



**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come,  
this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Grace Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

## Reflections

Jesus announces the good news that God's power to save his creation has arrived. God has entered human history in love and power to liberate, heal, and renew the whole world.

– Craig Bartholomew and Michael Goheen

'After John was arrested', so the gospel of Mark tells us, 'Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel" - believe, that is to say, this piece of good news which is now announced. What is the good news? It is that the time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand... To understand the saying we have therefore to look back and to look forward, to ask what is being fulfilled and how it is being fulfilled. The answer to the first question takes us into the Old Testament background of the coming of Christ; the answer to the second, to the New Testament...

– Leslie Newbigin

"Nothing matters but the kingdom. But because of the kingdom, everything matters"

– Gordon Spykman

+ ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + **LENT** + EASTER + PENTECOST +

### **LENT SEASON**

Ash Wednesday begins the journey of Lent. Its theme is repentance and renewal. Ashes are placed on the forehead as a sign of repentance, remembering that "from dust you came and to dust you shall return." Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the call that prevails throughout the Lenten journey is to "create and make in us new and contrite hearts." While it is God who creates that new heart in us through grace, we are called on to receive God's grace in repentance, a turning from our sin, and in faith, a turning toward God. We are assisted in this journey of turning through fasting, prayer, and giving—external disciplines that order and organize the internal experience of our continuing conversion. We walk with Christ toward Good Friday and Easter as we contemplate the sacrifice he will make.

# Grace Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

8:15 am & 10:30 am

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

## Preparation for Worship<sup>1</sup>

*Praise*

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## Call to Worship

**Ephesians 1:3-4**

Minister: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

*People: who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.*

Minister: For he chose us in him before the creation of the world

*People: that we might be holy and blameless before God.*

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<sup>1</sup> As a courtesy, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Thank you!

## Song of Praise

## *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*

Charles Wesley, Jack Parker, and David Crowder

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears  
'Tis life and health and peace

## Prayer of Adoration

## Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q. 86

Minister:       What is faith in Jesus Christ?

*People:       Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.*

## Song of Adoration

*King of Saints*  
Joseph Hart and Clint Wells

Jesus Christ, God's holy lamb,  
We will laud thy lovely name;  
We were saved by God's decree,  
And all our debt was paid by thee.  
Thou has washed us in thy blood,  
Made us kings and priests to God;  
Take this tribute of the poor;  
Less we can't, we can't give more.

Chorus:  
Souls redeemed, your voices raise,  
Sing your dear Redeemer's praise;  
Worthy thou of love and laud,  
King of saints, incarnate God.

Righteous are thy ways and true;  
Endless honors are thy due;  
Grace and glory in thee shine;  
Matchless mercy, love divine.  
We for whom thou once was slain,  
We thy ransomed sinner train,  
In this one request agree,  
"Spirit make us more like thee." (chorus x 2)

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## *Renewal*

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### Call to Renewal

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call on him while he is near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

## Confession of Sin

*Minister  
& People;*

*O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners, but in Christ you have given us a Savior. Produce in us a faith to live by him, to make him our desire, our hope, our glory. Preserve us by his grace from the evil present in our world, so that its smiles never allure us, its frowns never terrify us, its vices never defile us, its errors never delude us. Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims in the cities of this earth, knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven, so that all we do may be done to the Savior's glory; in whose name we pray. Amen.*

## Private Confession and Reflection

### Assurance of Pardon

Minister: All who believe in Christ receive forgiveness of sins through his name.

*People: Thanks be to God for his forgiveness!*

# Song of Thanksgiving

*By Faith*

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty, and Kristyn Getty

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus:  
We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth (chorus)

By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name (chorus)

## **The Prayers of the People** (concluded with the Lord's prayer)

*Our Father, who 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!*

## **Passing of the Peace**

Minister:       The peace of Christ be with you.

*People:       And also with you!*

*If parents prefer, children 4 years old – 2nd grade  
are invited to attend Children's Church in the Education Building at this time.*

## **Doxology**

Thomas Ken & Bob Kauflin

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
In heaven above and earth below  
Praise God the Father and the Son  
Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one. Amen.

