



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Lord's Day Morning Worship

10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all electronic devices when you enter the sanctuary and silently prepare to meet the triune God.

The teaching of the Scripture is this—Christ has set His heart and His affection upon the church. There she is, under condemnation, in her sin, and in her rags and in her vileness! He came, the Incarnation had to happen, He took on Him ‘the likeness of sinful flesh’. He took her sin upon Him, and He bore them in His own body on the tree. He has taken the punishment, He has died, He has made atonement, He has reconciled us to God. So the church is delivered from condemnation. But that does not satisfy Him. He wants her to be a glorious church. He wants to ‘present her to Himself a glorious church, without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing’. So He immediately proceeds to prepare her for that destiny. He cannot stop at the first step; He goes on to sanctify her. In other words, His death upon the Cross for me, and our sins, was simply the first step in this great process. And He does not stop at the first step. He has a complete purpose for the church, and He will go through it all step by step.

-Life in the Spirit, Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:20, 21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing to his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude

Catherine Duensing

Call to Worship

Psalm 138:1-2

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Congregants: And also with you.

Pastor: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

Congregants: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things you name and your word.

Hymn of Praise♦

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”, Hymnal #100

Invocation♦

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 12:1-13 (Bible Page 53-54)

Welcome to our service of worship today. We invite all who trust in Jesus Christ to become members of Grace Presbyterian Church. If you desire to join the church, need spiritual counsel or pastoral services, or would like general information about our local church, please speak to our pastor or one of our elders (listed on the back of bulletin). The purpose of Grace Presbyterian Church is to teach and preach the infallible, inerrant Word of God; to share the gift of salvation with our community, our nation, and our world; to nurture our relationship with Christ and each other; and to glorify God in our worship, in our service to others, and in all we do.

♦ denotes congregation standing

Reading of the Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Pastor: That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

Congregants: And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach.

Pastor: And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.

Congregants: And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.

Pastor: Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,

Congregants: but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.

Pastor: Other seeds fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Congregants: Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Pastor: How who has ears, let him hear."

Congregants: "Hear then the parable of the sower:

Pastor: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

Congregants: As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,

Pastor: yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.

Congregants: As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

Pastor: As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Hymn♦

"Jesus, Cast a Look on Me", Song Book #103

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 28:6, 7

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him..

Corporate Confession

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who

spoke by the prophets; and we believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism—Vivienne Moore Chopin

Doxology ♦ "Gloria Patri", Hymnal #735

Hymn ♦ "Amazing Grace"!, Hymnal #460

Dismissal to Children's Church Children Ages 3 yrs.-1st grade

Reading of the Scriptures ♦ Jude 24:25 (Bible Page 1027)

Preaching of God's Word "The Grand Benediction", Dr. Davies

Sermon Notes

I. Power

What is the thrust of Jude's final words?

What two aspects are Jude's focus?

How are we kept?

Why is this important?

What are the types of soil? (Turn to Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23 (Bible Page 818))

How do we avoid temptation?

II. Present

What does Jude mean by "make you stand before the face of"?

How are we blameless?

Where will we appear blameless?

Why should we have "great joy"?

What does it mean to be "in the presence of His glory"?

III. Praise

Who is the one God?

How is He our savior?

How do we describe glory, majesty, dominion, power?

What is meant by "Amen"?

Hymn of Response ♦ "The Sands of Time Are Sinking", Song Book #110

Benediction ♦

Postlude Catherine Duensing

The link for watching our worship service online:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGO0EgL4v7KTMFpGz_-ItTg/videos

Sunday School for adults and children at 9:30 AM

The adult class is *The Sermon on the Mount* by Sinclair Ferguson

Today begins weekly Sunday evening worship service at 6:00 PM which will consist of hymns, scripture and prayer. All are invited to join us.

Monday – The Diaconate will meet at 7:00 PM

Tuesday – Last ladies Bible Study for this session – 7:00 PM on Zoom

Wednesday – Bible Study on Ecclesiastes at 7:00 PM

Monthly Wednesday night dinners will return the last Wednesday in May at 6:30 PM. We will practice social distancing. There will be a sign-up sheet if you would like to attend.

Thursday – Men's Zoom Bible study meets from 7:00-8:00 PM. We are studying *Everyone's a Theologian* by R. C. Sproul

Men's Friday morning Bible Study at 6:30 am in the fellowship hall

Prayer:

- Miriam Truesdale's son Corey – major health concerns
- R. J. Richard – recovery from car accident
- Beth Chopin – recovery from brain surgery

Expectant Moms:

- Catherine Duensing – May 1
- Emily Parks – August 24

You may now give tithes and offerings to Grace Presbyterian Church online. Simply go to the church's website and click on "Give". Your online giving will be receipted in the same annual report that gifts in the offering plate receive at year end.

Budget Report:

Monthly gifts needed to meet Budget:	\$21,209
Offering for April, 2021:	\$23,191
Needed to Meet Budget (Year to Date)	\$84,835
Offering (Year to Date)	\$73,670



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At Grace Presbyterian Church, our purpose is to treasure and worship the triune God, to love one another, and to evangelize the world. We are committed to the Bible as the inspired, infallible, authoritative, and sufficient word of God, and to the Great Commission. We believe the teaching of the Bible is most faithfully expressed by the Confessions and Creeds of the Protestant Reformation. We seek to glorify God by proclaiming and teaching the Good News of the Gospel of His kingdom.

Church Staff

Reverend Dr. Richard H. Davies, *Minister*
Gaynell Dreher, *Church Secretary*
Catherine Duensing, *Music Director*

Church Session

Reverend Dr. Richard H. Davies, *Moderator*
R.J. Richard, *Clerk of Session*
René Chopin, III
Paul Koening

Church Diaconate

Michael Chopin, *Chairman*
Mark Becker
Engled Bosch
René Chopin, IV
Richard Davies, Jr.

Andrew Jensen
Matthew Parks
Steve Roberts
René Chopin, Jr., *Deacon Emeritus*

Church Services

Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

Sunday Evening Worship Service – 6:00 PM

Sacrament of Communion on the last Sunday of the Month

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 6:30 PM

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