



November 29th, 2020

Welcome to Grace!

Our mission at Grace is to **welcome** our neighbors, to **grow** together in Christ, and **serve** God in our community and world. **If you are new, please fill out our online Welcome Card by pointing your camera at the QR code. Just a reminder, please wear a face covering for the entirety of the service.**



God Calls Us

Welcome Song | Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (Wesley)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Call to Worship | Psalm 134:1-3

Leader: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

All: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

Leader: May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

Song of Praise | In Christ Alone (Getty/Townend)

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest
Drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter,
My all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again.
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

God Speaks to Us

Announcements and Offering

Children's Sermon

Scripture Reading | Luke 1:39-35

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

Sermon: Advent #1, Elizabeth's Song | Ian Hammond

Song of Response | O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O Come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

God Communes with Us

Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | 1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God,

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ministering in Christ's name we invite all Christians to celebrate the sacrament by faith in Jesus. Come and proclaim Christ if you:

- *Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.*
- *Publicly profess to follow Jesus and have received Christian baptism.*
- *Are seeking to grow in faith and live faithfully for Jesus Christ.*

God Sends Us

Song of Sending | Doxology

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!

Benediction

This week's music:

Katie Ernst, Director of Musical Arts, double bass, and vocals; Leslie Beukelman, piano and vocals.

Upcoming Events and Ways to Serve

Prayer Time (Virtual) | Tuesdays, 7:00pm

Weekly zoom prayer meetings will be on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm except on the second Tuesday of each month when we will have the church-wide prayer nights. For more information, please contact Jill Shannon (jill.shannon@icloud.com).

Advent Prayer Time (Virtual) | Starting December 1st, 11:30am-11:50am

During this upcoming Advent season, we will be gathering via Zoom to pray from 11:30am to 11:50am on Tuesdays and Thursdays (December 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th, and 17th). Marshall will be leading a time of prayer through God's word, using the devotional *Seeking God's Face*.

Virtual Coffee and Conversation

Due to the recent spike in COVID cases, many of us are now more limited in our physical interactions with one another. To help foster virtual connection with one another, particularly during Sunday morning, we are adding a zoom following the 10:00am Sunday Service. When joining this zoom, you will be added to a randomly selected small group where you will share “coffee” and conversation after the service. Please check out today’s service on our YouTube Channel or our *Grace Connect* for the link. For more information, please contact Doug Reynolds (douglasdreynolds@gmail.com).

Sunshine Gospel Ministries - Serving Opportunity

Sunshine Gospel's Annual Christmas Store looks a little different this year! They will be offering families online shopping and staggered pick-up times. Their Christmas Store allows families to purchase new items at a fraction of the cost. Here's how you can help: you can purchase items from their Target/Amazon Registry or you can donate financially to their Christmas Store! For more information on how to do either, please contact Jason Karnes (karnesjason@gmail.com).

Living Hope Christmas Store - Serving Opportunity

The Christmas Store lets parents shop for Christmas gifts for their children at deeply discounted prices, but the empowerment for them is real. The toys are donated and make for fun family events, particularly if some of what's on the list overlaps with the ages of kids in your house. For information on how to send in toy donations through Amazon, please email Jason Karnes (karnesjason@gmail.com).

Live Streaming on YouTube

Our livestream service (10:00am) is now on YouTube instead of Facebook. To join, just proceed to our YouTube Channel (Grace Presbyterian Church).