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Second Presbyterian Church
Memphis, Tennessee

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Order of Worship

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

PRELUDE: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Paul Manz

WELCOME Dean Weaver

✦ GOD SO LOVED

Words and Music: Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cain, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash / John 3:16

**Come, all you weary, come, all you thirsty;
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water; come, and thirst no more.**

**Come, all you sinners, come find His mercy.
Come to the table, He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.**

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us;
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.**

**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions,
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.**

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us;
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated;
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

**Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philipians 1:1-30

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here

for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

SERMON: What Comes Before Restoration Phil Linton

A PRAYER OF BLESSING

♣PSALM 34 (TASTE AND SEE)

Words and Music: Joe Rigney, Shane Barnard / Psalm 34:1-22

**I sought the Lord, and He answered me,
And delivered me from every fear.
Those who look on Him are radiant;
They'll never be ashamed, this poor man cried.**

**And the Lord heard me and saved me from my enemies;
The Son of God surrounds His saints, He will deliver them.**

*Magnify the Lord with me.
Come exalt His name together (exhale His name).
Glorify the Lord with me.
Come exalt His name forever (exhale His name).*

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, bless us here who hides in Him.**

**Oh, fear the Lord, oh, all you saints.
He'll give you everything. He'll give you everything.**

**Let us bless the Lord every day and night;
Neverending praise, may our incense rise.**

♣BENEDICTION

♣*Indicates congregation standing*

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Choral Ensemble directed by Calvin Ellis

*Instrumentalists: Samuel Metzger, organ; James Ryan, violin;
Michael Parsons, guitar; Joe Mariencheck, bass guitar; David Pruitt, drums;
Devereau Williams, Hammond organ; Claude Hinds, piano;*

