

Grace Presbyterian Church

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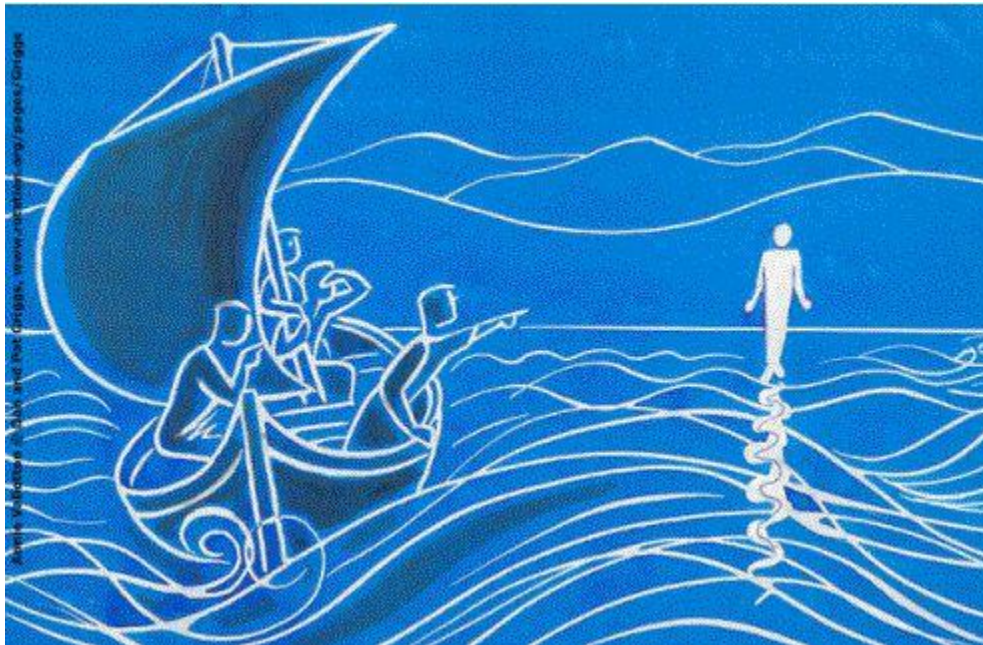
9:30 am

VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,
race, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,
beliefs,
and those who are cognitively
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,
**each one engaged in ministry,
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,
and embodying God's love for the world.**



Prayer Candles

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 14)

The foolish say, "There is no God!
We are alone, on our own."

**We gather to declare
the glory of God in our lives.**

The foolish say, "It is your life;
you are accountable to no one."

**We gather, strengthened by the Spirit,
trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.**

The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine;
I owe nothing to any one."

**We gather to praise the One
who calls us to serve others in love.**

~ written by Thom Shuman (2006), and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

*Hymn #3 "Womb of Life and Source of Being"

Call to Confession

Let us approach God, honestly and humbly, seeking forgiveness and strength.

Prayer of Confession

**God,
We do not always understand Your ways.
We are easily discouraged when life takes
unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and
dreams come to nothing.
We confess that we are quick to give up when
things get difficult, and quick to question Your
presence and Your power.**

Forgive us.

**Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing.
Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our
lives—to listen for Your gentle whisper when we
least expect it.**

**And then give us courage to step out in faith and
obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we
cannot yet see the outcome.**

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

**We praise You for Your faithful love,
and pray that You would make us worthy to bear
Your name.**

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news; Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

We trust the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn #449 "Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love"

Vs. 1 Only (please remain seated)

We Reflect

Prayer of Illumination

Sustainer of the hungry,
like a mother you long to feed your children
until each is satisfied.

Turn our eyes to you alone,
that, aware of our own deepest longings and needs,
feed our bodies, minds, and spirits by your word. Amen.

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Reading from The Letter to the Ephesians 3:14-21

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of Mark 6:45-52

SERMON

*Hymn #331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Offertory Invitation

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of our church in offering plates during worship)

and by electronic giving throughout the month).

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)
Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving, **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent

*Hymn #649 "Amazing Grace"

*Charge and Benediction

May the love of God
which gives life to the world, sustain you;
May the bread of life, Jesus Christ,
feed you with the food that endures to eternal life;
May the power of the Holy Spirit
nourish and strengthen you in faith.

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)

POSTLUDE

***Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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