



GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

*A Humble Church, A Joyful Congregation
I Thessalonians 2:1-12*

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 | October 23, 2022

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.

Worship Leader:

John Daniello, Ruling Elder

Preparation for Worship: *Psalm 50:1*

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Call to Worship: *Psalm 50:2-6*

Leader: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

All: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

Leader: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

All: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

Invocation

+**Opening Hymn:** *God, Himself is With Us*

Confession of Sin:

Heavenly Father, it is our privilege to confess our sins before You because You have promised in Your Word that if we confess our sins, You are faithful to cleanse us from all unrighteousness through the blood of Jesus Christ. Father, we have sinned, and we ask that you forgive us for how we have broken Your perfect and Holy Law. Forgive us for running away from You and turning our backs on You. Like sheep we have gone astray and have turned to our own ways. We have turned to our own earthly desires – to our own flesh, and in doing so we have turned to strange flesh. We have turned to other gods, and we have sinned against You. We have done unlawful things in Your sight. Father, please forgive us and renew us in Your grace. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 103:8-12*

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.

+Song of Response: *House of the Lord*

Mission Moment

Confession of Faith: *Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own,¹but belong body and soul, in life and in death,² to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.³

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,⁴and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.⁵ He also watches over me in such a way⁶ that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;⁷ in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.⁸

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life⁹ and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.¹⁰

¹ 1 Cor. 6:19-20; ² Rom. 14:7-9; ³ 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14; ⁴ 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2; ⁵ John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11; ⁶ John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5; ⁷ Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18; ⁸ Rom. 8:28; ⁹ Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14; ¹⁰ Rom. 8:1-17

+Hymn of Thanksgiving: *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Pastoral Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

+Scripture Reading: *I Thessalonians 2:1-12*

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Sermon: *A Humble Church, A Joyful Congregation*

Rev. Jacob Jasin

+Song of Application: *Be Thou My Vision*

Sermon Notes

Preparation for Next Week: Pray through Psalm 67. 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.

Announcements

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 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.*

Children's Sunday School: A class for children ages 4 - 12 has started. It meets in the main classroom in the church basement from 8:50-9:45 AM.

Adult Sunday School: We will be viewing a portion of a Third Millennium film recommended by our own missionary, Rich Ramsey. It is called, "Kingdom, Covenants and Canon." We are striving for a balance of something that will be thought-provoking for those who have been around a lot as well as something helpful for those who have not. We will use just a portion of the video and then discuss it. Come ready to participate! The class meets in the left -hand trailer at 8:50 AM.

Hospitality: Come to service a few minutes early and fellowship with others. Coffee, tea, and conversation are available in the lobby between Sunday School and the worship service.

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

Conversational English Class: There is a need for two more assistant teachers. If you can assist Wednesday morning, 9:30-11:30, contact Janet Pryor.

Ministry Schedule

(Changes to the schedule will be in the Announcements)

SUNDAY

Sunday School: 8:50 – 9:45 AM

Adults in Trailer

Children 4-12 yrs. in main classroom in the church

Fellowship Time between Sunday School and Service

Worship Service: 10 AM

MONDAY

Women's Discipleship Group: 7 PM

2nd Monday of the Month

Meets in person and on Zoom

Contact Diane Darchicourt

WEDNESDAY

Conversational English Classes: 9:30 -11:30 AM

Meets weekly during the school year

Contact Janet Pryor

Zoom Praying Meeting: 7:30-8:30 PM

Meets weekly

Contact Jim Darchicourt

THURSDAY

Men's Discipleship Group: 7 PM

3rd Thursday of each month at the church

Contact John Daniello

SATURDAY

Men's Discipleship Group: 7 AM

1st Saturday of each month at the church

Contact John Daniello

Welcome to Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church

Dear Guest: Welcome you 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 and children 4-12 yrs.

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

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