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Presbyterian Church in America

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Events

JUNE EVENTS...

UPCOMING EVENTS - GET CONNECTED!

MORNING WORSHIP

10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:15 AM

PRAYER MEETING

4:15 PM

EVENING WORSHIP

5:00 PM

- June 5 • Men's Devotional at 8:15 am
- June 5 • First Sunday Fellowship Meal immediately following the morning worship service.
- June 7 • SHINE at 3 pm at the church.
- June 7 • Deacons Meeting at 6 pm at the church
- June 20-24 • PCA General Assembly, Birmingham, AL
- June 28 • Session Meeting at 6 pm

Note: There will be no WNF or Ladies Bible Study during the Summer. We will continue having a First Sunday Fellowship Meal each month.

Grace at Home
June 2022

A monthly newsletter from
Grace Church of the Islands PCA



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for one another, the ministry of Grace Church of the Islands, and for the universal Church. Below are a few prayer requests to focus our attention on this month:

Thanksgiving:

- Thankful to the Lord for watching over His sheep and for being the good Shepherd.

Health:

- Catherine Baldwin - Pray for Catherine as she prepares for surgery on her foot.
- Seniors - Pray for our seniors and shut-ins, including Tom Moore, J.B. Tuttle, Mac Baldwin, John McCleskey, David Hodge and Allan Chagan.

Misc.:

- Visitors - Pray the Lord would continue to bring visitors to our worship services and give visitors a desire to join our church family.
- Faith Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, MI - Pastor Dan Naulty announced that the church was particularized on May 29th, an answer to our prayers.
- Miguel and Hannah - Pray for them as they travel to Japan to begin their ministry.

SENIOR PASTOR

J.C. Cunningham

MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Tom Taylor

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Gina Harrell

RULING ELDERS

Mark Board
 Dave Roulo
 Tom Taylor - Clerk
 Jose Veciana
 Louis Watson - Sabbatical

DEACONS

Joel Barry - Secretary
 David Lamson - Chair
 Ron Nichols
 Allan Chagan - Emeritus
 Richard Towns - Emeritus

HE LEADETH ME, O BLESSED THOUGHT!

by Gina Harrell

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
 O words with heav'nly comfort
 fraught!
 Whate'er I do, where'er I be
 Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
 By His own hand He leadeth me;
 His faithful follower I would be,
 For by His hand He leadeth me.*

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest
 gloom,
 Sometimes where Eden's bowers
 bloom,
 By waters still, over troubled sea,
 Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.
 Refrain

How often in recent months have you been involved in conversations questioning where the leadership of our nation and world are headed? Issues along this vein are not new, by any means. The Civil War was a very dark time in American history when many were questioning the future of our nation. It was during this time that Joseph Gilmore wrote the words to "He Leadeth Me!" His story is most interesting.

As he told it, he was filling in the pulpit for a couple of weeks at the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia. He said, "At the mid-week service, on the 26th of March, 1862, I set out to give the people an exposition of the Twenty-third Psalm, which I had given before on three or four occasions, but this time I did not get further than the words "He Leadeth Me." Those words took hold of me as they had never done before, and I saw them in a significance and wondrous beauty of which I had never dreamed."*

The conversation of God's leading continued after the service as members of the congregation met in a home. As people were talking, Gilmore penned the words of this hymn, handed the paper to his wife, and forgot about it.

The essence of Gilmore's message and hymn are summed up in his words: "It was the darkest hour of the Civil War. I did not refer to that fact—that is, I don't think I did—but it may subconsciously have led me to realize that God's leadership is the one significant fact

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine,
 Nor ever murmur nor repine;
 Content, whatever lot I see,
 Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
 Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
 When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
 Since God through Jordan leadeth me.
 Refrain

in human experience, that it makes no difference how we are led, or whither we are led, so long as we are sure God is leading us."*

Three years later, he was attending a church service in New York where he had applied as a pastoral candidate. He began leading through their hymnal, and came across the hymn, his own hymn, "He Leadeth Me"! His wife had submitted his verse to a Christian periodical. The talented William Bradbury had set the words to music, and the hymn had been published without Gilmore's knowledge. Bradbury is the composer of many well-loved tunes which we recognize as "Jesus Loves Me", "Sweet Hour of Prayer", and "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less", as well as many others.

The words of this beautiful hymn come as a great comfort to those of us who are in Christ. Let this hymn encourage you as you meditate on the text. Let the Holy Spirit strengthen you and fill you with His assurance that every day of our lives and every step of our way is ordained and led by God's wisdom, and His caring hand.

*From the Cyber hymnal



JUNE

Anniversaries & Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES

- 05 Ron and Jean Wiggins
- 16 Mark and Nancy Board
- 16 David and Cathy Roulo
- 18 Craig and Gina Harrell
- 18 Jeff and Debbie Mullis
- 25 Jose and Julie Veciana

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Leah Boyd
- 8 Erin Vernon
- 12 Estelle Vernon
- 18 Wade Antoon
- 21 McKenzie Sparks
- 28 Toni McCray
- 28 Rita Tady



General Assembly

The PCA GA will be held the week of June 20th in Birmingham, Alabama. Pastor JC, Mark and Tom will attend.

STEWARDSHIP

YTD as of May 31st
Tithes and Offerings
needed for budget:

\$128,646

YTD as of May 31st
Actual Tithes and Offerings received:

\$126,805

Average attendance for April:

AM Service: 82
PM Service: 33