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Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!

Grace Presbyterian Church exists to welcome our neighbors, grow together in Christ, and serve God in our community and world. Our core conviction is we believe that the grace God gives us through Jesus Christ changes everything.

Please fill out a Welcome Card by scanning the QR code so we can connect you to what God is doing at Grace!



About our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e., worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's people. The main movements are as follows:

- God Calls Us – God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to know and worship Him.
- God Cleanses Us – God forgives us and reminds us of His great love in Christ.
- God Speaks to Us – God speaks to us, builds us up, and nourishes us through His word.
- God Communes with Us – God draws near to us and invites us to partake of His grace in the sacrament of communion.
- God Sends Us – God sends us out into His world empowered to be His people for His glory and the good of the world.

We are so glad that you joined us today!

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GOD CALLS US

Welcome Song | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Robinson/Nettleton)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Call to Worship | Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

All: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

All: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Invocation

Song of Praise | He Will Rejoice (Zephaniah 3:17) (Ernst)

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save.

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a mighty one who will save.

He will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will quiet you by his love.

He will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will quiet you by his love.

He will exult over you with loud singing.
He will exult over you with loud singing,
He will exult over you with loud singing!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done; we have done what we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises given to all people in Jesus Christ. And grant, merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and humble life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon | Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Song of Assurance | And Yet I Will Rejoice (Ernst)

Though the fig tree will not blossom
And no fruit be on the vines
the labor of the olive shall fail
and the fields will yield no food

Refrain:

*And yet, I will rejoice in the Lord
I will take joy in the God of my salvation! (2x)*

The flock shall be cut off from the fold
There shall be no herd in the stalls
Though the fig tree shall not flourish
And the vine shall bear no fruit

Refrain

God the Lord is my strength
(He makes me swift)
God the Lord is my strength
(I can tread the highest places)

Refrain

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Baptisms of Covenant Children

Finley Grace Hammond, daughter of Ian and Hanna Hammond, born on June 12th, 2021.

Song | Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Invitation to Sunday School

Passing the Peace of Christ

Announcements and Offering

Scripture Reading | Matthew 11:1-6, 14:1-12

11:1 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples **3** and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" **4** And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: **5** the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. **6** And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

14:1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, **2** and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." **3** For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, **4** because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." **5** And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. **6** But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, **7** so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. **8** Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." **9** And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. **10** He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, **11** and his head

was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. **12** And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon | Meeting Jesus: Confused by Jesus

Rev. Marshall Brown

Song of Response | Speak, O Lord (Getty/Townend)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Ministering in Christ's name we invite all Christians to celebrate the sacrament by faith in Jesus. Come and proclaim Christ if you:

- Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.
- Publicly profess to follow Jesus and have received Christian baptism.
- Are seeking to grow in faith and live faithfully for Jesus Christ.

Song of Thanksgiving | Doxology

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.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GOD SENDS US

Song of Sending | Father Long Before Creation (Chinese hymn/Osenga)

Father, long before creation thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us, firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and his covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise his name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that his only son he gave.

Loving Father, now before thee, we will ever praise thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb!

Benediction

This week's music:

Katie Ernst, Worship Director; Leslie Beukelman, vocals; Paul Bedal, piano; Jim Tashjian, guitar; Jeremy Cunningham, drums; Derek Brand, sound engineer

Upcoming Events and Ways to Serve

Church-wide Prayer Night | This Tuesday, 7:00pm

We will be having our monthly church-wide prayer night via Zoom Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00pm. Please join us as we pray over our church, community, and world. See the *Grace Connect* for the Zoom link. For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

New Member Class | October 16th, 9:00am-12:00pm

Do you have questions about Grace's beliefs and practices? Do you want to learn about how to become a member at Grace? Come to our New Member Seminar on Saturday, October 16th. In this seminar, you will learn about the history and theology of Grace, who we are as the church, and what to expect as a member. For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

High School Service Event | October 20th, 4:30pm-8:00pm

All high-schoolers are invited to serve the Evanston Food Pantry on October 20th. If you need a ride, please meet us at the church at 4:30pm. We will be serving at the food pantry from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Pick-up will be at the church at 8:00pm. For more information and/or to RSVP, please contact Chris Reed (chris@gracenorthshore.org).

