



GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

*Seeing Suffering
I Peter 4*

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 | March 12, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.

Worship Leader:

Jim Darchicourt, Ruling Elder

Preparation for Worship: *Psalm 34:17-20*

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

Call to Worship: *Psalm 22:22-24*

...in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

Responsive reading *from Psalm 116*

Leader: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;

All: He heard my cry for mercy

Leader: Because he turned his ear to me,

All: I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: I will sacrifice a thank offering to him and call on the name of the Lord.

All: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me.

Leader: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

All: Then I called on the name of the Lord: O Lord, save me!"

Leader: For you, O Lord, have delivered,

All: my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

Leader: that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

All: I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

Leader: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All: Praise the Lord.

Invocation

+**Opening Hymn:** *Glory to His Name*

Confession of Sin

Almighty God and Loving Father, forgive us for our spirit of complaint against you when our lives seem filled with sadness and sorrow. Forgive us when in our suffering we see ourselves rather than you. We confess that we are broken like the world around us and long for the redemption of all things. Turn our eyes to see your strength in our suffering, your loving hold on us when sorrow and suffering would overwhelm us. Pry the fingers of our heart away from self-pity and enable us to receive the glory of your greater suffering so that our suffering comes to be held in yours.

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 23: 6*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

+**Song of Response:** *Blessed Be Your Name*

+**Hymn of Thanksgiving:** *Show Us Christ*

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer

(Children 4-8 years dismissed to Toddler Room before prayer)

+**Scripture Reading:** *1 Peter 4:1-5, 12-19*

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Sermon: *Seeing Suffering*

Rev. Karl Dortzbach

+**Song of Application:** *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

+**Benediction**

+If able, please stand

Sermon Notes

Announcements

Women's Discipleship Group: Join us tomorrow, March 13 at 7:00 PM at the home of Diane Darchicourt. We will start a study on the book *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers* by Dane Ortlund. If you would like Diane to order the book for you, please let her know as soon as possible. Please read chapters 1 and 2.

Prayer Meeting: Every Wednesday at 7:30 PM on Zoom. Contact Jim Darchicourt for details.

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

Nursery (infant -3yrs.) in Toddler Room during service (2nd-5th Sunday)

Children's Care (4-8 yrs.) before Pastoral Prayer in Toddler Room (2nd-5th Sunday)

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

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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