



January 12, 2025

Worshipping Together on the Lord's Day

Welcome -

We are so glad you are here, whether in person or online! If you have any questions about Grace, please do not hesitate to ask. Connection Cards are placed on the back of seats and on our web site to help us get to know you better and to answer any questions you might have.

For Children -

Bulletins & Children's Church: We have provided activity bags in the foyer complete with an age-appropriate sermon outline to help them follow along. Also, Children's Church is available during the worship service for kids age 3—1st grade. The worship leader will dismiss them at the appropriate time.

Nursery: Nursery is available throughout the worship time for children, birth through three years old, in the back of the building in room 114.

Extra Help for Parents -

Should you need to step out with your child, there is a nursing mothers room in the back of the building to the left. Audio of the service is available in the foyer.

Guiding People from Curious to Mission
through the Gospel and Community

Grace is a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in America.

Meditation

"Every human being was designed by God to have his hopes, dreams, choices, words, actions, desires, and motivations shaped by a jaw-dropping, heart-controlling, life-shaping awe of God."

- PAUL DAVID TRIPP

*He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

- PSALM 24:3-5

Welcome

*Please silence your cell phones. Take a moment to fill out the **Connection Card** and place it in the offering box as you exit the sanctuary.*

Worship Leader: Tom Dell, Elder

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship[†]

Colossians 3:1-4

ALL: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Congregational Songs of Praise[†]

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou, burning sun with golden beam, Thou, silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One! O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood, Come and rejoice in His great love, O praise Him! Alleluia! Christ has defeated every sin, Cast all your burdens now on Him, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign, Heaven and earth will join to say, O praise Him! Alleluia! Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

APPROACH MY SOUL

Approach my soul the mercy seat, Where Jesus answers prayer
There humbly fall before His feet, For none can perish there
Thy promise is my only plea, With this I venture nigh
Thou calls our burdened souls to Thee, And such O Lord am I.

Chorus:

*Oh wondrous love, Oh boundless grace
Rejoice my soul forever, Christ has made a way*

Bowed down beneath a load of sin, By Satan sorely pressed
By wars without and fears within, I come to Thee for rest
Be Thou my shield and hiding place, That sheltered near Thy side
I may my fierce accuser face, And tell him Thou hast died.

Chorus

O wondrous love to bleed and die, To bear the cross and shame
That guilty sinners such as I, Might plead Thy gracious name
The tempted soul He tells be still, My promised grace receive
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will, I can I do believe
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will, I can I do believe.

Chorus

Prayer of Adoration[†]

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:5-10

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Corporate Confession

*O Father in Heaven, who with the Son and Spirit are radiant beauty, glory, and holiness, we rejoice in you. In our efforts in this world for good, we often go astray. Forgive us, O God, for the times we have dreaded holiness. Because your light exposes our sinful deeds and hearts, we would rather be content with the horrors of the darkness. Like the spectral souls in *The Great Divorce* who long to be left alone and cut off from heaven, often we would rather soak in our misery, our thoughts of worthlessness and our anger at you, O God. Father, forgive even these thoughts, these deep seeded frustrations, and cause our hearts to flee unrighteousness and cling tightly to you and your promises. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

Colossians 2:6

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Song of Assurance[†]

GIVE ME JESUS

In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, Give me Jesus.

Chorus: *Give me Jesus, give me Jesus; You can have all this world, But give me Jesus.*

And when I am alone, Oh and when I am alone, And when I am alone, Give me Jesus.

Chorus

And when I come to die, Oh and when I come to die, And when I come to die, Give me Jesus.

Chorus: *Give me Jesus, give me Jesus; You can have all this world, But give me Jesus. Give me Jesus give me Jesus, You can have all this world, You can have all this world, You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.*

Baptism

EZRA JOSEPH LEONG
Son of Evan and Jess Leong

Greeting Time[†]

Children's Church

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes & Offerings

You may give your offering by using the “give” button online at www.gracepca.net or those worshipping in person may give their gift in the offering box by the sanctuary exit to the foyer.

Offertory

HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul,
Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole;
Cause Your word to come alive in me, give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do, Love enough
to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude; Kindness to the
greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace, Turn my
strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, Show
Your power once again on earth; Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways,
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise, lead us on the road of sacrifice, That in
unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

Sermon

PLEASING MAN OR PLEASING GOD

Luke 12:1-12

Rev. Mike McLaughlin

The Lord's Supper

You will be dismissed by row in which you will walk to the front, pick up your cup/wafer, and take it back to your seat. Please hold on to your cup where you can dispose of it in the trash receptacles as you exit the sanctuary. Grace Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us.

Children should take the Communicant's Class and meet with the Elders before taking the Lord's Supper.

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure; Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow; All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; Naked, come to thee for dress, helpless look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death; When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne; Rock of ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Song of Response[†]

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, There is no more for heaven now to give; He is my joy my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to his; Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine, Yet not I but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side the Saviour he will stay; I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need his power is displayed. To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me, Through the deepest valley he will lead; Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome, Yet not I but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven, The future sure the price it has been paid; For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, And he was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold my sin has been defeated; Jesus, now and ever is my plea, Oh the chains are released, I can sing I am free, Yet not I but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For he has said that he will bring me home; And day by day, I know he will renew me, Until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold my hope is only Jesus, All the glory evermore to him; When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I but through Christ in me.

Benediction[†]

In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ² Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

³ Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops. ⁴ “I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. ⁵ But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows. ⁸ “And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, ⁹ but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰ And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. ¹¹ And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, ¹² for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

FINANCIALS

2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY	January-December
Budget	\$576,276
Received	\$534,210
Total	-\$42,066

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