



# GRACE

Presbyterian Church

**January 5, 2025**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Lord's Day of 2025**

Sunday Morning Divine Service – 9:30am

Sunday Evening Service – 5:00pm

# Morning Divine Service

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## Preparation for Worship

*The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.* (Exodus 34:6-7)

Please take a few moments to prepare your hearts and minds  
to worship the Triune God.

— GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM —

Salutation – *from* Psalm 124:8

### \* Call to Worship – Psalm 66:1-4

Minister: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Let us worship the Triune God!

### \* Hymn of Approach – #313 Angels from the Realms of Glory

### \* Prayer of Adoration

— GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST —

Call to Repentance

Confession of Sin:

***Merciful Father, we openly acknowledge and confess our sin to You. Our transgressions are many. We have been slow to do good and quick to do evil. We have allowed our hearts to grow cold in love for You. At times we have loved the things of this world more than You, our Creator and Redeemer. We have not loved You as we ought, and we have not grieved over our sins as we ought. In Your mercy, forgive us and renew our hearts. Blot out our transgressions for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, enliven us to love You more and to walk in Your ways. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.***

*(Silent Confession)*

\* Assurance of Pardon – Ephesians 2:1-9

Minister: Therefore, as Christ's minister and by His authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving – #305 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

\* Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

Trinity Psalter Hymnal p 851

\* Grace of God's Law – Exodus 20:1-17

\* Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Giving of Tithes and Offerings – Leviticus 27:30

\* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### \* Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 52:13

Elder: *The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*  
(Isaiah 40:8)

**People: Amen**

### \* Sermon Text – Philippians 2:5-11

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – Why Christ Came? To Demonstrate Humility

Rev. Judson Marvel

## — GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE —

### \* Hymn of Preparation - #323 O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Administration of the Table

Sursum Corda

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks.**

The Lord's Supper

— GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT —

\* Hymn of Response – #317 What Child Is This?

\* Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

\* Congregational Threefold Amen

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**Notes:**

## **Who may come to the Lord's Table?**

- 1) Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?
- 2) Have you publicly professed your faith in Jesus Christ, and do you embrace the Christian faith as summarized in the Apostles' Creed?
- 3) Are you presently a member in good standing of a Bible-believing, gospel-preaching church?

If you can affirm these questions sincerely, the elders welcome you to the Lord's Table! But if you have any hesitation at all, then we would encourage you to refrain from taking the Lord's Supper today. Reflect on the preached Word, Pray for God draw you closer to the Lord Jesus Christ, and come talk to the pastor or an elder.

## **How do I learn more about joining the church?**

The Pastor offers membership classes periodically. This class introduces interested visitors to the beliefs of our church and life together in this church family. Please contact Pastor Jud if you are interested in attending a class.

## **The Nursery & Training Room**

We do not have a staffed nursery or separate children's ministry. Instead, we welcome your children to be in worship with us! Their presence is a joy to us. But we know that not all children can sit quietly through service, so we do have both a nursery and a training room. Our nursery is located in the last room on the left at the end of hallway. This separate space has the audio and video being streamed in for you while you change, nurse, or comfort your baby or toddler up to around 3 years old. Additionally, we have a training room located in the back of the auditorium. This space was designed as a refuge in which to train your young children to both sit quietly and participate as appropriate throughout the service.

# **Missionaries of the Month**

## **Mike & Robin McMahan, transitioning from MTW to EFI**

From Mike & Robin: We are so thankful for you, for your financial support, your friendship, and your prayers. Most of you know that our desire and plan was to serve with the new team developing in Rwanda. However, right after we sent out our last newsletter in October, our invitation fell through. As you can imagine, this was a huge disappointment.

We continued to pursue opportunities with MTW, making connections, talking to regional directors and team leaders. However, the Lord seems to have a different and exciting plan for us! It seems that the Lord is leading us to a huge transition. We will be transitioning away from MTW and redeploying to work directly with Equipping Farmers International (learn more about them by visiting <https://www.efi-intl.org/>.) Robin had been planning to work with EFI in Rwanda to help bring church-centered savings groups into the agriculture networks. Now, we are excited to announce that Mike has been asked to be EFI's coordinator for internships and for field placement of new trainers. Rather than moving to Rwanda, we will move to Panama to work directly with EFI's Latin America regional director, Alfredo Alvarez. We had the privilege of visiting Panama and staying with Alfredo for a week earlier this month. It is our hope to move to Panama by the end of March 2025. We would love for you to continue being a valued member of our support team!

## **Héctor and María Bautista, CPI through MTW**

Héctor Bautista and his wife María lead a church plant named **Conexión de Gracia** (Grace Connection) in Hermosillo, Mexico as part of a church planting movement undertaken jointly between the Presbyterian Church of Mexico and Mission to the World through the Centro para la Plantación de Iglesias (CPI).

They have been working steadily since they arrived in Hermosillo in February 2020, just a month before the pandemic started. Though they had to rearrange things early on to meet the demands of imposed health and safety regulations, they have since been able to meet regularly with a growing congregation.

