

Romans 8:14-30 (NASB)

¹⁴ For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* in order that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

²⁶ And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*. ²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to *become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; ³⁰ and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

Deacon for the Month: Shreve Guthrie, III

Nearer, My God, to Thee

- (1) Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
- (2) Though like the wanderer, The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
- (3) There let the way appear Steps unto heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me In mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
- (4) Then, with my waking thoughts Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs, Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.
- (5) Or if on joyful wing, Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, Upwards I fly,
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

Bible Reading Schedule

May 3 – Romans 1:1-17..... May 4 – Romans 1:18-32
May 5 – Romans 2:1-16..... May 6 – Romans 2:17-29
May 7 – Romans 3:1-31..... May 8 – Romans 4:1-12

Upcoming Events

June 12..... Windsor Car Show, 8am-2pm
June 22-25..... EPC General Assembly – Second PC Memphis
September 24-25..... Presbytery Meeting, Hope San Antonio
October 3..... Fall Grand Gulf Outing, 10:30am

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: 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.

Announcements

WE WELCOME our workgroup from Ferris State University this week, who will be doing construction projects in the area.

BIBLE STUDY will not be held this week.

CHURCH PLANTS sponsored by our presbytery include Quest Church in New Braunfels, Texas: www.questchurchnb.com and Haven Church in Katy, Texas: <https://www.havenkaty.com> To help with these efforts, make out your check to First Presbyterian Church and label it either "Quest Church" or "Haven Church."

PLEASE PRAY for Nick and Amanda, and Elizabeth and Greg as they participate in the Engage 2025 project in the Middle East, and for Kevin and Jena as they prepare to join them soon. To help, make out your check to First Presbyterian Church and label it either "Nick and Amanda," "Elizabeth and Greg," or "Kevin and Jena."

May Birthdays

2	Janice Carter	7	Al Killingsworth
9	Shelton Headley	11	Lillie Cassell
13	Natalie Cassell	14	Lydia Fraley
15	Cathi Dodgen	17	Scott Harrison
20	Lem Montgomery	21	Ella Daughdrill
22	Alohi Easley	30	Iliahi Easley

First Presbyterian Church of Port Gibson Yokena Presbyterian Church

Joint Spring Outing
May 2, A.D. 2021

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship *Psalm 117*

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music Oren Whiteside

Scripture Reading *Romans 8:14-30*

Message *All Things – Even Gnats?*

*Hymn of Dedication *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

*Benediction

**Standing, as able*

Psalm 117

(To the tune of Amazing Grace)

- (1) Oh, all ye nations, praise the Lord
Each with a different tongue;
In every language learn His word,
And let His name be sung.
- (2) His mercy reigns through every land;
Proclaim His grace abroad;
Forever firm His truth shall stand;
Praise ye our faithful God.