



# GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)*

## *Learning Hearts: A Study in Luke*

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 | May 7, 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: *Deuteronomy 8:5*

Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you.

### Call to Worship: *Deuteronomy 13:3*

...you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

### Invocation

+**Opening Hymn:** *To God Be the Glory*

### Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father we sit at your table today and ask that you might feed us. But we confess that our appetite for your word, and the fellowship of your people has often been too little. Even when we gather at your table of bounty we are picky eaters and want to select only the things and the people that are sweet to our taste. We have despised the things and the people that are difficult. We are content to sip your truth from a tiny straw. We have not labored as we should in your fields of harvest, nor in sowing your seed of truth deeply into our own lives. Forgive us Father for not hungering and thirsting for you. Forgive us Lord Jesus for failing to hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Forgive us Holy Spirit for failing to open our eyes and heart to learn from you.

### Assurance of Pardon: *2 Chronicles 34:27*

...because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the LORD.

+**Confession of Faith:** *Athanasius Creed*

We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and human, equally.

He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and he is human from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely human, with a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity.

Although he is God and human, yet Christ is not two, but one. He is one, however, not by his divinity being turned into flesh, but by God's taking humanity to himself. He is one, certainly not by the blending of his essence, but by the unity of his person. For just as one human is both rational soul and flesh, so too the one Christ is both God and human.

He suffered for our salvation; he descended to hell; he arose from the dead; he ascended to heaven; he is seated at the Father's right hand; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

**+Song of Response:** *Hope of the Nations*

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

### **Children's Moment**

*(There is No Nursery/Children's Church today)*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**+Scripture Reading:** *Luke 24:26-29*

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**Sermon:** *Learning Hearts*

Rev. Karl Dortzbach

### **Communion**

**+Song of Application:** *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

### **+Benediction**

*+If able, please stand*

## Sermon Notes

## Announcements

**Congregational Meeting Today:** Immediately following the Worship Service.

**English As a Second Language:** God continues to use our ESL program in amazing ways. The session has approved a **special offering** for the ESL program. Designated offering envelopes will be in the narthex this week and next. You may also give online.

**Women's Discipleship Meeting:** Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss chapters 6-7 of *Gentle and Lowly*.

**All church work day:** May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-12:00. Jobs we want to accomplish: Weeding and mulching. Clearing brush. Repairs to the trailers. Some cleaning. All you need to bring are some gloves and a willingness to help. Please contact John Daniello at 410-227-9855 if you plan on helping.

**Register for VBS on [grpca.org](http://grpca.org):** Join us June 26-30 as your children learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for truth. See Bonnie or Janet Pryor if interested in helping!

**South West Emergency Services:** Their current needs are for peanut butter and jelly, any type of pasta, macaroni and cheese, soups, pork and beans and all sizes of batteries.

**Nursery/Children's Church Rotation**

TODAY: No child care, 5.14: Tyson, Janet

# 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

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

## MONDAY

**Women's Discipleship Group:** 7 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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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