

MORNING DIVINE SERVICE

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 – 9:30 AM

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

... behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
MATTHEW 1:20B-21

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

SALUTATION MATTHEW 28:19

MINISTER: We are gathered in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP ISAIAH 12:2, 4-6

MINISTER: Behold, God is our salvation;
Trust in Him and do not be afraid:

PEOPLE: **For the Lord God is our strength and song;
He also has become our salvation.**

Praise the Lord; call upon His name;
Declare His deeds among the peoples;
Make mention that His name is exalted.

**We will sing to the Lord,
For He has done excellent things;
This is known in all the earth.**

Cry out and shout, O inhabitants of Zion,
For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!

* HYMN OF APPROACH ***Holy! Holy! Holy!*** No. 100

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!***

***Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!***

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

* Congregation Stands

GOD DIRECTS US TO HIS TRUTH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism

QUESTION 20

MINISTER: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

PEOPLE: **God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.**

QUESTION 21

MINISTER: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

PEOPLE: **The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

* GLORIA PATRI No. 735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.**

* SCRIPTURE READING EXODUS 20:1-17, MATTHEW 22:37-40

ELDER: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ISAIAH 40:8

PEOPLE: AMEN!

GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST

CONFESSION OF SIN

MINISTER: By works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight,

PEOPLE: **Since through the law comes knowledge of sin.** ROMANS 3:20

The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.
ROMANS 7:12 & 7

Let us, therefore, humbly confess our sins unto our heavenly Father saying,

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken Your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.

Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare those who repent and restore those who confess their faults before You, according to Your promises which You declared to us through Christ Jesus our Lord.

And, most merciful Father, grant for Jesus' sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

(SILENT CONFESSION)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Now hear the good news of the gospel, "*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. for God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*"
ROMANS 8:1-4

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING ***Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*** vs 1, 2, 4 No. 604

***Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.***

**Refrain:
*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.***

***Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
strong men and maidens meek,
raise high your free, exulting song;
God's wondrous praises speak.*** [Refrain]

***Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.*** [Refrain]

PEOPLE: AMEN!

GOD INVITES US TO JOYFUL SACRIFICE

* GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER MATTHEW 6:9-13

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

* SERMON TEXT: EPHESIANS 2: 4-9

MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: AMEN!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD REV. NATHAN MORGAN

... BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS GOOD!



GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE

* HYMN OF PREPARATION *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* NO. 193

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"*

PEOPLE: AMEN!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SURSUM CORDA

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT

* PSALM OF RESPONSE *Psalm 117 (First Version)* TRINITY PSALTER

*From all that dwell below the skies, O let Jehovah's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And let His glorious name be sung in ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Great are the mercies of the Lord, and truth eternal is His word;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye nations, sound from shore to shore
Jehovah's praise for evermore!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PEOPLE: AMEN!

* BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

* CONGREGATIONAL THREEFOLD AMEN

No. 740

WELCOME

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Psalm 100:2

VISITORS – Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA)! We are honored that you chose to worship with us today. We would like to get to know you better, so please fill out the Connection Card (found in the pockets on the back of each pew) and place in the basket on the welcome table in the foyer.

CAN I TAKE THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY? If I am a visitor, may I participate in communion?

- 1) Have you been baptized into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, either as an infant or adult?
- 2) Have you publicly professed your faith in Christ and embraced the Christian faith as summarized in the Apostles' Creed?
- 3) Are you presently a member in good standing of a Bible-believing church? If you can affirm these questions sincerely, the elders welcome you to the Lord's Table!

THE NURSERY & TRAINING ROOM – Our nursery is located in the first room on the right down the hallway. We do not currently have volunteers working in the nursery, but if you need a place to change a diaper, nurse, or calm fussy infant, you are welcome to use the nursery room. The training room is located in the back of the sanctuary. If your little ones are becoming fussy, but you still want to participate in worship, this room was designed for you.

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THIS WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

3:00PM – CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT THE CHURCH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

6:30PM – MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT 1317 CARMELITA DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

10:00AM – MEN'S BIBLE STUDY AT 6476 E SADDLEHORN CIRCLE

6:30PM – CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

6:30PM* – FAMILY BIBLE STUDY AT 3833 LOMA VENTOSA

6:30PM* – FAMILY BIBLE STUDY AT 1921 SUNVIEW WAY

* BOTH LOCATIONS WILL HAVE POTLUCK DINNER STARTING AT 5:30PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

3:00PM – WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

9:30AM – MORNING DIVINE SERVICE FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP TIME

5:00PM – EVENING DIVINE SERVICE

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Sunday, November 29, 2020