## **Announcements**

## Commitment

### **The Offering**

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

### **Scripture Reading**

**Mark 1:14-20**

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 18 At once they left their nets and followed him.

19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Minister: This is the Word of the LORD.

*People: Thanks be to God!*

### **Sermon**

**Pastor Jaime Jiménez**

*The Announcement that Changes Everything*

**REPENT & BELIEVE**

## Communion

### *Guidelines for Reception of Communion*

*Communion is the family meal for Christians. We welcome all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers that follow as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ, and with his people, the church.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: Therefore, lift up your hearts.

**People:** *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise!*

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All:** *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!*

### **Song of Communion**

### *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Sandra McCracken

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up (chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom (chorus)

## **Prayer of Consecration and the Words of Institution**

### **Prayer for those not communing:**

#### *Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)*

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

#### *Prayer for Those Searching for Truth*

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

#### *Prayer of Belief*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

#### *Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin*

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

#### *Prayer of Commitment*

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

## Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Once the stations are ready, please come forward, row by row, to receive the elements. Once everyone has returned to their seat, we will stand together and sing the final verse from our Song of Commitment.

## Song of Commitment

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## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

**Micah 6:8**

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

## Dismissal

Minister: Now, let us go forth to serve this community and the world as those who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All: Thanks be to God!*

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<sup>2</sup> The benediction is much more than a wish or even a prayer. It is a renewed ordination of the people of God to their service to each other, to their community and the world. God declares his own favor toward his people.

*The pastoral staff and other church leaders are available following the service to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith or Grace Church*

## **Worship Music**

Joe Beam, drums  
Daniel Campbell, piano  
Fang Daniels, cello

Jennifer Reddick, flute  
Stephanie Taylor, vocalist  
Tim Taylor, guitar & vocalist

## **\_\_\_\_\_ Welcome, Guests! \_\_\_\_\_**

**Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!** If you would like us to keep you in the loop with what's going on at GPC, *please take a moment to fill out the visitor information form by using the QR code.* We would be happy to meet you!



**Ways to Connect at Grace** where you can explore, engage, and get involved throughout the week.

- **Church Center App** (GPC Woodlands), use this QR code for a quick link to the app.
- **Our church website**, <https://www.gracewoodlands.org/>



## Announcements

Our Grace Guest wifi password is *GraceGuest*.

**Stewardship Update:** Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for 2026.

	<u>2026</u>	
January GF Budget	\$108,333	
Actual January GF Receipts	\$90,120	
Variance	(\$18,213)	*2026 GF Budget \$1,300,000

### Children's Ministries:

- **Parents of Infants-Three-Yr-Olds:** Our nursery classes (ages 8 weeks thru 3 years) provide a warm, nurturing, and well-supervised environment. Our Staff welcomes the opportunity to love your child! When using the nursery, please check in and label all items (bags, cups, etc.) with your child's name. Contact our Families Pastor, Kyle Bobos, at [kyle@gpcwoodlands.org](mailto:kyle@gpcwoodlands.org) with any questions about the nursery.
- **Children's Church is for children ages 4 through 2nd grade.** During the passing of the peace, the children line up with their leader at the back of the sanctuary to exit worship. During the song of communion, children will rejoin their families to observe communion with the rest of the church body. We will gather in room 108 in the Education Building to sing songs, pray, and hear a children's sermon.

**Banners Explained:** The banners hanging today are textile renderings of watercolor originals by Kirsten Malcolm Berry. The banner on the right is her interpretation of Revelation 22:2 "And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." The banner on the left is her interpretation of Mark 15:38 "And the curtain of the temple was torn in two." Each piece includes the Greek text. The works are bordered by purple, the color of Lent and associated with royalty and suffering. The designs were reproduced with the artist's permission. You can view more of Ms. Berry's work at <http://www.kirstenmalcolmberry.com/>.

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