Middle School Halloween Party | October 31st, 5:00pm-7:00pm

All middle schoolers are invited to join us at the church on Halloween for dinner and trick-or-treating! We will end the night back at the church with Halloween games and a costume contest. For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

Middle School Fall Retreat | November 19th-21st

Save the Date! Rooted is going on our first-ever Fall Retreat on November 19th-21st. More details to follow! For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

Middle School Youth Group | Sundays, 5:30pm-7:00pm

"Rooted" (our Middle School Youth Group) meets every Sunday night! All 5th-8th grade students are invited to the church from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the West Hall. Come ready to have some fun and to dive into the book of John! For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

High School Youth Group | Sundays, 5:30pm-7:00pm

“Compass” (our High School Youth Group) meets every Sunday night! All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us in the lobby at Grace from 5:30pm-7:00pm. For more information, please contact Chris Reed (chris@gracenorthshore.org).

Moms in Prayer | Mondays, 11:00am-12:00pm

Join us to pray for college-aged (and beyond) children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, teachers, schools, and administration! We will be meeting in the prayer room at Grace on Mondays from 11:00am-12:00pm. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Debbie Guillod (debbie.guillod@gmail.com).

Men’s Bible Study | Wednesdays, 6:30am

Our men's bible study meets in the West Hall on Wednesday mornings from 6:30am-7:30am. For more information, please contact Nick Swan (nick@gracenorthshore.org).

Grace Wednesdays | Wednesdays, 5:00pm-7:15pm

Join us again this Wednesday for family dinner and programming for all. Dinner will be by La Cocinita this week starting at 5:00pm. Programming will be from 6:00pm-7:15pm (Programming includes: Adult Education, Middle School and High School Small Groups, and Grace Kids!). Childcare for children under 3 is provided. For more information, please contact Allie Brent (allie@gracenorthshore.org).

Women’s Bible Study | Thursday Mornings and Evenings, 9:00am and 7:00pm

Join the women of Grace on Thursday mornings or Thursday evenings at the church on Thursdays (9:00am or 7:00pm). Childcare will be provided for the Thursday morning study only. For more information, please contact Val Macken (val@gracenorthshore.org).

Mom’s Group | Thursdays, 9:15am

Join the Moms of Grace for Bible Study on Thursday mornings at the church! Childcare will be provided. If you would like more information, please contact Kate Sivard (kate.sivard@gmail.com).

Living Hope Service Opportunity

We have two work day opportunities to serve Living Hope Church. They recently had a fire in the building where the church meets, so have a need to help put up insulation and do general work. Dates are October 30th and November 13th. If interested, please contact Jason Karnes (karnesjason@gmail.com).

Children and Youth Serving Opportunities

Are you interested in serving in our children or youth ministries? If so, please scan this QR code and fill out an interest form!



Grace Groups

If you would like information about how to participate in one of our small groups or would like to start a small group, please contact Nick Swan (nick@gracenorthshore.org).

Circle Ministry (Prayer)

If you are in need of prayer, you can email your confidential prayer requests to our Circle Ministry (circle@gracenorthshore.org). If you are in need of Pastoral Prayer, please contact Nick Swan (nick@gracenorthshore.org).

Meals Ministry

Our Meals Ministry cares for our church community by delivering meals on a short-term basis to those dealing with illness, a new baby, a big move, or other transitional life events. If you would like to volunteer to deliver a meal to someone in need, please contact our Meals Ministry Coordinator, Emily Lee (gracemeals@gracenorthshore.org).

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