



GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Searching for Jesus
Luke 2:41-52

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 1, 2023

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.

Worship Leader:

Mark Woodland, Ruling Elder

Preparation for Worship: *1Thessalonians 2:19, 20*

For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? For you are our glory and joy.

Call to Worship: *Galatians 2:20*

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Invocation

+Opening Hymn: *As With Gladness Men of Old*

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Confession of Sin:

Lord Jesus our hearts are often in search of healing for a particular wound in our lives. Forgive us for simply seeking from you a quick fix in our lives, or the life of our family or church or even nation. Turn our eyes to see the deeper wounds that we have inflicted on you, that we continue to hold onto for ourselves, and for the systemic failure of our society. We confess that we need your salvation in every part of our life, our understanding, and our practice. Enable us to know you more fully, to love you more completely and to serve you more wholly.

Assurance of Pardon: *Ephesians 1:18-20*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.

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. **universal*

+**Song of Response:** *You're Worthy of My Praise*

+**Hymn of Thanksgiving:** *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

Pastoral Prayer

+**Scripture Reading:** *Luke 2:41-52*

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Sermon: *Searching for Jesus*

Rev. Dan Passerelli

Communion

+Song of Application: *Christmas Offering*

+Benediction

+If able, please stand

Announcements

We welcome Rev. Dan Passerelli to the pulpit. Dan Passerelli grew up in Catonsville and married his high school sweetheart Somer in 1999. Together they moved to Philadelphia, had two daughters, and went to London as church planting missionaries. They returned to Ellicott City in 2012, where Dan serves as a pastor at Chapelgate and leads Metro Baltimore Seminary. Dan loves to run and fish for trout in the Patapsco river.

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

Men's Discipleship Group: The next meeting is this Saturday, 7 AM at the church.

Women's Discipleship Group: The next meeting is Monday, January 9 at 7 PM.

Save the Date: The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January 29th directly after the worship service.

South West Emergency Services: Needs peanut butter, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, any type of pasta, tuna or hamburger helper, soups, and black beans.

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

Nursery (infant -3yrs.) in Toddler Room during service (2nd-4th Sunday)

Children's Care (4-8 yrs.) before Pastoral Prayer in Toddler Room (2nd-4th Sunday)

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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