



GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

*Richly Blessed in Christ:
A Study in Ephesians*

Our church exists to help people *know* God's Son, *fellowship* with God's people, *worship* in God's church, *grow* in God's grace and *serve* in God's world.

The Lord's Day | July 18, 2021

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: John Daniello, Ruling Elder

Preparation for Worship: *1 Corinthians 15:9-10*

For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Call to Worship: *Psalms 117*

Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

All: Praise the LORD!

Invocation

Opening Hymn: *To God Be the Glory*

no. 55

+Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism #79-81

Leader: Which is the tenth commandment?

All: The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Leader: What is required in the tenth commandment?

All: The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Leader: What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

All: The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

+Song of Response: *The Anthem*

Confession of Sin: *Jeremiah 17:5,9*

Leader: Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"

All: O Lord our God, we confess that we have sinned against You. We have broken Your commandments. We have fallen short of Your glory. We have not loved You with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We were born in sin and have continued to sin. Yet You warn that whoever keeps the whole law and stumbles at one point is guilty of all. We acknowledge our guilt. We rightly fall under Your curse and judgment. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, in Jesus' name. Blot out our transgressions. Wash us from our iniquities. Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Remove our transgressions as far as the east is from the west. Cast all our sins behind Your back and remember them no more. And lead us by Your Spirit in new obedience, that we might honor You with our thoughts, words, and deeds. We ask all of this in the precious name of our great High Priest, Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leading in Worship

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalms 32:1-2,5*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

+Song of Response: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Pastoral Prayer

+Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:7-13

p. 1243

Sermon: *Paul, the Mystery Man*

Rev. Stan Long

+Closing Hymn: *Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me*

no. 500

+Benediction

+ If able, please stand

Children's Activities

Find the word in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

N O I T E L F B I L M Y O V V
K H C S U T Q N L H R G A U S
Y S U A G E M Z B E H G M M C
V R P E D D V T T U K F F E B
U C O L U W R S A T S I R H C
G G O L G Y Y S T N I A S M Y
R T Y N G M W I S D O M I D L
A E Z N F L D U Y G A N R S N
C B I K R I T E I A I K D R E
E J V S P S D E T S W C O A V
W O R K I N G E T A F U U A A
L K H M O B I E N V E D C D E
W G C I H W R I G C V R X L H
A X L X U L L L X Q E G C F M
X A A H I N P D Q B F X D F O

CHRIST CONFIDENCE

CREATED GLORY

GRACE LEAST

HEAVENLY PAUL

MINISTER MYSTERY

SAINTS WISDOM

WORKING

2. Listen to the sermon and write out the words from the wordsearch that you hear Pastor Stan say. After church share with your parent one thing you learned from hearing the sermon.

Announcements

Conversational English: Our classes will resume meeting in person at the church in September! New teachers and assistants are needed. If you speak English and love Jesus, we can train you! A 12 hour training class is available on Zoom or in-person. (Zoom: July 23 - 26 or August 20 - 23; in-person: September 10 and 11 at Chapelgate) Contact Janet Pryor for more information; 443-840-0644.

Tithes and Offerings: You may leave your offering in the offering plate or mail checks to the church (1602 Linden Ln. Relay, MD 21227), or give online (grpca.org/give).

Missionary of the Week

Rachel Craft, serving with Pioneer Bible Translators. Praise that one translator still has a good internet connection and is able to continue work on drafting. She finished the last few chapters of Acts and the first five chapters of John--praise God for that progress! Praise that Apple's husband has a new job that will allow him to move back to Thailand so they can be reunited. Pray for Apple and her husband to be able to find a suitable house to live in and that her visa and paperwork situation would be stable so that she can devote consistent time to the translation project for the next year. E-mail: rachel.craft@pbti.org.

Welcome to Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

Dear Guest: Welcome to Grace Church! We thank God that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please connect with an elder or pastor to leave your contact information. For more information about Grace Church, please visit our website: grpca.org.

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School: 8:50 AM for adults

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

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