

WELCOME.

Thank you for joining us in the worship of our Triune God this morning at Grace Presbyterian Church. If you are visiting with us, please fill out the tear-off section on the back of this bulletin and place it in the tithes and offerings box at the back of the sanctuary. You may also email your information to the church office at GracePresPCA@gmail.com. We would like to contact you to personally welcome you to our church and to answer any questions you may have.

Our mission at Grace is to glorify God by worshiping him according to Scripture and our Reformed faith, growing together in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and spreading the Gospel of his Kingdom to our neighbors and the world.

You will notice that we follow an order of worship that flows from the pattern prescribed in Scripture. We read, preach, sing, and pray the Bible. Our worship is divided into four main parts. In each part, God initiates and we respond:

Entering Into Worship
Adoration, Praise, and Confession of Faith
Worship in Prayer, Word, and Sacrament
God's Blessing on His People

We are glad you are with us, and we invite you to join us after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

1. The grace of faith, by which the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily produced through the ministry of the Word. This faith is increased and strengthened by the same means, and also by the administration of the sacraments and prayer.
2. By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatever is revealed in the Word, because of the authority of God himself speaking in it. He also responds differently to what each particular passage contains—obeying the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.
3. This faith varies in degrees. It may be weak or strong. It may often, and in many ways, be assailed and weakened, but it gains the victory. It matures in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and the perfecter of our faith.

(Westminster Confession of Faith 14 [Of Saving Faith])

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Psalm 103:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 96 (p. 819)

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.

* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

Hymn of Preparation*

Hymn 6 (stanzas 1-2, 5)

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker,
And all within me bless his holy name;
Bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies,
His pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

*Bless him forever, wondrous in might,
Bless him, his servants that in his will delight.*

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion,
Most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
Rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him,
Boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.

*Bless him forever, wondrous in might,
Bless him, his servants that in his will delight.*

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever,
His kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion,
Bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

*Bless him forever, wondrous in might,
Bless him, his servants that in his will delight. Amen.*

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Father, we come before you to acknowledge our sin, because if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: We confess that though you have been faithful, we have been unfaithful. We have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by not doing the good works that bring you glory and honor.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. Apart from Christ we could never stand in your presence. Yet in him you have called us to draw near, and so we boldly approach your throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Give us a growing desire to joyfully serve you and one another as we follow Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Galatians 5

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 689

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and bless—ed we shall meet at last. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 58. *What is required in the fourth commandment?*

A. The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

Q. 59. *Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?*

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

Q. 60. *How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?*

A. The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

Q. 61. *What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?*

A. The fourth commandment forbids the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

Q. 62. *What are the reasons attached to the fourth commandment?*

A. The reasons attached to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath day.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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

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.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

Ephesians 4:1-17

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 32])

Hymn 551 (printed on p. 12)

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

How blest is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,
Whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.
Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin,
Who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief,
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from thee,
When I confessed transgression, then thou forgavest me.

So let the godly seek thee in times when thou art near;
No whelming floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou savest me from ill,
And songs of thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill.

I graciously will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,
And with mine eye upon thee my counsel make thee know.
But be ye not unruly, or slow to understand;
Be not perverse, but willing to heed my wise command.

The sorrows of the wicked in number shall abound,
But those that trust Jehovah, his mercy shall surround.
Then in the Lord be joyful, in song lift up your voice.
Be glad in God, ye righteous, rejoice, ye saints, rejoice. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“Pastoral Instructions”
1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 644

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ my Savior
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow’r controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through his pow’r.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only him. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.

Monday, June 21

Scripture: 2 Kings 1:1 - 2:25; Acts 13:42 - 14:7; Psalm 139:1-24; Proverbs 17:19-21

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 27

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

Tuesday, June 22

Scripture: 2 Kings 3:1 - 4:17; Acts 14:8-28; Psalm 140:1-13; Proverbs 17:22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 17

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

Wednesday, June 23

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:18 - 5:27; Acts 15:1-35; Psalm 141:1-10; Proverbs 17:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 18

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Cabo Verde and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, June 24

Scripture: 2 Kings 6:1 - 7:20; Acts 15:36 - 16:15; Psalm 142:1-7; Proverbs 17:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 19

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

Friday, June 25

Scripture: 2 Kings 8:1 - 9:13; Acts 16:16-40; Psalm 143:1-12; Proverbs 17:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 20

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.

