



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Lord's Day Morning Worship

10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all electronic devices when you enter the sanctuary and silently prepare to meet the triune God.

Let us learn from our Lord's words in Matthew 6:25 about the 'single eye,' *the true secret of the failures* which so many Christians seem to make in their religion. There are failures, in all quarters. There are thousands in our churches uncomfortable, ill at ease, and dissatisfied with themselves; and they hardly know why. The reason is revealed here: they are trying to keep in with both sides; they are endeavouring to please God and please man, to serve Christ and serve the world at the same time. Let us not commit this mistake. Let us be decided, thorough-going, uncompromising followers of Christ. Let our motto be that of Paul: "One thing I do" (Phil. 3:13). Then we shall be happy Christians: we shall feel the sun shining on our faces; heart, head, and conscience will all be full of light. Decision is the secret of happiness in religion. Be decided for Christ, and 'thy whole body shall be full of light.'

-Expository Thoughts on Matthew, J. C. Ryle

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:37-39

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Prelude

Emily Parks

Call to Worship

Psalms 136:1-3

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Congregants: And also with you.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Congregants: Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn of Praise♦

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past", Hymnal #30

Invocation♦

Reading of the Epistle

Philippians 4:10-13, 19-20
(Bible Page 982)

Welcome to our service of worship today. We invite all who trust in Jesus Christ to become members of Grace Presbyterian Church. If you desire to join the church, need spiritual counsel or pastoral services, or would like general information about our local church, please speak to our pastor or one of our elders (listed on the back of bulletin). The purpose of Grace Presbyterian Church is to teach and preach the infallible, inerrant Word of God; to share the gift of salvation with our community, our nation, and our world; to nurture our relationship with Christ and each other; and to glorify God in our worship, in our service to others, and in all we do.

♦ denotes congregation standing

Responsive Gospel Reading

Matthew 19:16-23

Pastor: And behold, a man came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?"

Congregants: And he said to him "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments."

Pastor: He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness,

Congregants: Honor your father and your mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Pastor: The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?"

Congregants: Jesus said to him "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

Pastor: When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Congregants: And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven."

Hymn♦

"The Love of Christ is Rich and Free", Song Book #116

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4, 5

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Corporate Confession

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Doxology♦

"Gloria Patri", Hymnal #735

Hymn♦

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us",

Hymnal #599

Dismissal to Children's Church

Children Ages 3 yrs.-1st grade

Reading of the Scriptures♦

Exodus 20:1-17 (Bible Page 61)

Preaching of God's Word

"Who Is God", Dr. Davies

Sermon Notes

I. Idolatry Forbidden

How do we make images of God?

Why does God forbid idolatry?

What does God protect in the second commandment?

Why does the commandment end with a warning and a promise?

II. Example of Idolatry

Is it fair for God to punish children for their father's sins?

What did Paul encounter in Athens? (Acts 17:19, 20, Bible Pages 926-927)

Who were the Epicureans? The Stoics?

What did they ask of Paul? (Acts 17:19, 20, Bible Page 926)

What did Paul proclaim? (Acts 17:22, Bible Page 926)

What did he tell them about God? (Acts 17:24, 25, Bible Page 926)

II. Examples of Idolatry

Turn to I Samuel 5:1-4 (Bible Page 228)

How does God humble Dagon today?

Turn to Isaiah 46:1-5. (Bible Page 607)

How do we carry our gods?

What does Isaiah 14:8-13 teach about the foolishness of idolatry? (Bible Pages 577-578)

Why are we not to make images?

How do we come to God in true worship?

Sacrament of Communion

The Sacrament of Communion is an ordinance to be enjoyed only by believers in Jesus Christ. If you are not a committed follower of Christ, or are unsure of your relationship with Him, we ask you not to partake but to observe this special part of our worship service. During this time, it is our prayer that God would call you to Himself so that you, with us, may sit at His banquet table not only here with us but also in heaven. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Hymn of Response♦

"It Is Well with My Soul", Hymnal #691

Benediction♦

Postlude

Emily Parks

The link for watching our worship service online:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGO0EgL4v7KTMFpGz_-ItTg/videos

Sunday School for adults and children at 9:30 AM

The adult class is *The Sermon on the Mount* by Sinclair Ferguson

Sunday evening worship service at 6:00 PM consisting of hymns, scripture and prayer. All are invited to join us.

Sunday – May 30 – The student ensemble from First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, MS will be coming to our church

Tuesday – 7:00 PM – Ladies Summer Study begins, “Knowing Christ— Studying the I AM Sayings of Jesus” by R. C. Sproul. Ashley Domez will be leading the study. The study will meet at the church or via ZOOM. See Molly Davies if you have questions.

Wednesday - Dinner at 6:30 PM. Sign up if you would like to attend. Menu: Spaghetti and Meatballs Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert.
NO BIBLE STUDY

Thursday – Men’s Zoom Bible study meets from 7:00-8:00 PM. We are studying *Everyone’s a Theologian* by R. C. Sproul

Men’s Friday morning Bible Study at 6:30 am in the fellowship hall

Prayer:

- Miriam Truesdale’s son Corey – major health concerns
- R. J. Richard – recovery from car accident
- Beth Chopin – recovery from brain surgery

Expectant Moms:

- Emily Parks – August 24

You may now give tithes and offerings to Grace Presbyterian Church online. Simply go to the church’s website and click on “Give”. Your online giving will be receipted in the same annual report that gifts in the offering plate receive at year end.

Budget Report:

*For your future reference, this report will now be presented monthly on the first Sunday of the month. **Next report will be presented in the June 6, 2021 bulletin.



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At Grace Presbyterian Church, our purpose is to treasure and worship the triune God, to love one another, and to evangelize the world. We are committed to the Bible as the inspired, infallible, authoritative, and sufficient word of God, and to the Great Commission. We believe the teaching of the Bible is most faithfully expressed by the Confessions and Creeds of the Protestant Reformation. We seek to glorify God by proclaiming and teaching the Good News of the Gospel of His kingdom.

Church Staff

Reverend Dr. Richard H. Davies, *Minister*
Gaynell Dreher, *Church Secretary*
Catherine Duensing, *Music Director*

Church Session

Reverend Dr. Richard H. Davies, *Moderator*
R.J. Richard, *Clerk of Session*
René Chopin, III
Paul Koening

Church Diaconate

Michael Chopin, *Chairman*
Mark Becker
Engled Bosch
René Chopin, IV
Richard Davies, Jr.

Andrew Jensen
Matthew Parks
Steve Roberts
René Chopin, Jr., *Deacon Emeritus*

Church Services

Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

Sunday Evening Worship Service – 6:00 PM

Sacrament of Communion on the last Sunday of the Month

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 6:30 PM

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