



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 4, 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.

But this commandment teaches more. Since everything belongs to the Lord, and He is so generous in providing our liberation from slavery to sin and death, we must also be generous with our time and possessions. As the Heidelberg Catechism states: "That I further my neighbor's profit wherever I can or may, deal with him as I would have others deal with me, and labor faithfully that I may be able to relieve the needy" (Q. 111). If we truly value the riches of heaven and God's immeasurable love towards us in Christ, we will not take what does not belong to us and belongs instead to God, but we will recognize how generous He has been with us. By the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, our desire will be to share our possessions, time and money with others. Our desire will be to love our neighbors.

-The Rule of Love, J. V. Fesko

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Prelude

Catherine Duensing

Call to Worship

Psalm 50:1, 2

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Congregants: And also with you.

Pastor: The mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Congregants: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Hymn of Praise♦

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save", Hymnal #630

Invocation♦

Reading of the Gospel

Matthew 6:19-24 (Bible Page 811)

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 Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:22-28

Pastor: To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

Congregants: and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

Pastor: and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Congregants: Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Pastor: Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

Congregants: and give no opportunity to the devil.

Pastor: Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Hymn♦

"For All the Saints", Song Book #1115

Pastoral Prayer**Assurance of Pardon**

Isaiah 53:10

Yes it was the will of the Lord to crush him; He has put him to grief, when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

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.

Offering**Doxology♦**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow", Hymnal #733

Hymn♦

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory", See Insert

Dismissal to Children's ChurchChildren Ages 3 yrs.-1st grade**Reading of the Scriptures♦**

Exodus 20:1-17 (Bible Page 61)

Preaching of God's Word

"What's Yours is Mine!", Dr. Davies

Sermon Notes

I. Stealing: Defined

Can we own anything?

What is theft?

What does the word “steal” mean?

What is involved in stealing?

What is wrong with stealing?

How is theft an assault on God’s providence?

II. Stealing: Open Theft

What about gambling?

What is good stewardship?

III. Stealing: Consequences

How is the moral law contained in the Ten Commandments?

Who was Achan? (Joshua 6:7, Bible Page 181)

Why did he steal?

What was the penalty?

Why was God so hard on him?

How do we steal from God?

What did Jesus do for us?

Hymn of Response♦

“Let the Nations be Glad”, Song Book #126

Benediction♦

Postlude

Catherine Duensing

The link for watching our worship service online:

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

Grace Presbyterian T-shirt samples are available in the Fellowship Hall. They are \$10 each and you do not need to pay until they are ordered.

Sunday School for adults and children at 9:30 AM The adult class is *The Sermon on the Mount* by Sinclair Ferguson

Today – Join us for lunch after the morning worship

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

Sunday – July 11 – The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated

Monday – Diaconate will meet at 7:00 PM

Tuesday – 7:00 PM – Ladies Summer Study, “Knowing Christ—Studying the I AM Sayings of Jesus” by R. C. Sproul. Ashley Domez is leading the study. The study meets at the church or via ZOOM.

Wednesday – Bible Study on Proverbs at 7:00 PM

Thursday – Men’s Bible study 7:00-8:00 PM meets at the home of Michael Chopin, 4921 Henican Place, Metairie and via ZOOM. 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
Beth Chopin – undergoing chemo and radiation treatments

Expectant Moms:

Emily Parks – August 24
Diandra Burrell – November 18
Genie Holtel – September 25

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 July 11, 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 Koenig

Church Diaconate

Michael Chopin, *Chairman*
Mark Becker
Engled Bosch
René Chopin, IV

Richard Davies, Jr.
Andrew Jensen
Matthew Parks
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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 PM

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