly joy that thou may seek thy all in me, that thou may seek thy all in me."

Words by John Newton, music by Laura Taylor ©2004 double v music CCLI 600485

The Scripture Reading

**Nehemiah 1:4-11**

The Offertory

***Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord***

Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord! Be all thy graces now outpoured on the believer's mind and soul, to strengthen, save, and make us whole.

Lord, by the brightness of thy light, Thou in the faith dost all unite of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue; this to thy praise, O Lord, be sung.

Thou strong defense, thou holy light, teach us to know our God aright, and call him Father from the heart. The word of life and truth impart, that we may love not doctrines strange, nor ever to other teachers range, but Jesus for our Master own, and put our trust in him alone. Amen.

Words by Martin Luther, music by Lani Smith

*Children ages 2-4 may come forward for the Children's Message. Afterward, those in the 2-3-year-old classes are dismissed to Church Time in the Nursery.*

The Children's Message

Rev. Dean Williams

The Psalm No. 87

***The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (Psalm 23)***

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill, for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnish-ed in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me: and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

Scottish Psalter, 1650, Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1871

The Intercessory Prayer

Mr. Mike Atkinson

The Scripture Reading

**Romans 8:18-26-27**

The Sermon

Rev. Dean Williams

***Our Helper Amidst the Flood***

The Hymn of Response

*Abide with Me*

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile, and though rebellious and perverse meanwhile, Thou hast not left me, as I oft left Thee. On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless, ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness. Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory? I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes, shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee. In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Words by Henry Lyte and Justin Smith ©2007 Justin Smith Music

The Benediction

Rev. Cangelosi

The Postlude

*Pavilioned in Splendour*

arr. R. Lloyd

SUNDAY EVENING

6:00 P. M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Rev. Christian Brewer. We are reading the book of Judges and working through the Westminster Larger Catechism together as a congregation on Sunday evenings. Tonight, we are on Judges 17 and WLC #12-13.

*Learning Light Through Darkness*

Micah 3:1-12

## WELCOME VISITORS!

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray the Word of God and the people of God will be an encouragement to you today.**

- Please scan the QR code to fill out our online information form.
- Visit our website to learn more about us: [pearorchard.org](http://pearorchard.org).
- Make use of our Nursery for your children under 2. Our cry room, located in the Parlor south of the Sanctuary, is also available.
- Attend one of our Sunday School classes, 10:00-10:45 a.m. every Sunday morning. See the monitors for locations.
- Join us for Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. tonight.
- Check out our Wednesday Night Ministries. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., with ministry opportunities for all ages at 6:30 p.m.
- We have a thriving disability ministry (Sonbeams) that is here to serve all individuals and families touched by disability.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

- **Culture Talk: Men and Women.** Join us for our next Wednesday Night Culture Talk, October 19, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. John Perritt will speak on this very important topic!
- **“Let’s Talk About ... Parenting” with John Kwasny:** Plan to join us Sunday evening, October 23 from 5-7:00 in the multipurpose building. Dinner will be provided. Look on Ministry One for the link to register and to sign up to dessert and bread.
- **Join us for our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fellowship.** On Friday, October 28, bring your picnic blankets/chairs and enjoy food, fellowship, & fun! A chili dinner will be provided beginning at 5:30 p.m., and games will follow starting at 6:15 p.m. Kids, wear your favorite friendly costume! Visit [pearorchard.org](http://pearorchard.org) to donate candy, baked sweets or host a game.
- **Joni and Friends Annual Barnyard Dance** is Saturday, October 29 from 3-7 p.m. at 1141 Midway Rd, Lena, MS 39094. All food is provided, but if you’d like to bring a dessert, you may!
- **Joint Presbytery Reformation Day Worship Service:** On Sunday evening, October 30, at 6:00 p.m., we will join our Presbytery in a joint worship service at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson as we remember the faithfulness to God to restore the gospel of grace and pure worship to His church.
- **Christmas Gifts for our Sonbeams Families:** This year we have the opportunity to purchase gifts (Angel Tree style) for our 34 families touched by disability. Please volunteer to purchase gifts for our families and to join us in delivering them on December 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Contact Daphne Clark at 601-594-3743 or [dclark@ccs.ms](mailto:dclark@ccs.ms) for questions.

## STAY CONNECTED

- Visit our website: [pearorchard.org](http://pearorchard.org)
- Make regular use of our church mobile app: **Ministry One**
  - Info on its many uses: [pearorchard.org/church-directory](http://pearorchard.org/church-directory)
- Follow our social media groups:
  - [Facebook.com/pearorchardPCA](https://www.facebook.com/pearorchardPCA)
  - [Instagram.com/pearorchard](https://www.instagram.com/pearorchard)
  - [Twitter.com/pearorchard](https://twitter.com/pearorchard)
- Every Friday you can read our weekly email update, delivered straight to your inbox.
  - Email Liz at [ltaylor@pearorchard.org](mailto:ltaylor@pearorchard.org) if you do not receive it.
- Ask for prayer: [pray@pearorchard.org](mailto:pray@pearorchard.org)
- Learn more about Christ Covenant School, POPC’s Pre-School through High School, at [ccs.ms](http://ccs.ms).

## UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

- 10.15 Moses Basket Connect Four – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 10.18 Ladies Lunch Bunch - 11:30 a.m. - Half Shell Oyster House
- 10.20 Men’s Ministry Event - Saints v. Cardinals game
- 10.23 Sunday Night Fellowship: Let’s Talk About...Parenting 5:30 p.m. – Gym
- 10.28 POPC 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fellowship
- 10.29 Joni & Friends Annual Barnyard Dance
- 10.30 Presbytery Reformation Day Service – 6:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
- 11.4 Sonbeams Night Out – 6:30-9:00 p.m. – Gym
- 11.6 The Lord’s Supper

**MISSIONARY PARTNER OF THE WEEK**  
**Mission to North America (PCA MNA), Arklie Hooten**

MNA coordinates church planting and outreach ministries to serve PCA churches and presbyteries in North America. Arklie Hooten serves as MNA’s Short Term Missions and Disaster Response Director. MNA Disaster Response (MNADR) was recently dispatched to provide aid and supplies to those who were affected by Hurricane Ian. Please pray for the members of this team as they provide recovery assistance which, among other activities, will include stabilizing homes, tree removal, blue tarping, and the conducting of additional assessments. Please pray that the Lord will sustain each member of the team as they provide this much needed assistance.