

# **GRACE REFORMED** PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

# Praying Through The Psalms A Study in Psalm 63

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 | August 28, 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: Psalm 61:4

Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!

#### Call to Worship: Psalm 61:4,5

Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

#### Invocation

+Opening Hymn: You, You Are Good

#### **Confession of Sin**

King of Kings we confess today that our knees and hearts have been bowed down this week to the pressures, the desires and the circumstances of our lives. We have scarcely lifted our heads to see your steadfast love and a song of praise has been faint on our lips. We ought to give you glory but we have gloried in ourselves. We ought to have lifted up the glory of Christ, but we have sought to be our own savior. Please come and carry us into your throne room today and watch over us in our willful wanderings.

#### Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 61:7-8a

May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him! So will I ever sing praises to your name, as I perform my vows day after day.

#### +Song of Response: Glory to His Name

**Confession of Faith**: *Westminster Shorter Catechism Q39, 40* **Leader**: What is the duty which God requires of man? *All*: The duty which God requires of man is obedience to his revealed will.<sup>[a]</sup>

[a].Deu 29:29; Mic 6:8; 1 John 5:2-3

**Leader**: What rule did God at first reveal to man for his obedience? *All:* The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.<sup>[a]</sup>

[a].Rom 2:14-15; Rom 10:5

+Hymn of Thanksgiving: Step by Step/As the Deer/You're Worthy of My Praise

**Pastoral Prayer** 

+Scripture Reading: Psalm 63:1-8

Sermon: Your Steadfast Love is Better than Life

Jacob Jasin

**\*Song of Application:** *Praise the Father, Praise the Son* 

**Benediction** 

+If able, please stand

#### Sermon Notes

**Preparation for Next Week: Pray through Psalm 128.** Praying through the Psalms: Book of reference: *Learning to pray through the Psalms*, James W. Sire. Use this guide each week: 1. Read, reread, and read again! 2. Clarify the text, get an understanding of each word or phrase. 3. Analyze the structure: the flow of ideas, the flow of emotions, and the rhetorical structure. 4. What does the psalm tell you about God's character? His covenant with His people? His redemption? 5. Understand the psalmist's own complex and changing relationship to God. 6. Make the speech of the psalmist your own by repeating the words as your own, adapting the words to your situation.

#### Children's Word Search

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

**Today we welcome Jacob Jasin to the pulpit.** Jacob grew up in Jakarta, Indonesia, and traveled to Louisiana to pursue his MBA at Southeastern Louisiana University. There, God revealed to him the need to reach international students with the gospel, and he has served in international campus ministry since. He graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University in 2001, and enrolled at Liberty Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Virginia, receiving his master's degree through online education in Christian Leadership in 2008. After nine years serving international campus ministry in Louisiana, Jacob worked for nine years as the Director of Briarwood International Outreach at Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama. During his time there, he completed his M. Div. at Birmingham Theological Seminary and was ordained as a minister of the gospel in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Jacob moved to Baltimore and started RUF International campus ministry at Johns Hopkins University in fall 2018. Jacob is married to Pei. They enjoy hiking and playing tennis.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: Join us on Zoom for prayer at 7:30 PM.

**Men's Discipleship Group:** Starting September 3<sup>rd</sup> the men's group will be meeting twice a month, on the first Saturday at 7:00 am and on the third Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. Our meeting this Saturday will be a service project here at the church which will consist of some gardening and other maintenance tasks so dress appropriately and bring any tools you think would be helpful. See John Daniello for more information.

**Conversational English:** In-person classes will be starting September 7. Assistant teachers and one more childcare worker are still needed. Training is provided (at Chapelgate on September 16 and 17). Contact Janet Pryor for more information.

**Southwest Emergency Services:** Accepting donations of non-perishable food, school supplies and household supplies, infant/toddler items, clothing for children and adults.

**Sunday Offering:** There will be no offering plate passed on Sunday. Please put Sunday offerings in the box on the front door of the church.

#### 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

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