

# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

February 2, 2025

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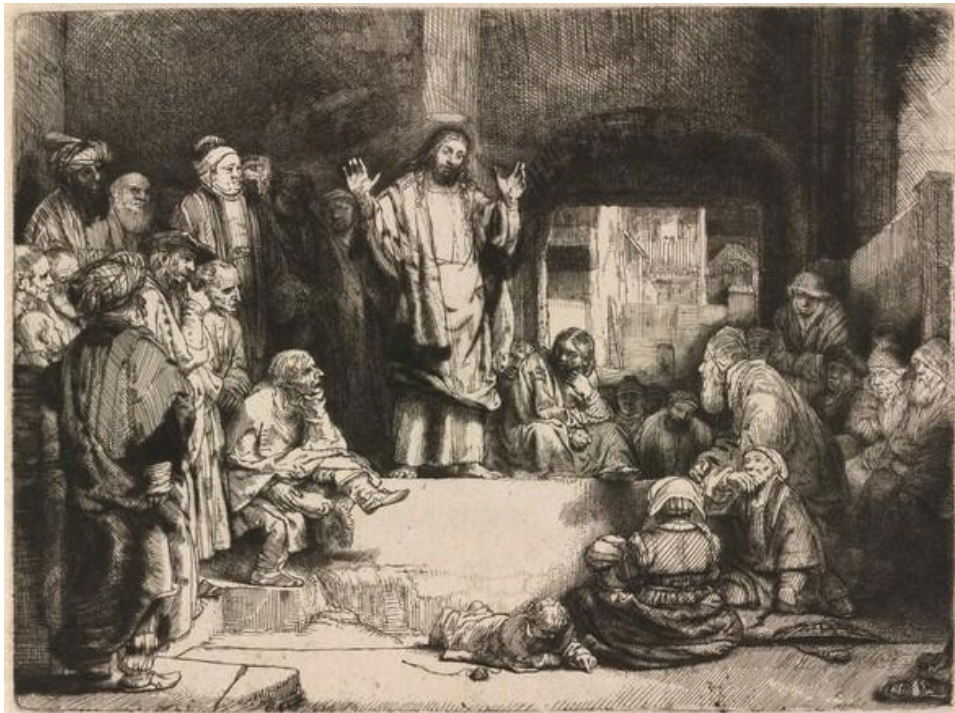
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## WELCOME and VISION STATEMENT

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.**



*"Gracious word that came from his mouth"*

## **Prayer Candles**

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

## **We Gather**

PRELUDE

*Special Guest Jing Yang*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Call to Worship

O God our Guide and Helper, we come to worship you!

**You stay beside us as we journey through life.**

O God our Just and Holy One, we come to thank you!

**You lead us in your path of justice and peace.**

O God, our Trustworthy Leader, we come to praise you!

**We know we can always rely on your promises.**

O God, we gather to worship, praise and thank you.

**Amen.** © 2011 Joan Stott – "The Timeless Psalms" RCL Psalm Year A, used with permission.

\*Hymn #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

### Call to Confession

Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. Trusting God's love we can tell the truth. Let us pray...

### Prayer of Confession

**Dear God, we have known you since the time you led our ancestors from bondage to freedom.**

**We have found no fault in your promise.**

**Yet we wander from the path that you have set and put our faith in other "gods" which lead us away**

**from justice, compassion and hospitality.  
We forsake your blessing.**

*(Silence is kept for personal confession.)*

**Forgive our faithlessness and our arrogance.  
Restore us to right relationship with you  
and all those in our midst. Amen**

Words of Assurance

God is merciful and slow to anger.

**God seeks the lost and extends the invitation  
again and again.**

God welcomes us when we turn to God.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

~ written by Rev. Christopher Ney,  
posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website

Hymn #692 "Spirit, Open My Heart" (please stay seated  
and sing the refrain and vs 1)

**We Reflect**

Prayer of Illumination

**Create in us hearts worthy to be your prophets  
that we might go where you send us,  
and speak the Word that you give us.  
Through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
place your words upon our lips  
and your grace upon our hearts. Amen**

*submitted to Liturgy Link by Stephen Fearing,  
student at Columbia Theological Seminary*

Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 1:4-10

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of Luke 4:21-30

SERMON

\*Hymn #162 "O Carpenter, Why Leave the Bench"

## **We Respond**

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offertory Invitation

*Musical Meditation*

*Special Guest Jing Yang*

Prayer of Dedication

God of new life,  
you speak liberation and healing for all the world.  
Anoint these gifts,  
so that your Word may be fulfilled in us  
and in the mission of your church.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

submitted to Liturgy Link by Rev. Nathan Williams (he/him),  
Covenant Presbyterian Church, West Des Moines, IA

(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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

## **We Are Sent**

\*Hymn #536 "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen"

\*Charge and Benediction

May the Spirit of the Lord be upon us,

Anointing us to bring good news to the poor.

to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free those who are oppressed,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

\*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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