



# GRACE

Presbyterian Church

January 19, 2025  
3<sup>rd</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

*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.*

(Psalm 145: 7-9)

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 96:1-9

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 – #224 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

### \* Prayer of Adoration

— GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST —

Call to Repentance

Confession of Sin:

*Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You! Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.*

*(Silent Confession)*

\* Assurance of Pardon – Romans 8:1-4

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 – #265 In Christ Alone

\* Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

Trinity Psalter Hymnal p 851

\* Grace of God's Law – Matthew 5:1-12

\* 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 – Ezekiel 47:12

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

**People: Amen**

### \* Sermon Text – John 14:15-24

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – Why Christ Came: to Give Another Helper

Rev. Judson Marvel

## — GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE —

### \* Hymn of Preparation - #197 Come, Take by Faith the Body of the Lord

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 – #446 Be Thou My Vision

\* 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 – Sunday School  
 4:00pm – New Members Class  
 5:00pm – Evening Service

### Wednesday, 1/22

4:30pm – Missions Team Meeting  
 6:30pm – Weekly Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, 1/16

6:30pm – Worship Music Rehearsal

### Friday, 1/24

5:30pm – Potluck dinners followed by  
 6:30 – Bible Studies

### Sunday, 1/26

9:30am – Morning Service  
 11:15am – Sunday School  
 4:00pm – New Members Class  
 5:00pm – Evening Service

## Music for Next Lord's Day, 1/26/2024

### Morning

Approach: 243 – How Firm a Foundation  
 Thanksgiving: 431 – And Can It Be That I Should Gain  
 Preparation: 205 – Bread of the World in Mercy Broken  
 Response: 524 – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

### Evening

Opening Hymn: 172 – Speak, O Lord  
 Psalter Hymn: 32B – How Blest Is He Whose Trespass  
 Closing Hymn: 325 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

## Attendance & Giving Updates

<i>As of 1/19/2024</i>	1/12/2025:	2025 Totals:	2024 Budget Surplus <i>As of 1/12/2025</i>
General Offering	\$4,608.24	\$10,887.94	\$8,053.31
Deacons' Benevolence	\$100.00	\$300.00	
<b>Attendance 1/12:</b> AM Worship – 141    Sunday School – 86    PM Worship – 39			



# Announcements

## Women's Bible Study

The reading for the week starting January 19<sup>th</sup> is John 1:29-51. Don't forget to check in with your accountability person or team to share what the reading meant to you. Our next large group meeting will be Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at the church at 10am. Please contact any member of the Women's Ministry Team with questions.

## Friday Night Bible Studies and Potluck Meals

Family bible studies are scheduled to resume on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Potluck meals start at 5:30pm and bible studies begin at 6:30pm. There are three host families around Sierra Vista. This term each location will be doing a different study. You may speak to the Elder leading the study for more information about the study. Please feel free to contact hosts with any other questions you may have. (i.e. Do they have pets? Are there steps/stairs to get into the home? Accommodations for food allergies? Etc.)

Doug & Tami Kremer @ 3712 Elder Court  
Lead by TE Ken Roth  
*Finishing Well to the Glory of God*  
contact Tami: tamrakremer@gmail.com

Max & Mindy Ellis @ 3833 Loma Ventosa  
Lead by RE Max Ellis  
*Knowing Christ – The I AM sayings of Jesus*  
contact Mindy: mindyellis@yahoo.com

John & Susi Childress @ 401 Canterbury Drive  
Lead By RE Larry Walker  
*Blessing and Praise: Benedictions and Doxologies in Scripture*  
contact Susi: suzannehelps@googlemail.com

Here is the study schedule: January 24<sup>th</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup> (Extra week between meetings for Holy Week), May 9<sup>th</sup>

## Youth Game Night

The next Youth Game night will be held at church on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 7pm to 9pm. Middle/High Schoolers are encouraged to bring their favorite game. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Some part of the evening will be spent in discussion and casting a vision for what youth events look like in the coming year. The evening is aimed at middle/high school youth, but anyone who would like to fellowship with our youth is invited to attend.

## Sometime Saturday coffee and fellowship

We women often say we should get together sometime... well "Sometime" is on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at Nirvana's Cup of Joe on Highway 92. Come join us for fellowship! Get yourself a coffee or other hot drink and some breakfast if you'd like. We'd love to see you there!

## Ephesians Bible Study

The next meeting of the bible study on the book of Ephesians will be on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am here at the church. Additional information will go out to regular attendees via email. Please contact Doug or Tami Kremer for additional information.

# Evening Service

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Welcome & Silent Prayer

Call to Worship – Psalm 81:1-2

\* Opening Hymn – #381 Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

\* Prayer of Adoration and Confession

\* Scripture Reading – Proverbs 4 (ESV)

Minister: *The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

(Isaiah 40:8)

**People: Amen!**

Congregational Prayers

\* Psalter Hymn – #31A (vs 6-9) In You, O LORD, I Put My Trust

\* Sermon Text – Revelation 1:4-8

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – A Greeting of Grace and Peace

Rev. Judson Marvel

\* Closing Hymn – #497 More Love to Thee, O Christ

\* 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:**



# GRACE

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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Ken Roth, *Pastor Emeritus*  
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## Ruling Elders

Max Ellis  
Larry Walker, *Clerk of the Session*  
Richard Wolfe, *Emeritus*

## Deacons

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Paul Northcutt, *Treasurer*  
Ryan Ellison  
Doug Kremer, *Emeritus*

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## Women's Ministry Team

Contact: Jodi Marvel

## Communion and Fellowship Snack Prep

Contact: Bonnie Northcutt

## Children's Sunday School Superintendent

Contact: RE Larry Walker