



GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Missions Month

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 | October 24, 2021

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Mark Woodland, Ruling Elder

Preparation for Worship: *John 4:23-24*

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

Call to Worship: *Revelation 4-5 (selected verses)*

Leader: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

All: "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Leader: "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

All: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Leader: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

Invocation

+Opening Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*

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Confession of Sin: *Psalms 51:4*

Leader: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

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: *1 Peter 2:24*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

+Song of Response: *Lift High the Name of Jesus*

+Confession of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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

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+Song of Response: *For the Cause*

Missions Moment

Pastoral Prayer

+Scripture Reading: *Psalms 87*

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Sermon: *What's So Great About the Church?*

Rev. Eric Tracy

+Closing Hymn: *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

+Benediction

+ *If able, please stand*

Children's Activities

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

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V B Z R Q E S H S L C D E P I
G R E A T C W L O P Q S K Q F
H Z Q T A S V R K L A C S G E
S P I I O B I V O R F P L C J
C A U Z E O O G Z R H T W C I
F B E P U C D U Q L Y C P N X
B K B S D H Q P T A N U F S S
S N G D M U P K Y T I C P Y Z
I G K Q W R J R S Z H X T J M
H C X R N C G M D V K K N B S
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What is so great about the Church?

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: There will be a meeting next Sunday, directly after the service to approve Pastor Eric's resignation.

Faith Promise Giving: Faith Promise Giving is how Grace Church supports missions. Church members are given the privilege to determine how much the church wants to give to missions for the upcoming year. Remember to prayerfully complete the Faith Promise Giving form. Go to the website to complete a form online, hard copies are available in the narthex. Forms should be completed by Sunday, Nov. 28th.

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

Frank and Cindy, serving the church in West Africa (and now East Africa) through MTW. Praise God that He worked through many issues and obstacles, and the training in Zimbabwe went very well! Frank is planning a trip in early November to Togo to meet with leaders of all denominations there to present the training and equipping work of the various organizations they partner with in Africa. Pray for God to raise up a good team that can effectively communicate with the leaders of these denominations about the needs.

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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