

DECEMBER 29, 2019

**IN SPITE OF OUR SIN WE HAVE ACCESS TO GOD
THROUGH FAITH ALONE IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE!**

The Prelude arr. M. Burkhardt

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

The Call to Worship Rev. Dean Williams

The Hymn No. 34 *The God of Abraham Praise*

The Invocation Rev. Williams

The Psalm No. 36 *Lord Thou Hast Searched Me, Psalm 139*

The Scripture Reading **John 1:29-51**
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The Offertory arr. M. Hayes
I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Children ages 2-5 may come forward for the Children's Message.
Afterward, those in the 2-4 year-old classes are dismissed to Church Time.*

The Hymn *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.

The Children's Message Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Hymn *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.

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

The Intercessory Prayer Rev. Cangelosi

The Scripture Reading **Genesis 28**
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The Sermon Rev. Cangelosi

A Stairway to Heaven for the Deceiver

The Hymn of Response *Jesus, I Come*

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus I come; into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my wanting and into Thy wealth, out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come; into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm, out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come; into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, out of despair into raptures above, upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come; into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold, ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Words by William True Sleeper, music by Greg Thompson © 2000 Greg Thompson Music

The Benediction Rev. Cangelosi

The Postlude *Jubilate Deo* G. F. Handel

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

We will worship our glorious God tonight as we sing, pray, and receive the word preached by Dr. John Kwasny. We are working through the Westminster Shorter Catechism and Scripture proofs (in the ESV) on Sunday evenings. Tonight we are on Westminster Shorter Catechism #53 & 56.

Proverbs 1:1-7

Wise Man or Wise Guy?

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

TO EVERYONE WHO VISITS WITH US THIS LORD'S DAY, we welcome you sincerely and from the heart. Grace to you and peace from God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ.

WE ENCOURAGE YOUR YEAR-END SACRIFICIAL GIVING TO CHRIST'S CHURCH AS THE YEAR CLOSSES: A large portion of the church's contributions are received in the last 2 months of the year and are annually needed to end the year fiscally sound as a church. Please remember that your tithes and offerings must be received by December 31. Sacrificial giving to the General Fund and to Missions is deeply encouraged by all as we model our Savior whose gifts to us are eternally priceless. We are equipped to handle gifts of stock also. Please prayerfully make Christ's Church the recipient of your heartfelt and generous giving.

LADIES' MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES FOR JANUARY: *Lydia* Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 7, at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor. *Ruth* Circle will meet Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Micki Smith (724 Woodgate Drive, Madison; 601-672-2513). Please contact Amy Hatchett (601-832-4041) for directions.

YOUTH LARGE GROUP STARTS BACK ON JANUARY 8! Junior and senior high students are welcome to join us from 5:30-7:30 PM on Wednesday nights in the gym to hang out, play games and hear preaching from the book of John.

OUR FIRST BAPTISM FOR THE NEW YEAR will be January 19, 2020. Please call the church office if you would like to get on the schedule (601-956-3283).

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

POPC'S SONBEAMS MINISTRY is offering a *Sonbeams Night Out* for parents of special needs children and their siblings, as well as adults with special needs on Friday, January 10 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Please contact Daphne Clark at 601-594-3743 if you would like to volunteer to help with this wonderful ministry.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR JANUARY 12, 2020, to review and approve the General fund and Mission budgets, and to vote on officer candidates. Elder candidates are Neil Barnes and Newell Simrall, and Deacon candidates are Walt Lucas, Parker Reece, Tim Barnes, and Allan Edgar. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary promptly at 10:00 am during the SS hour.

55+ BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT BE MEETING, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1.

THE MONDAY EVENING LADIES BIBLE STUDY begins on January 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Jackie Shelt 1407 Belle Glade St, Jackson, 39211. We will study the book of Jonah using Tim Keller's *The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy*. Books are available on Amazon.com. To sign up or for more information, email Jackie at jackieleeshelt@gmail.com.

PLEASE "LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK (Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church) and follow us on Twitter at @PearOrchard. This is a great way to stay up to date on the current events and announcements in the life of our church!

OUR NURSERY MINISTRY IS AN EVERY MEMBER MINISTRY! One of our distinctives as Presbyterians and as Christians is our belief in the covenant of grace in Jesus Christ. An essential application of that gospel truth is our responsibility to one another in our covenant community. Taking a turn in caring for our nursery children is a beautiful and needful outworking of that application. Thank you for taking seriously the responsibility to love and nurture the littlest of Christ's lambs!

*We live to demonstrate to the world
the magnificent beauty of Jesus Christ
and the power of His life-transforming presence.*

CHRIST COVENANT SCHOOL

Christ Covenant School is the largest ministry of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. It is our goal to serve the Lord by partnering with believing parents in the Christ-centered education of their children from preschool through middle school. To learn more, please visit us online at ccs.ms or call 601-978-2272.

MINISTERS: THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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UPCOMING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 5, 2020

Gospel of John ~ William Stabler, Roger Qi
Room 127

Revelation ~ Newell Simrall
Room 238

I Corinthians ~ John Kwasny
Cafeteria

Romans ~ Dean Williams
Room 314

Laura Herbison - Prayer Requests (pray@pearorchard.org) (601-213-8444)

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