Our pregnant mom: Emily Manrique (due 10/28).

Saturday, June 26

Scripture: 2 Kings 9:14 - 10:31; Acts 17:1-34; Psalm 144:1-15; Proverbs 17:27-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 21

Pray for: The preaching, and for our Sunday School teachers.

Sunday, June 27

Scripture: 2 Kings 10:32 - 12:21; Acts 18:1-22; Psalm 145:1-21; Proverbs 18:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 22

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

As the Apostle Paul wraps up his letter to the Thessalonian believers, he gives them pastoral instructions on how they ought to live individually, as well as how they are to conduct themselves as a congregation. Paul makes it clear in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 that our conduct as believers ought to be the same whether we are gathered with other believers (i.e. at church), or by ourselves, or at work, etc. In verse 19, Paul focuses especially on community conduct in the worship service.

These verses were not meant to be controversial, but over the years verses 19 and 20 have been the source of many arguments and disagreements between believers. However, when taken in context with the rest of the letter, one can see that Paul is not trying to create division. Rather, he is striving to encourage the Thessalonian congregation to expect the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their worship services (v. 19), to readily receive teaching that is in accord with the apostle's teaching (vv. 20-21), and to actively refrain from practices that are sinful (v. 22).

Rick Phillips writes:

Today, the analogy to prophecy is the preaching of God's Word. This means that to fuel the flame of God's Spirit, we must devote ourselves to the ministry of the Bible, in personal reading and especially in the preaching ministry of the church. Either the Word of God will shape our thinking or the message of the world will drown out God's voice and quench the ministry of God's Spirit.

1. Read Matthew 3:11 and Acts 2:3. How is the ministry of the Holy Spirit described in these verses? If the Holy Spirit's ministry is compared to a fire or flame, what would "quenching" the Holy Spirit look like in a worship service? In the life of a believer?
2. Look up Galatians 5:16-26. How does Paul contrast a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit with a life that is lived in opposition to the Holy Spirit? Which of these examples would be considered "quenching" the Spirit?
3. The Second Helvetic Confession (written by Heinrich Bullinger in 1562) teaches that the preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God. Most Reformed scholars believe, as Richard Phillips wrote above, that the prophecies Paul refers to is what we would call preaching, or faithful Bible teaching today. Why should Christians not "despise" such teaching? What should every Christian's attitude be toward the faithful preaching and teaching of God's Word?
4. How do Christians "test everything" (1 Thess. 5:21)? Look up Acts 17:11. What were the Bereans commended for doing when they heard Paul's teaching?
5. Once we test preaching and teaching by comparing it to Scripture, what should our response be (1 Thess. 5:21-22)? How do these verses teach you about worshiping and living in a manner that pleases God?

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Ps. 32:1

1. How blest is he whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n,
 2. While I kept guil - ty si - lence my strength was spent with grief,
 3. So let the god - ly seek thee in times when thou art near;
 4. I gra - cious - ly will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,
 5. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in num - ber shall a - bound,

whose sin is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heav'n.
 thy hand was heav - y on me, my soul found no re - lief;
 • no whelm - ing floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
 and with mine eye up - on thee my coun - sel make thee know.
 but those that trust Je - ho - vah, his mer - cy shall sur - round.

Blest he to whom Je - ho - vah will not im - pute his sin,
 but when I owned my tres - pass, my sin hid not from thee,
 • In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou sav - est me from ill,
 But be ye not un - rul - y, or slow to un - der - stand;
 Then in the Lord be joy - ful, in song lift up your voice.

who has a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
 when I con - fessed trans - gres - sion, then thou for - gav - est me.
 • and songs of thy sal - va - tion my heart with rap - ture thrill.
 be not per - verse, but will - ing to heed my wise com - mand.
 Be glad in God, ye righ - teous, re - joice, ye saints, re - joice.

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How did you hear about our church?
