



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 | October 31, 2021

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

John Daniello, Ruling Elder

Preparation for Worship: *Romans 1:16-17*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Call to Worship: *Psalms 96:7-13*

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

All: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

All: He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Invocation

+Opening Hymn: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

no. 92

Confession of Sin: *Psalms 51:5-6*

Leader: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

All: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your

ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy upon us; we are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beg you, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalms 103:8-13*

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

+Song of Response: *Magnificent Marvelous Matchless Love*

+Confession of Faith: *Ligonier Statement on Christology*

We confess the mystery and wonder
of God made flesh
and rejoice in our great salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
the Son created all things,
sustains all things,
and makes all things new.

Truly God,
He became truly man,
two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary
and lived among us.
Crucified, dead, and buried,
He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven,
and will come again
in glory and judgment.

For us,
He kept the Law,
atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath.
He took our filthy rags
and gave us
His righteous robe.
He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church,
interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.
Jesus Christ is Lord;
we praise His holy Name forever.
Amen.

+Song of Response: *King Of Kings*

Pastoral Prayer

+Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 5:21-33*

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Sermon: *The Profound Mystery*

Rev. Stan Long

+Closing Hymn: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

+Benediction

+If able, please stand

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: There is a congregational meeting today directly after the service to approve Pastor Eric's resignation.

Men's Discipleship Group: Meets at the church on Saturday, November 6th at 7:00 AM. Contact John Daniello for more information.

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

Rachel Craft, serving with Pioneer Bible Translators. E-mail: rachel.craft@pbti.org. Praise God that Apple, who is an important part of the translation team, was able to receive a new Thai visa good until next August. Pray for her husband Jacob, who is having frequent severe headaches. Pray for protection of the villagers in the "S" area as there has been a lot of fighting in the area lately. Pray that in spite of poor internet connections, Apple will be able to send files with the text of Mark back and forth to a pastor in the "S" area.

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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