



GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Wilderness Wanderings: *A Study in Exodus 18*

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 | January 9, 2022

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.

Worship Leader:

Mark Woodland, Ruling Elder

Preparation for Worship: *Hebrews 10:19-22*

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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

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! 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." 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. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Invocation

+Opening Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

no. 53

Confession of Sin: *Psalms 106:6*

Leader: Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.

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: *1 John 1:8-9*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

+Song of Response: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

no. 599

+Confession of Faith: *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and of the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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+Song of Response: *Step by Step/I Will Follow*

Offering & Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Ages 4-7 dismissed for Children's Church before the prayer.

+Scripture Reading: *Exodus 18:13-27*

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Sermon: *Trusting our leaders in a time of doubt*

Bill Sciannella

+Closing Hymn: *Spirit of the Living God*

+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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A B L E D M C P Z M I S D X J
I Y L G V Q O K P N W E E I U
V G N R I F V S Q R T U N Z D
Y Q E I Q E C U E R O T E W G
H S Z T U A I X U S C A T E E
U R J R U R F S A C Y T S C D
F D Y M E P T P G Y S S I J B
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EXODUS MOSES JUDGE INQUIRE GOD DISPUTE

STATUES LAWS ABLE MEN FEAR TRUSTWORTHY

BEAR BURDEN LISTENED

Announcements

We welcome Bill Sciannella to the pulpit today: Bill is currently a ruling elder at Columbia Presbyterian Church and is the current President of the Board of Directors for BALM. His wife Sue has served as the administrator for Elev8 basketball for the past 9 years before retiring last month. Bill Served on the executive board for Elev8 for 12 years before stepping down to assume the position with BALM. Elev8 basketball is a Christian sports ministry which ministers to over 500 children from ages 4 – high school through sports, and Scripture.

Women's Discipleship Group: Meets tomorrow night on Zoom only, go to the home page of myGRPC for the link. The study is from Lesson 5, "All or Nothing" in the book of James: Portrait of a Living Faith. It covers James 2:8-13.

Save the Date: Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on January 30th at 3:30 PM. Child care will be provided for infants through 7 years of age.

Missions Committee: Do you have a heart for missions? The missions committee needs new members. The role of the missions committee is to encourage our church family in the support of our missions family. We meet about four times a year after the Sunday service. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Janet Pryor 443-840-0644.

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

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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