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ASSEMBLY

Second Presbyterian Church
Memphis, Tennessee

Thursday, June 24, 2021
Sanctuary · 9:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

41st Annual General Assembly *of the* Evangelical Presbyterian Church

PRELUDE: "Festive Trumpet Tune"David German

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Brandon Terry

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 324 "O Church Arise" O CHURCH, ARISE

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend / Ephesians 6:11

**O church, arise, and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain,
For now the weak can say that they are strong,
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies:
An army bold, whose battle cry is love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.**

**Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.**

**Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen.
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**

**So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle;
That we may run with faith, to win the prize
Of a servant, good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.**

✦INVOCATION

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Matthew 11:28-30

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Funds from this morning's offering are designated to support the EPC's Restore Pastor Health Fund.

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- Place cash or check (payable to EPC) in boxes at Sanctuary exits
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HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 206 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"..... TOWNEND

Words and Music: Stuart Townend; arr. Bruce Greer / Romans 5:8

**How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son,
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ;
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Jeremiah 1:13-19

¹³The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north." ¹⁴Then the LORD said to me, "Out of the north disaster shall be let loose upon all the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁵For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, declares the LORD, and they shall come, and every one shall set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its walls all around and against all the cities of Judah. ¹⁶And I will declare my judgments against them, for all their evil

in forsaking me. They have made offerings to other gods and worshiped the works of their own hands. ¹⁷But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. ¹⁸And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. ¹⁹They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you."

SERMON: Encouragement for Ministry in Difficult Places..... George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE: "Festive Alleluias"..... Dan Miller

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*Combined Chancel and Gospel Choirs directed by Calvin Ellis
Instrumentalists: Samuel Metzger, organ; Michael Parsons, guitar;
Joe Mariencheck, bass guitar; David Pruitt, drums;
Claude Hinds, piano; James Ryan, violin; Jenny Davis, flute*

