



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 25, 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.

Is it a legal fiction, or an exhortation to pull ourselves together and make a new start, a good resolution to do better in the future?...Is this just an exertion of the will, or an effort of the imagination? No, it is not. It is something that has proved its reality in the lives of many, and such people have no difficulty in understanding what Paul means. For the God of whom he speaks is the living God, and when men and women present themselves to him, to be used in his service, he accepts them as his servants and gives them the power to do his will. The Christ of whom Paul speaks is the Christ who truly died and rose again, and in the lives of those who put their trust in him "He breaks the power of cancelled sin".

-F. F. Bruce

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading

Romans 6:22

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Prelude

Catherine Duensing

Call to Worship

Psalm 46:8-11

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Congregants: And also with you.

Pastor: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

Congregants: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

Pastor: "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Congregants: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Hymn of Praise♦

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", Hymnal #92

Invocation♦

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-8 (Bible Pages 10-11)

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

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Pastor: From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

Congregants: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

Pastor: All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

Congregants: that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Pastor: Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Congregants: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hymn♦

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”, Song Book #101

Pastoral Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 30:4,5

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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♦

“This is My Father’s World”, Hymnal #111

Dismissal to Children’s Church

Children Ages 3 yrs.-1st grade

Reading of the Scriptures♦

John 3:1-8 (Bible Pages 887-888)

Preaching of God’s Word

“Salvation Defined”, Dr. Davies

Sermon Notes

I. Confrontation

What is the first step in rehabilitation?

Why does John emphasize that Nicodemus is a man?

What is a Pharisee?

Where did Nicodemus look for meaning in life?

What is significant about Nicodemus coming to Jesus by night?

What was Nicodemus' need?

What are the starting points in the Christian life?

Why did Nicodemus call Jesus "Rabbi"?

What did Nicodemus "know"?

How should we interpret "born again"?

II. Explanation

What is meant by "water and the Spirit"? (Verse 5) (Turn to Ezekiel 36:25-27, Bible Page 724)

What is repentance?

What is meant by flesh? (Verse 6) (Ephesians 4:22; Jeremiah 13:23)

What happens to the old fleshly nature? (Romans 6:11; Colossians 3:5, 6; 2 Peter 2:1, 2)

III. Results

Why is Jesus using the plural "you"? (Verse 7)

What is the work of the Spirit in conversion? (Verse 8)

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♦

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks", Song Book #100

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. **Deadline is TODAY, July 25**

The pastor will be on vacation Tuesday, August 3 through Friday, August 13

Sunday School – 9:30 AM (Nursery provided)

Adult Class – *Living Life Backwards—How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End*

Children's Sunday School – One Story Ministries

Youth Sunday School – *Don't Waste Your Life* by John Piper

Sunday Evening Worship – 6:00 PM – Prayer, scripture, hymns

Sunday – August 1 – Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated

Monday – August 2 – Joint Session and Diaconate meeting at 7:00 PM

Tuesday - NO Ladies Summer Study. We resume August 3

Wednesday – Dinner at 6:30 PM – Chicken, Pork and Andouille Jambalaya.
No Bible Study

Thursday – 7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study. *Everyone's a Theologian* by R. C. Sproul – at Michael Chopin's, 4921 Henican Place, Metairie, and via Zoom.

Friday – Men's morning Bible study – 6:30 AM – in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer:

Miriam Truesdale –cracked vertebra

Corey Truesdale, Miriam's son – Diagnosed with Parkinson's

Beth Chopin – begins clinical trial on July 28

Expectant Moms:

Emily Parks – August 24

Genie Holtel – September 25

Diandra Burrell – November 18

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 August 1, 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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