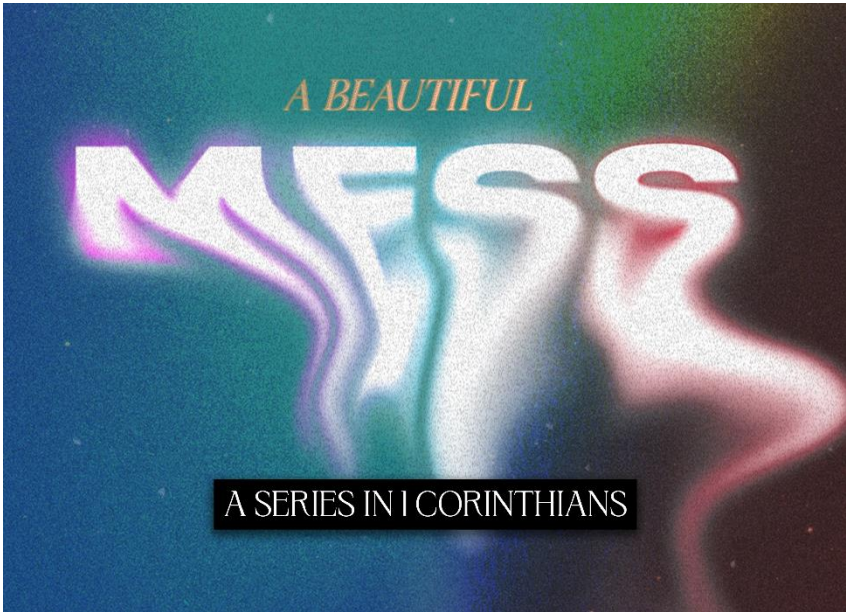


GRACE COVENANT CHURCH

Lord's Day

SERVICE



W O R S H I P G U I D E

Grace Covenant Church is a covenanted community of Christians who are compelled by God's Word and commissioned to the nations.

Liturgy for Sunday, December 31, 2023



Announcements		Thomas Gamble
Call to Worship	Psalm 19:7-14	Hannah Caskey
<p>⁷ The instruction of the LORD is perfect, renewing one’s life; the testimony of the LORD is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise. ⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, making the heart glad; the command of the LORD is radiant, making the eyes light up. ⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are reliable and altogether righteous. ¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold— than an abundance of pure gold; and sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb. ¹¹ In addition, your servant is warned by them, and in keeping them there is an abundant reward. ¹² Who perceives his unintentional sins? Cleanse me from my hidden faults. ¹³ Moreover, keep your servant from willful sins; do not let them rule me. Then I will be blameless and cleansed from blatant rebellion. ¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.</p>		
All Glory Be to Christ		Congregation
Christ Our Hope in Life and Death		Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Jeremy Gilliam
What a Friend We Have in Jesus		Congregation
Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love		Congregation
Prayer of Praise		Al Johnson
Reading of the Preaching Passage		Thomas Gamble
Prayer of Illumination		Thomas Gamble
Sermon		Thomas Gamble

1 Corinthians 4:1-5
“**How to Measure a Minister**”

Prayer of Application		Thomas Gamble
Prayer of Private Confession		Congregation
Prayer of Public Confession		John Drummond
Turn Your Eyes		Congregation
Lord's Supper		Church
Benediction	1 Timothy 1:17	Ruth Aland

¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

-And with that, Grace Covenant Church, you are sent!-

Weekly Prayer:

Pray for our church-This week, we pray that we will defend and maintain a Christ-exalting ministry as a church. Pray that we will uphold the truth of God's Word in our preaching, teaching, and daily practice. Pray we will be willing to confront sin in one another and receive correction willingly and humbly. Pray the Lord will be glorified through our pursuit of holiness as a people.

Pray for a church-This week we pray for Del Ray Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA. Pray for their pastor, Garrett Kell, and their 9 other pastors, as they shepherd the church. Pray for their new interns starting this week to be disciplined and prepared for leadership. Pray that the church would grow in their love for the Lord and His Word and that their fervency would grow.

Pray for the Church-This week we are praying for the Church in Nigeria as they respond to the attacks on Christians by Muslims over Christmas. Pray for the families of over 140 killed, maybe more, to be comforted. Pray for Christians to respond with grace and forgiveness. Pray that the Muslim north would recognize their evil ways and repent. Pray for peace in this divided country.

Looking Ahead:

- Next week's sermon will come from 1 Corinthians 4:6-13.
- We will have a prospective new members class starting January 7th, 2024 at 3:30 PM. See Thomas to get a booklet if you need one.
- There will be a tech team training on Sunday, January 7th, for anyone who would like to join the team and help run slides and sound on Sundays. Please see Josh Strickland for more info.
- Jeremy will be leading a "Through the Bible" plan with regular videos to help trace the storyline of Scripture seven days a week. This plan is called *Biblical Storyline* by the Bible Project. The videos help to explain the overall meaning of books of the Bible and how they connect to the rest of Scripture.
- John will be leading a "Through the Bible" plan with readings from the New and Old Testaments each day. The plan is called *OWNit364 Whole Bible Plan* and will help you read through Scripture in a year while being in both Testaments at all times.
- Thomas will be leading a New Testament plan reading a Gospel each quarter along with letters and books corresponding to that Gospel book. Each quarter starts a new plan with readings five days a week and key verse reflection/memorization on the weekends. The plan is called *Daily New Testament- Quarter 1* and is offered on the Bible App.

Giving: If you would like to partner with us, you can do so at the giving stations in the worship center, or online at gccgo.org.

Sermon in a Sentence: Ministers and members of the Church should understand the work of faithful pastors so that they can serve together for the Glory of Christ.

1. _____ to _____.
 - a. Your _____ is servant of God. (1a)
 - b. Your _____ is managing Mysteries. (1b)
 - c. Your _____ is faithfulness. (2)
 - d. Your _____ is to God, not man. (3-4)
 - e. Your _____ is in Heaven, not earth. (5)

2. _____ to _____.
 - a. _____ to pastors in service of God.
 - b. _____ to learn the mysteries of God.
 - c. _____ to find faithful pastors.
 - d. _____ the Lord, not man.
 - e. _____ to glorify Christ until He returns.