



# GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*In the presence of greatness:  
A study in Isaiah*

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 | August 27, 2023

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Welcome

*Please silence your electronic device before the worship service begins.*

### Preparation for Worship

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Psalm 100:1-3

### Call to Worship

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100:4-5

### Invocation

***+Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

### Pastoral Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

***+Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery***

***+O Little Town of Bethlehem***

### Children's Moment

*Children are dismissed for Children's Church*

### \*Scripture Reading

**Isaiah 7:10** Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, 11 "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." 13 And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**Isaiah 9:6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Isaiah 11:1** There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins...  
10 In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**Sermon** *Rev. Doug Serven*

## **Silent Confession**

### **Corporate Confession**

You, O Lord, have promised, that if we will confess our sins You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins. We come in penitence seeking Your forgiveness, that we may know the joy of Your presence, and the light of Your face. You alone know how often we have offended You, and hurt the lives of others. Forgive us, O Lord, for every unkind thought, every untrue word, every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have been selfish, and have not thought of the needs of others. Forgive us for our ingratitude, our neglect of prayer, our carelessness in the use of money, our forgetfulness of our sacred vows. O God, have mercy upon us. Create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Declaration of Pardon**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Pastor: Your sins are forgiven. Your dignity is restored. Your shame is taken away—all by the life and sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**+O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

## **Announcements**

## **+Benediction**

*God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands, in a spiritually ready position so that the blessing God is giving us will fully hit our whole selves, and we'll be sent out for mission.*

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **Dismissal**

Pastor: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*\*If able, please stand*

## **Announcements**

**Men's Discipleship Group:** Meeting this Saturday, 7:00 AM at the church.

**South West Emergency Services current wish list:** Cereal, canned vegetables, soup, Ramen Noodles, pasta, peanut butter, and jelly.

### **Nursery/Children's Church Rotation**

TODAY: 8.27 Darlene, Angie, Next week: there is no Children's Church

## **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 Church** (infant-8 yrs., 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

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