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June 1, 2025  
*Ascension Sunday*

# Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

*The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 8.*

## THE GLORY OF THE ASCENDED KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Short Preludes and Intermezzos" ..... Hermann Schroeder

I. Maestoso

II. Andante Sostenuto

*Leo Davis, organ*

♣CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47:5-8. .... Barton Kimbro

God has gone up with a shout,

**The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

For God is the King of all the earth;

**Sing praises with a psalm!**

God reigns over the nations;

**God sits on his holy throne.**

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 249 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" ..... LLANFAIR

*Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Robert Williams; arr. Mack Wilberg / Psalm 24:7*

1. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. See, he lifts his hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

to his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!  
See, he shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 he hath con- quered death and sin, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra- cious lips be - stow Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

✦INVOCATION

✦NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:6-11 ..... Elizabeth Wall (8:15)  
 Min Song (11:00)

So when they had come together, they asked him,  
 "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"  
 He said to them, "It is not for you to know  
 times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

**But you will receive power  
 when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,  
 and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem  
 and in all Judea and Samaria,  
 and to the end of the earth."**

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on,  
 he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.  
 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went,  
 behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said,

**"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?  
 This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,  
 will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... LLANFAIR

**Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
 Raise our hearts to reach Thy height; Alleluia!  
 There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
 Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee! Alleluia!**

# THE GRACE OF THE ASCENDED KING

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
our great High Priest,  
who has ascended to the right hand of God  
to make intercession for us,  
have mercy upon us,  
for we have sinned against You  
and have done that which is evil in Your sight.  
Forgive our foolishness and our hard-heartedness.  
Cleanse us from our sin and renew a right spirit within us,  
that we might worship and serve You aright  
as the King of kings and Lord of lords,  
now and forevermore.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... I John 2:1-2

*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.  
But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.  
He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Shalom" ..... Dan Forrest

*Music: Dan Forrest / John 14:27*

Peace, shalom.

Peace, I leave with you,

Peace I give to you:

Peace, shalom.

Peace, I leave with you,

My peace I give to you:

Peace, shalom.

Not as this world gives, I give to you.

Do not be afraid

Shalom, my peace I leave with you.

Peace, shalom.

*Calvin and Jauna Ellis, duet*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN..... Brad Morrow  
*Pastoral Resident*

## THE WORD OF THE ASCENDED KING

### ✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### ✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 110 "Revive Us Again".....THINE THE GLORY

*Words: William P. Mackay / Music: John J. Husband / Psalm 47:6*

1. We praise thee, O God! for the days of our youth,  
2. We praise thee, O God! for the Son of thy love,  
3. We praise thee, O God! for thy Spir - it of light,  
4. All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was slain,

for the bright lamp that shin - eth — the Word of thy truth.  
for Je - sus who died and is now gone a - bove.  
who has shown us our Sav - ior and scat - tered our night.  
who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain!

Hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! we sing;

hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry, re - vive us a - gain.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: Astonishing!..... Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♣HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 381 “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”..... SAGINA  
Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Thomas Campbell / Romans 5:8



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
4. No con-dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his  
all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing  
love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy  
Head, and clothed with righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap -

love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
all, im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

*Refrain*

die for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it  
found out me. A - maz-ing love! How  
Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
can it be that thou, my God,

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Short Preludes and Intermezzos" .....Hermann Schroeder  
VI. Poco Vivace

✦Indicates congregation standing

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# Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

♣CALL TO WORSHIP.....Damon Conley

♣COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING (I WILL SING)..... NETTLETON

*Words: Robert Robinson / Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second / 1 Samuel 7:12*



1. Come Thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - nez - er, hith - er by Thy help I've come.
3. O to grace how great a debt - or, dail - y I'm con - strained to be.



Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
And I hope by Thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let Thy good - ness like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.



Teach me some mel - o - dious son - net sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God.  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.



Praise the mount, I'm fixed u - pon it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.  
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

*Chorus*



How Your kind - ness yet pur - sues me, how Your mer - cy nev - er fails me.



