



GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

*Jesus, the Wonderful Counselor:
A Study in Isaiah 9:6*

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 | December 5, 2021

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.

Worship Leader:

Warren Drell, Ruling Elder

Preparation for Worship and the Advent Candle: *Luke 1:46-55*

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

Call to Worship: *Psalms 68:4-5*

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

Invocation

+Opening Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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Confession of Sin: *Psalms 51:1-3*

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

All: Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we, alas, were conceived and born in sin, and are therefore inclined to all evil and slow to

do all good; that we transgress your holy commandments without ceasing, and evermore corrupt ourselves. But we are very sorry for the same, and beg your grace for help. Therefore, have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and please you entirely by a new and godly life. Amen. *Strassburg Liturgy*

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 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: *Beautiful Saviour*

+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: *Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

Offering & Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

+Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 9:6*

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Sermon: *Jesus, the Wonderful Counselor*

Pastor Stan Long

Communion

+Closing Hymn: *Wonderful Merciful Savior*

+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.

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R L F A C J P T L J O G H S C
G K I N Y E S C I R O K O E O
G O O H A P L W A S M K U N U
K S V C C H A I A S I V L S N
I L E E W F W U A K G Q D U S
X I K C R O S J C H T N E O E
E Z R X I N N N J L K R R E L
G I V E N T M D A N Z O S T O
B C P F E J S E E Z D B J H R
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T L O R D H T N J T F D D I M
A I T A A D I W F J G U K R Q
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D I V A D G M I H V X F B N T
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ISAIAH CHILD BORN SON GIVEN GOVERNMENT
SHOULDERS PEACE DAVID JUSTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS
ZEAL LORD WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

Announcements

Living Nativity: Today, 4-7 PM. If able please bring a finger dessert to share with those that attend. There are invitations in the narthex to invite family and friends.

Prayer Meeting: Join us for our weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, 7:30 PM on Zoom. Go to myGRPC for the link.

Christmas Eve Service: The service is on Friday, December 24th at 7:00 PM.

Southwest Emergency Services Donations: The following items are needed to fill their Christmas Boxes: sauerkraut, stuffing , gravy, Hamburger helper and Tuna helper.

Tithes and Offerings: The offering plate is again being passed during the service. You may also mail checks to the church (1602 Linden Ln. Relay, MD 21227), or give online (grpca.org/give).

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

Children's Church: 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

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