Prayer Requests:

1. That God would renew their spiritual lives.
2. That they would be able to get their own place to meet.
3. That their financial needs would be met. In particular, their car just broke down, and they do not have the means to travel to the various homes where they have Bible studies.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Today

9:30am – Morning Service  
 11:15am – Fellowship Luncheon  
 5:00pm – Evening Scripture & Songs Service

### Monday, 1/6

5:00pm – Christmas Undecorating Party w/ pizza

### Wednesday, 1/8

6:30pm – Weekly Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, 1/9

6:30pm – Worship Music Rehearsal

### Sunday, 1/12

9:30am – Morning Service  
 11:15am – Sunday School  
 5:00pm – Evening Service

## Music for Next Lord's Day, 1/12/2024

### Morning

Approach: 322 – Once in Royal David's City  
 Thanksgiving: 429 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
 Preparation: 272 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say  
 Response: 532 – Be Still, My Soul

### Evening

Opening Hymn: 245 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
 Psalter Hymn: 31A (vs1-5) – In You, O LORD, I Put My Trust  
 Closing Hymn: 496 – My Jesus, I Love Thee

## Attendance & Giving Updates

<i>As of 1/5/2024</i>	12/29/2024:	2024 Totals:	2024 Budget Surplus <i>As of 12/31/2024</i>
General Offering	\$2,416.28	\$301,563.28	\$516.28
Deacons' Benevolence	\$00.00	\$2,810.47	
<b>Attendance 12/29:</b> AM Worship – 118			



# Announcements

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal

Today will be our first 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal of 2025! Even if you forgot or didn't know about it, please join us after morning service for our fellowship lunch!

## Nomination Season

Our Session has opened the season for the congregation to nominate candidates for the offices of Deacon and Elder through January 12, 2025. During this window we will be using the offering box in the entry hall to collect nomination ballots which may be submitted by any communicant member of Grace Presbyterian Church. Ballots will be available on the table under the collection box. An insert explaining the qualifications of each of these offices can be found by the ballots. Please direct any questions to any member of our Session.

## Cards of Encouragement

The Woman's Ministry team presents "**Cards of Encouragement**" which will be available at the First Sunday Potluck each month. The congregation is invited to stop by, sign and write a short note to those who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or to build up our missionaries! Let's be a family who joins in celebrations with one another!

If you would like to receive a card from your church family to celebrate your birthday and/or anniversary, please be sure to add your name (as well as those in your household) to the calendar on the foyer table.

## New Adult Sunday School Class Beginning January 12<sup>th</sup>

We will begin going through the video class *What Did You Expect: Redeeming the Realities of Marriage* by Paul David Tripp in the adult Sunday school class.

## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Ministry team at Grace would like to invite you to join us as we study the Gospel of John. The year-long study will involve both small group accountability and large group teaching/fellowship. You will find below a list of dates for the large group events for the whole year. Sign-up by going to <https://forms.gle/KndVVmAVE1sjK5fq5> or use the link in the weekly church email. Contact Jodi Marvel with any questions.

We will have our **kick-off luncheon on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 11:00 am**. Our time together will include an update on women's ministry and an introduction to the Gospel of John bible study. Please bring your Bible and a notebook!

Gospel of John Large Group dates for 2025 (Saturdays at the church):

*January 11<sup>th</sup>, March 8<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup>*

## New Member's Class

Pastor Marvel will be holding a class for those interested in becoming members of Grace Presbyterian Church. The class will meet on three consecutive Sundays, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. If you have questions or would like to sign up for the class, please contact Pastor Marvel.

# Evening Service of Scripture & Song

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Welcome & Silent Prayer

Apostolic Greeting

\* Call to Worship – Isaiah 12:1-6

\* Doxology – #731

\* Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading – John 1 (ESV)

Leader: *Thus far ends the reading of God's Word.*

**People: Amen!**

\* Hymn – #270 At the Name of Jesus

Scripture Reading – John 2-3 (ESV)

Leader: *Thus far ends the reading of God's Word.*

**People: Amen!**

\* Hymn – #236 To God Be the Glory

Scripture Reading – John 4 (ESV)

Leader: *Thus far ends the reading of God's Word.*

**People: Amen!**

\* Hymn – #272 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

\* Congregation Stands

Scripture Reading – John 5 (ESV)

Minister: *May God bless the reading of his Word.*

**People: Amen!**

\* Hymn – #457 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

\* Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14

\* Psalm of Blessing – Psalm 72:18-19

**Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, for he alone doth wondrous works in glory that excel. And blessed be his glorious Name to all eternity: the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be. A-men.**

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**Notes:**



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Presbyterian Church

## WELCOME

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church! We are honored that you chose to worship with us today. We would like to get to know you better, so please fill out the Connection Card (found in the pockets on the back of each pew) and place in the box on the wall in the foyer.

Grace Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The PCA was founded in 1973 in order to uphold the truth of God's Word. Our denominational motto is "Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed faith, Obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ." This is the driving heartbeat of our congregation.

We call our worship services "Divine Service" because we believe that our Triune God meets with us and satisfies our deepest needs when we come to give him the reverent worship which he is due. Whether this is your first time visiting or if you have been here many times before, we pray that the Lord would minister to you richly in Word, in Prayer, and in Sacrament, and that the Lord Jesus Christ would be increasingly exalted in your heart as we worship him together this Lord's Day.

## Pastors

Judson Marvel, *Pastor*  
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## Ruling Elders

Max Ellis  
Larry Walker, *Clerk of the Session*  
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## Deacons

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## Women's Ministry Team

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## Communion and Fellowship Snack Prep

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## Children's Sunday School Superintendent

Contact: RE Larry Walker