



GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

A Light to the Nations
Isaiah 42:6

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 | December 25, 2022

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.

Worship Leader:

Jim Darchicourt, Ruling Elder

Preparation for worship: *Isaiah 42:10*

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth.

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 42:1*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

Advent Reading and Candle

Reader: Our candle today represents Christ as the light of the world and our hope in darkness. It is the final reminder of our Christmas celebration that is filled with Joy, compassion, peace, and the ruler over all of life.

All: Christ alone is the light of the world.

Reader: Christ is our light and the hope for the world in our time and in the time to come. All other light is dim in the presence of Christ.

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Invocation

+**Opening Hymn:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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Confession of Sin:

Almighty God this morning we gather remembering the few who came to the manger birth of the King. The world that captures our attention and relationships causes us to miss the importance of gathering at your throne. Forgive us that our shouts of glory have been too silent, too delayed, and too shallow to rouse the sleeping world.

Assurance of Pardon: *Isiah 42:6,7a*

"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind."

Children's Moment

Isaiah 42:2-4 *Christ our Light Keeper*

Pastoral Prayer

Isaiah 42:5 *Christ our Light-Creator*

Reader #1 *2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Song: *O Holy Night*

Isaiah 42:6 *Christ our Righteous Covenant that lights the Nations*

Reader #2 *Ephesians 3: 4-9*

...you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things.

Message: *Light to the Nations*

Rev. Karl Dortzbach

Prayer for God to give light to the Nations

Isaiah 42:7 *Christ who Opens our Eyes*

Reader #3 *1Peter 1: 16-2*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Song: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

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Isaiah 42:8-9 *Christ the light of Glory***Reader #4** *Revelation 22:1-7*

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." " **And behold, I am coming soon.**"

Message: *Light in The City of God*

Rev. Karl Dortzbach

Closing Prayer**+Song:** *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

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+Benediction*+If able, please stand*

Announcements

Conversation English Class: A child care provider is needed on Wednesday morning for the January - May semester. Contact Janet Pryor for more information.

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

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School on January 1.

South West Emergency Services: Their food needs right now are for peanut butter, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, any type of pasta, tuna fish, macaroni & cheese and tuna or hamburger helper, Ramen Noodles, soups, black beans and pork and beans. Their paper product needs are toilet paper and paper towels.

Ministry Schedule

(Changes to the schedule will be in the Announcements)

SUNDAY

Sunday School: 8:50 AM for adults

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

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

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