



**May 2, 2021**

**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 | Descend O Spirit, Purging Flame (Brenner)**

Descend O spirit, purging flame.  
Brand us this day with Jesus' name.  
Confirm our faith, consume our doubt,  
Sign us as Christ's within, without,  
Sign us as Christ's within, without.

Descend, O spirit, as a dove,  
Clothe us this day in Jesus' love.  
Mark us as children of the king;  
Then send us forth in Jesus' name,  
Then send us forth in Jesus' name.

Descend, O spirit, be our guide,  
The voice of God, a mighty tide.  
Convict our sin, compel our lives;  
Spirit keep us and draw us nigh,  
Spirit keep us and draw us nigh.

### **Call to Worship | Psalm 100**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**All: 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.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### **Invocation**

### **Song of Praise | 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.

## **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 | Psalm 103:8-12**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

#### **Song of Assurance | What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Scriveb/Converse)**

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge. Take it to the Lord in prayer;

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

### **Announcements and Offering**

#### **Children's Song | Our God is a Great Big God**

Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God  
Our God is a great big God  
And he holds us in his hands

He's higher than a skyscraper  
He's deeper than a submarine  
He's wider than the universe  
And beyond my wildest dreams  
He's known me and he's loved me  
Since before the world began  
How wonderful to be a part of  
God's amazing plan

#### **Scripture Reading | 1 Peter 2:11-12**

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.<sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon | Honorable Witness, Nick Swan**

#### **Song of Response | We Will Feast in the House of Zion (McCracken)**

*Refrain:*

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord, our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up  
*Refrain*

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh, how long?  
Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength  
*Refrain*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom  
*Refrain*

## **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.

## **GOD SENDS US**

### **Song of Sending | 10,000 Reasons (Myrin/Redman)**

*Refrain:*  
*Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul*  
*Worship His Holy name*  
*Sing like never before, Oh my soul*  
*I'll worship Your Holy name*

The sun comes up; It's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. [Refrain]

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. [Refrain]

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. [Refrain]

## **Benediction**

*This week's music:*

*Katie Ernst, music director; Jim Tashjian, guitar and vocals; Leslie Beukelman, piano and vocals*

## **Upcoming Events and Ways to Serve**

### **Art on the Lawn | TODAY, after each service**

Art on the Lawn is an event for Mothers and Children! Come help us celebrate Mother's Day with a mini-painting session led by our own artist and church member, Ellen Binder. Children may paint with their mom or any other special lady in their life! Dads can enjoy refreshments while art takes place on the lawn. All materials are provided! To RSVP and for more information, please contact Diana Williams.

### **Graduate Celebration | May 23<sup>rd</sup>, after the 10:30am service**

Come and join us as we celebrate our graduating Seniors and 8th-graders. This celebration will involve recognition in the Worship Service and will be followed by a brunch after the 10:30am service. All our high school families as well as our graduating 8th grade families are invited to join in the celebration! For more information, please contact Diana Williams.

### **Church-wide Prayer Night**

We will be having our monthly church-wide prayer night via Zoom Tuesday, May 11th at 7:00pm. Please join us as we pray over our church, community, and world. For more information, please contact Alasdair James (alasdairbjames@gmail.com).

### **Men's Shooting Event | June 12th**

Join the Men of Grace on June 12th for lunch and shooting! We will be gathering at Northbrook Sports Club (Hainesville, IL) to share lunch together and go target shooting. Fees for the event are \$80, which includes guest fees, targets, and ammo. Space is limited, so sign-up as soon as possible. To sign-up or for more information, please contact Nick Swan.

### **Safe Families Training in May and June**

The heart of the Safe Families Ministry is to extend the compassion of Christ by providing safe homes for children whose parents are experiencing a difficult season of life. If you are interested in welcoming a child into your home for a day, a week or even a month, there are upcoming virtual trainings in May and June. For more information, please contact Jill Shannon (safefamilies@gracenorthshore.org) or you can visit the Safe Families website (safe-families.org).

### **High School Bible Studies | Sundays**

Our Girl's Bible Study meets at the James' house (634 La Porte Avenue, Wilmette) from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Our Boy's Bible Study meets on Zoom from 5:30pm-7:00pm. For more information, please contact Diana Williams.

### **Grace Youth | Sundays, 5:30pm**

Grace Youth (5th-8th) meets on Sundays at 5:30pm. Come ready to have some fun and dive into the New City Catechism! For more information, please contact Allie Brent. *\*Tonight, due to the Intern Service, we are meeting from 5:00pm-6:30pm.*

### **Men's Bible Study (Virtual + In-person) | Wednesdays, 6:30am**

Our men's weekly morning study meets virtually and in-person in the West Hall on Wednesdays at 6:30am. For more information, please contact Nick Swan.

### **Women's Bible Study (Virtual + In-person) | Thursdays, 9:15am**

Our Women's Bible Study meets every Thursday at 9:15am. This semester, we are studying prayer! For more information, please contact Val Macken.

### **Women's Evening Bible Study (Virtual) | Thursdays, 7:00pm**

Join our new Women's Evening Bible Study! We will be meeting virtually every Thursday through Mary 20th at 7:00pm. We will use *Steadfast, A Devotional Bible Study on James by Courtney Doctor*. For more information, please contact Val Macken.

### **Moms' Group | Every other Tuesday, 7:30pm**

The Moms' Group meets virtually and in the West Hall on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. We would love for you to join us! For more information, please contact Kate Sivard (kate.sivard@gmail.com).

### **Grace Kids! | Thursdays, 6:00pm**

Grace Kids! is our onsite children's program featuring activities, Bible teaching, and games to help our children (Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade) grow in their faith. For more information, please contact Diana Williams.

### **Meals Ministry + Circle Ministry at Grace**

The Grace 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. For more information, please contact our Emily Lee at [gracemeals@gracenorthshore.org](mailto:gracemeals@gracenorthshore.org). The Circle Ministry (our prayer ministry) offers regular, daily prayer for those who request it. If you are in need of prayer, you can email your confidential prayer requests to [circle@gracenorthshore.org](mailto:circle@gracenorthshore.org).

### **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.

## **Leadership and Staff**

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