



# GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)*

*Mighty God  
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 12, 2021

## Order of Worship

### Welcome & Announcements

*Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.*

### Worship Leader:

John Daniello, Ruling Elder

### Preparation for Worship and the Advent Candle: *Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

### Call to Worship: *Psalms 72:18-19*

**Leader:** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**All:** Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!

### Invocation

+Opening Hymn: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

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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:* Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent. According to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*Book of Common Worship*

**Assurance of Pardon:** *Psalm 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:** *Be Unto Your Name*

**+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:** *God The Uncreated One*

**Offering & Offertory**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

*Ages 4-8 dismissed for Children's Church before the prayer.*

**+Scripture Reading:** *Jeremiah 32:16-35*

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**Sermon:** *Mighty God*

Rev. Trip Beans

**+Closing Hymn:** *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

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**+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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C E L O F V C R T D Z W R S W
J H D E S S E L B O W J I R L
N U I I V U T B Y G M V G E B
W F S L A W N Z C L V K H D O
V K O T D Q E K O J F P T L R
T U J E I A D H S U U P E U N
Z N S X L C I Y O Z J X O O G
Y O E S P Q E U O S P Q U H I
N T L M O N M D R O L N S S Y
F Y H F N R E Y N G R E N F E
I J D G C R A E E Y C O E N Y
A M U K I X E Z H A V U S A W
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ISAIAH    CHILD    BORN    SON    BLESSED    GOVERNMENT  
SHOULDERS    PEACE    GLORY    JUSTICE    RIGHTEOUSNESS  
ZEAL    LORD    MIGHTY    GOD

## Announcements

**Women's Discipleship Meeting:** Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, at the home of Diane Darchicourt. The discussion will be on Lesson 4 in *Portrait of a Living Faith*.

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

**Bulletin Board Contributions:** A poem, a recipe, a coloring page, a Christmas photo card. Something 3D or a cut out object, even origami. The theme is Christmas related, but not Santa related. Leave your signed contribution in the church office. Joan will hang it up. Our purpose is to share the joy and spruce up the room.

**Christmas Eve Service:** The service is on Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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](http://grpca.org).

### **Sunday Schedule**

**Sunday School:** 8:50 AM for adults

**Worship Service:** 10:00 AM

**Children's Church:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

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