



GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Wilderness Wanderings: *A Study in Numbers 9*

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 30, 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: *Song of Solomon 1:2-4*

(SHE) Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine; Your anointing oils are fragrant; your name is oil poured out; therefore virgins love you. Draw me after you; let us run. The king has brought me into his chambers. **(OTHERS)** We will exult and rejoice in you; we will extol your love more than wine; rightly do they love you.

Call to Worship: *Psalms 100*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Invocation

+Opening Hymn: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Confession of Sin: *James 2:10*

Leader: For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and confess our many sins, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against Your divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are deeply sorry for our transgressions. The remembrance of them is grievous to us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all

that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: *How Firm a Foundation*

+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 on 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: *Thy Word*

Offering & Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

+**Scripture Reading:** *Numbers 9:16-23*

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Sermon: *Guidance in the Wilderness*

Rev. Stan Long

+**Closing Hymn:** *Is He Worthy*

+**Benediction**

+ *If able, please stand*

Sermon Notes

Application questions for today's sermon: As you pursue guidance, success and blessing in life what part does Jesus have in that pursuit? Is there anything that you believe the Holy Spirit may be nudging you about as you seek the Lord's will and direction?

Questions for meditation on NEXT week's sermon. Read Numbers 16, 17.

1. Think about conflicts you have seen or felt with others in this congregation or in others. What was your heart response in those or as result of those conflicts?
2. How might "grumbles against others" you have felt in your own heart actually been grumbles with God?

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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Announcements

Fellowship Lunch: Between worship and our congregational meeting today, a simple lunch will be offered at Jim & Diane Darchicourt's, 212 Elpin Drive West, 21228 in Catonsville. This invitation will continue for the month of February. Stop in anytime in the afternoon for a bite to eat and enjoy the company of your family in Christ.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Today at 3:30 PM. It is important for adult members to attend in-person to have the quorum needed to hold the meeting. Child care will be provided for infants through 7 years of age. There are copies of the Ministry Report and the Budget in the narthex.

Women's Discipleship Group: Our next meeting will be Monday, February 7. We usually meet on the second Monday of the month, but in February that will be Valentine's Day. We will be meeting at the church at 7:00 PM. You can also join by Zoom.

Men's Group: Meets Saturday, February 5th, 7:00 AM on zoom. See John Daniello for more information.

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.

Southwest Emergency Service Donations: They are accepting food, paper goods and personal items. They are also accepting the following winter clothes: coats, hats, gloves, shoes, and boots.

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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