

Grace Presbyterian Church (PCA)

The Lord's Day  
September 10, 2023  
Order of Worship

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— GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM —

**\*Call to Worship**

*Psalm 149:1-2, 4-5a*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**All: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

Leader: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

**All: Let God exult in glory.**

— WE RESPOND WITH SINGING & PRAYER —

**\*Hymn of Praise**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

*TH#310*

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**1** Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord  
and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and  
triumph evermore.

**Refrain**  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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**2** Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth  
and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took  
his seat above.

**Refrain**  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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**3** His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er  
earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell are to our  
Jesus giv'n.

**Refrain**  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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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**

*Joel 2:12-13*

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all you heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

— RESPOND IN CORPORATE & INDIVIDUAL REPENTANCE —

**Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we have denied You in word and deed. We have sought to preserve our own agendas, desires, and lives at the expense of Your reputation, will, and life. Please forgive us. Furthermore, we have rejected Your grace and have tried to work our way back into Your good graces. Forgive our rejection of Your free, unmerited favor. Empower us by Your Spirit to believe we are accepted by You and have even been commissioned to share Your good news.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

— GOD ANNOUNCES FORGIVENESS —

**Words of Encouragement**

*Isaiah 1:18*

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

— WE RESPOND IN ACTS OF WORSHIP —

**\*Song of Renewal**

“Before the Throne of God Above”

*Bancroft/Cook*

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**1** Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands.  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav’n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

**2** When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me;  
To look on Him and pardon me.

3 Behold him there, the risen Lamb!  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory and of Grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God;  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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## **Jesus, Name Above All Names**

*HWC #112*

Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

## **\*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**

“John’s Prologue Part 2: Rejection, Adoption, and Incarnation” Rev. Erik McDaniel  
John 1:6-18

**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**

“I Must Tell Jesus”

*HWC #430*

**1** I must tell Jesus all of my trials, I  
cannot bear these burdens alone; In  
m distress He kindly will help me,  
He ever loves and cares for His own.

**Refrain** I must tell Jesus!  
I must tell Jesus!  
I cannot bear my burdens alone;  
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!  
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

**2** I must tell Jesus all of my troubles,  
He is a kind, compassionate friend; If I  
but ask Him, He will deliver, Make of  
my troubles quickly an end.

**Refrain** I must tell Jesus!  
I must tell Jesus!  
I cannot bear my burdens alone;  
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!  
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

**3** O how the world to evil allures me! O  
how my heart is tempted to sin! I  
must tell Jesus, and He will help me  
Over the world the vict’ry to win.

**Refrain** I must tell Jesus!  
I must tell Jesus!  
I cannot bear my burdens alone;  
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!  
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

— GOD BLESSES US & SENDS US —

**\*Benediction**

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# SERMON NOTES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS – THIS WEEK & BEYOND

**Chattanooga State Tiger Pantry**...Please bring personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, paper towels, etc.) The Tiger Pantry is serving students that are food insecure and is a joint effort of Grace Presbyterian and the Food Bank. Thank you for your support! See Cheryl Hale with any questions.

**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.*