'Til the day that death shall lose me, I will sing, oh I will sing.

♣INVOCATION



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GREAT ARE YOU, LORD/GRATITUDE ..... Travis Cottrell

Words and Music: Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard; arr. Travis Cottrell / Psalm 145:3

✦ Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction

*Verse*

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the dark - ness; You give hope,  
You re - store, ev - 'ry heart that is bro - ken; and great are You, Lord.

*Chorus*

It's Your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise,  
we pour out our praise, it's Your breath in our lungs  
so we pour out our praise to You on - ly.

*Bridge*

All the earth will shout your praise, our hearts will cry,  
these bones will sing, "Great are You Lord!"

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again,  
Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah!  
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King,  
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah!

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Laci and Logan Bean, Colt Childress\*, Christy Daniels, Laska Darling, Leslie Darling,  
Alexandria Dawes, Angela and Steve Montoya, Caroline and Justin Montoya,  
Jessica and Matthew Morris, Townsend Myers, Joshua Pease, Nate Rogers, R'Tisha Smith

*\*to be baptized*

## MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

SCRIPTURE LESSON. . . . . Ruth 4  
(page 224 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: Where Is Fullness of Joy? . . . . . David Bowen

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

✠PROFESSION OF FAITH . . . . . The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;**

**and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

NO. 417: JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA ..... WOODWORTH

*Words: Charlotte Elliott / Music: William B. Bradbury / John 6:37*

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea but  
2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to  
3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with  
4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight,  
5. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt  
6. Just as I am, thy love un - known has

that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can  
man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -  
rich - es, heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise  
bro - ken ev - 'ry bar - rier down; now, to be thine, yea,

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
in with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

♣HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: I THANK GOD . . . . . Housefires

*Words and Music: Aaron Moses, Chuck Butler, Enrique Holmes, Jesse Cline / Luke 15:11-32*

**Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide  
This weary soul, this bag of bones,  
And I try with all my might, but I just can't win the fight;  
I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond.**

**And just when I ran out of road, I met a Man I didn't know,  
And He told me that I was not alone.**

*He picked me up, He turned me around,  
He placed my feet on solid ground.  
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,  
Because He healed my heart,  
He changed my name,  
Forever free, I'm not the same.  
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior—  
I thank God!*

**I cannot deny what I see; got no choice but to believe—  
My doubts are burning like ashes in the wind.  
So, so long to my old friends, burden and bitterness,  
You can just keep it moving, nah, you ain't welcome here!**

**From now 'til I walk the streets of gold,  
I'll sing of how You saved my soul.  
This wayward son has found his way back home.**

**Oh, hell lost another one,  
I am free. I am free, I am free.**

♣BENEDICTION

♣GOSPEL AMEN

♣*Indicates congregation standing*

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## Welcome, New Members!

*Following tonight's service, please join us in the Connector to greet our new members!*



Laci & Logan  
Bean  
*Parkway/Graham  
Parish*



Colt  
Childress  
*Kirby Woods  
Parish*



Christy  
Daniels  
*Audubon  
Parish*



Laska  
Darling  
*Shelby Farms  
Parish*



Leslie  
Darling  
*Shelby Farms  
Parish*



Alexandria  
Dawes  
*West  
Parish*



Angela & Steve  
Montoya  
*Kirby Woods  
Parish*



Caroline & Justin  
Montoya  
*West  
Parish*



Jessica & Matthew  
Morris  
*Shelby Farms  
Parish*



Townsend  
Myers  
*Germantown  
Parish*



Joshua  
Pease  
*Sea Isle  
Parish*



Nate  
Rogers  
*West  
Parish*



R'Tisha  
Smith  
*White Station  
Parish*

## Caring Ministry Update

### **Congratulations to:**

Jack and Sydney Steffner on the birth of a son, *John Collier Steffner*, May 17, 2025. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Margaret Steffner.

