

# Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA)

The Lord's Day  
August 13, 2023  
Order of Worship

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— GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM —

## \*Call to Worship

*Psalm 113:1-4*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

**All: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

**All: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!**

— WE RESPOND WITH SINGING & PRAYER —

## \*Hymn of Praise

“Blessed Assurance”

*Trinity Hymnal #693*

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**1** Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**Refrain** This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

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**2** Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my  
sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

**Refrain** This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

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**3** Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

**Refrain** This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

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## \*Prayers of Adoration *(followed by The Lord's Prayer)*

Our Father, who 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 CALLS US TO REPENT —

**\*Call to Confession**

*Proverbs 28:13*

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

— RESPOND IN CORPORATE & INDIVIDUAL REPENTANCE —

**Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father, you have commanded us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, to live self-controlled and godly lives in all gentleness and kindness, speaking evil of no one and avoiding quarrels. But we confess that we often let this former way of life creep into the present. We have been foolish and disobedient; we have allowed ourselves to be led astray by the evil one and have fallen prey to various passions and pleasures. And so we have become bitter and angry, full of envy and hateful of one another. Gracious Father, turn our hearts back to you. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we might live as heirs of the glory of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

— GOD ANNOUNCES FORGIVENESS —

**Words of Encouragement**

*Psalms 32:5*

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

— WE RESPOND IN ACTS OF WORSHIP —

**\*Song of Renewal**

“Amazing Grace”

*TH #460 (vv. 1, 2, 3 & 4)*

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**1** Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—

That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

**2** 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

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**3** Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

**4** The Lord has promised good to me, his  
Word my hope secures; he will my  
shield and portion be, as long as life  
endures.

**\*Confession of Faith**      *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,<sup>1</sup> born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick<sup>2</sup> and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic<sup>3</sup> Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

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traditional English wording. <sup>1</sup>'Ghost' means 'Spirit' <sup>2</sup>'quick' means 'living/alive' <sup>3</sup>'catholic' means 'universal;' that is, the Christian Church made up of all believers throughout history.

**Announcements**

**Tithes & Offerings Encouragement**

An offering box is located by the entrance. You may also give to the church via the Donate page on our website, by setting up automatic withdrawal from your bank, or by mailing a check to the church. We are thankful to God for your generosity.

**Prayers of Intercession**

— GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT —

**Sermon**

“See Jesus Clearly”

Rev. Steven Edging  
Mark 9:1-13

**Meditation & Prayer**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Grape juice in the outer ring; wine in the inner ring. The bread is gluten-free.

— WE RESPOND TO GOD’S PROVISION —

**\*Hymn of Response**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

*Trinity Hymnal #170*

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**1** Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

**2** Fair are the meadows, fair are the  
woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

**4** Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine.

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— GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US —

**\*Benediction**

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# SERMON NOTES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – THIS WEEK & BEYOND

**Guest Preacher Today is...**Rev. Steven Edging. Steven is married to Brooke and they have 4 children. He is an assistant pastor at Hixson Presbyterian Church and currently the interim youth pastor. He and his family previously served in Uganda with MTW.

**Our Church Fellowship Meal is...**Today! Please join us for food and fellowship following today's worship service.

**Ladies of Grace...**The TVPWM conference is September 16 at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga from 8:30-4:00. The speaker is Marcie Tuten. The cost is \$10 for lunch. We can carpool if we have enough ladies interested in attending. Each lady will need to register on their own. The registration link is [1stpresbyterian.com/.events](http://1stpresbyterian.com/.events). The registration deadline is September 9. If you plan to attend or need any help please contact Kim Munsey.

**Opportunity for ministry:** Women of Grace, please sign up to be a meal preparer for one of our monthly CRC meal teams. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by our entrance door.

## **Mission Statement**

To glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost and found in word and deed near and far.

## **Vision Statement**

We desire to become a loving, gracious, and repenting community of instruments of reconciliation so that we may be a blessing to the nations.

## **Core Values**

Corporate Worship  
Evangelism  
Fellowship  
Compassionate Hospitality  
Multiplying Ministry  
Prayer  
Service  
Kingdom-focus

### **Elders**

George Allender (Emeritus)  
Harold Buntin (Ruling Elder)  
Dustin Crider (Ruling Elder)  
Erik McDaniel (Teaching Elder)  
Rick Skatula (Ruling Elder)  
Steve Summers (Ruling Elder)

### **Deacons**

Jim Hale  
Steve Halverson  
Paul VanOteghem  
Don Zimmer

*God's glory; Our passion. God's passion; Our glory.*