



GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Wilderness Wanderings: *A Study in Deuteronomy 30*

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 | February 27, 2022

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.

Worship Leader

Warren Drell, Ruling Elder

Preparation for Worship: *2 Corinthians 2:14-16*

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?

Call to Worship: *Psalms 106:1-3,48*

Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times! Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the LORD!

Invocation

+Opening Hymn: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

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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: O Lord our God, we confess that we have sinned against You. We have broken Your commandments. We have fallen short of Your glory. We have not loved You with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We were born in sin and have continued to sin. Yet You warn that whoever keeps the whole law and stumbles at one point is guilty of all. We acknowledge our guilt. We rightly fall under Your curse and judgment. Have

mercy upon us, O Lord, in Jesus' name. Blot out our transgressions. Wash us from our iniquities. Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Remove our transgressions as far as the east is from the west. Cast all our sins behind Your back and remember them no more. And lead us by Your Spirit in new obedience, that we might honor You with our thoughts, words, and deeds. We ask all of this in the precious name of our great High Priest, Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leading in Worship

Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 3:21-25a*

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

+Song of Response: *I Have A Hope*

+Confession of Faith: *Apostle's 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: *Every Promise*

Mission Moment

Offering & Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

+Scripture Reading: *Deuteronomy 30*

Sermon: *Choose the promise: You can do it*

Rev. Karl Dortzbach

+**Closing Hymn:** *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

+**Closing Prayer**

If able, please stand

Sermon Notes

Application questions for today's sermon: 1. What have you perhaps substituted that is good, for what is best? 2. When we look ahead to God's provision for a pastor, how might your hope and choice be swayed by something that is good but not the best?

Questions to prepare for NEXT week: Read Philippians 2. 1. How do we encourage others as Christ encourages us? 2. When we have different ideas from others, what does being "like-minded" mean when we consider others interests more important than our own?

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

There was a question at the last congregational meeting regarding a Burmese church (Zotung Baptist Church - ZBC) that had expressed interest in using our facility for worship. As an update to that question, John Daniello and Art Warshaw recently met at GRPC with two of their leaders. After that meeting, the Session interviewed their church leaders over Zoom. This was a very encouraging conversation and last week we drew up an agreement for ZBC, a Burmese church comprised of about 40 people to start worshipping in our facility.

We are happy to welcome Zotung Baptist Church (ZBC) and they will begin using the church immediately for youth ministry on Saturday evenings from 6-9 and for worship on Sunday from 1-5.

Fellowship Lunch: There will be a Sunday afternoon Open House today at Jim & Diane Darchicourt's, 212 Elpin Drive West, 21228 in Catonsville. Stop in anytime for food and some fellowship time.

Men's Group: Meets this Saturday, 7:00 AM. See John Daniello for more information.

Congregational Meeting: Next Sunday, directly after the service. We will consider Elder Jim Darchicourt for reactivation, Elders John Daniello and Steve Bradbury for extension of their term and we will consider Tyson Janney for election as Deacon and Deacon Art Warshaw for extension of his term.

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 Services Donations: Specific needs are for Hamburger and tuna helper and personnel items like tooth paste and deodorant They are also in need of toddler winter clothes for children, sizes 2's 3 's 4's and 5's.

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 Sunday of the month

Church Leadership

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