

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 22, 2024



Announcements

Thomas Gamble

Time of Silent Preparation

Congregation

Advent Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 Strickland Family

“Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God. ² “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and announce to her that her time of hard service is over, her iniquity has been pardoned, and she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.” ³ A voice of one crying out: Prepare the way of the LORD in the wilderness; make a straight highway for our God in the desert. ⁴ Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain and hill will be leveled; the uneven ground will become smooth and the rough places, a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD will appear, and all humanity together will see it, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. ⁶ A voice was saying, “Cry out!” Another said, “What should I cry out?” “All humanity is grass, and all its goodness is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flowers fade when the breath of the LORD blows on them; indeed, the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God remains forever.” ⁹ Zion, herald of good news, go up on a high mountain. Jerusalem, herald of good news, raise your voice loudly. Raise it, do not be afraid! Say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” ¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with strength, and his power establishes his rule. His wages are with him, and his reward accompanies him. ¹¹ He protects his flock like a shepherd; he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them in the fold of his garment. He gently leads those that are nursing.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Congregation

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Thomas Gamble

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

Congregation

Is He Worthy?

Congregation

Prayer of Praise		Dan Jackson
Reading of the Preaching Passage		Collin Dollar
Prayer of Illumination		Collin Dollar
Sermon		Collin Dollar
James 5:7-11		
“What Advent Cultivates...”		
Prayer of Application		Collin Dollar
Prayer of Private Confession		Congregation
Prayer of Public Confession		Thomas Gamble
Here is Love		Congregation
Lord’s Supper		Church
Benediction	1 Thessalonians 3:13	Ruth Aland

¹³ May he make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen.

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

Weekly Prayer:

Pray for our church-This week we are praying for the pastors of our church to be faithful in their efforts. Pray that the Lord would help them to build relationships in the church in order to serve well. Pray for their knowledge and instruction of the Word to grow. Pray that we all see the beauty of the structure the Lord has put into place in the church and to use it to bring Glory to Himself and growth to us. Pray our pastors would not grow weary in good work.

Pray for a church-This week we are praying for FBC Cedar Key. Pray for their pastor, Billy Dalton, and their two lay elders. Pray that their unity would continue as a body living in a turbulent town. Pray for potential elders and deacons in the church, that they would continue to grow and be prepared to lead the church well. Pray that the church would clearly see the ministry that they ought to pursue as a church, and that the Lord would be glorified by their toil in His name.

Pray for the Church-This week we are praying for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, taken up each year for the International Mission Board. Pray that the Lord would be glorified through this vast collective gift of His Church. Pray that the IMB would steward this gift well. Pray that missionaries would be equipped, that faithful churches would be planted and equipped, and that the Kingdom of Christ would expand!

Looking Ahead:

- Next week's sermon will come from 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 CSB.
- The Carlson family would like to invite everyone to their home after this evening's Worship Gathering for a church wide fellowship! Their address is 1127 N Bay Dr. This will be a potluck so bring a dish to share if you can! Please text or call Brandy with any questions at 850-271-4726.
- We will have a Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service at the home of the Carlson family on 12/24 from 5 PM - 6:15 PM. Dinner will *not* be provided.
- If you're interested in baptism or joining Grace Covenant Church, please talk with one of our pastors.

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: Contemplating the coming of the Lord Jesus cultivates within us a disposition of patience in our work, fellowship, and suffering.

Patience for His _____ (7-8).

Which requires _____ expectantly.

Which requires _____ eagerly.

Patience in _____ (9).

Which requires _____ with one another. (9a)

Which requires _____ our own sin first. (9b)

Which requires _____ the Judge is near. (9c)

Patience in _____ (10-11).

Which requires _____ prior examples. (10-11)

Which requires _____ the Lord’s kindness. (11)