### **In the Hospital** (as of 5/28/25):

Faust Reynolds, *Baptist Collierville*

## Weekly Prayer Focus

**World Missions–Abbie:** Having served as a teacher in Central-South Asia since September 2024, Abbie will return to the States this month for a short home assignment. Abbie is grateful for the way that the Lord has blessed her first year in Asia. Let's join her in thanking our Heavenly Father for helping her adjust to a new culture and a new language, granting her favor and good rapport with her students, giving her unity and fellowship with her team, and allowing her to share the gospel with new friends and acquaintances. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move in the heart of a friend who is considering Christianity to repent and believe the glorious gospel. Pray for refreshment for Abbie while she is on home assignment along with travel mercies and opportunities to connect with family, friends, and supporters.

**Mission Memphis–Memphis Teacher Residency:** Memphis Teacher Residency (MTR) trains prospective teachers in a yearlong residency model through graduate courses, classroom internship, and personalized coaching. They believe that educational inequality is one of the greatest social justice and civil rights issues in America today and that God calls His people to go into all the world to offer love and seek justice for all. Please pray for MTR as they seek to love their neighbors and help restore communities to lives of dignity and peace. Pray for more prayer partners to join their growing team—the goal is to reach 100 prayer partners by the end of 2025, each offering one-sentence prayers. Finally, pray for the teachers, that they would be taught by God's love and grace and, in turn, teach with and offer the same to their students and colleagues.

**2PC Ministry–Children's Ministry:** The Children's Ministry desires to see children know God intimately through Jesus Christ, trusting in Him alone to save, sanctify, and satisfy them. While the team equips parents to serve as their children's primary vision-casters, they also equip all 2PC members to share in the awesome responsibility of discipling our children. We're so grateful for Lucy Stevens and her seven years of faithful service on our staff! Please pray for the safe arrival of the Stevens' third baby girl and for Lucy as she steps into a new season at home with her daughters. VBS begins tomorrow—please pray that every child, whether a covenant child or visitor, experiences the love of Christ through every part of the day. Ask the Lord to strengthen and encourage our volunteers and teen helpers as they serve. Lastly, we're thankful for a joyful end to another Parents' Day Out year! Pray for the staff as they prepare for the summer term starting June 9, and for new teachers and students to feel warmly welcomed.

## Summer at Second

We've splashed into Summer, and the slower schedule for all ages leaves room on the calendar for fun ways to spend time in fellowship and grow in community.

Activities on campus for children abound. In addition, our youth will meet for Bible study and games. For adults, Crossroads young adults will meet for weekly Bible studies, Women in Ministry has a few options for fellowship and studying the Word, and our Senior Adult Ministry invites all ages to the Jubilation Jazz concert and lunch on July 10.

Visit [2pc.org/summer](http://2pc.org/summer) for more details.

## June Flowers

**The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of:** *their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John David Simpson and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Horace Miller III, by Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller who were married yesterday. Mrs. Miller is the former Jaci Simpson.*

**The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:** *Angela Elise Adhiambo Ogweni by her parents, Cecilia and Philip Ogweni; Bernice Flinn by her sons, George Jr., Fred, and Carl, and their families; Dial Boyle Jackson by the Price Morrison family; Elaine Walker and Nan Landess by their families; Herbert (Herbie) Hunt by his family; Joe Davis, Jr. and Courtney Davis-McDonnell by Mrs. Joe Davis, Jr. and Jeffrey Davis; Milbrey and Milton Knowlton and Alice and Ralph Prichard by their children, Mary Joy and Milton Knowlton, grandsons, Scott and Geoffrey Knowlton, and great grandchildren and in gratitude for: Deb Coleman by the Memphis Fellows alumni.*

## General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
April	\$ 846,264	\$ 538,508	\$ (307,756)	\$ 461,038	\$ 77,470
YTD 7/1/24-4/30/25	\$ 9,257,908	\$ 7,954,517	\$ (1,303,391)	\$ 8,263,435	\$ (308,918)

*\$2.99 million of giving is needed in May and June to meet the giving budget for the fiscal year ending June 30.*

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