

Grace Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2024

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

Come to us even now O Lord of Life,

And fill this place with your presence!

We praise your name and rejoice in your love,

We stand in utter amazement of who you are!

Everyone who calls upon you will find fulfillment,

They will rejoice forever, because you are God!

Rejoice and give thanks!

Halleluiah! Amen!

— from the Lectionary Sermons Archive page.

*Opening Hymn #393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Call to Confession

Friends, our high priest, Jesus Christ,
knows all our weaknesses, and can sympathize,
because he was tested in every way we are.

So let's come boldly to the throne of grace,
where we can find mercy and grace to help
when we need it most.

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we look for you in the wrong places.
We put our trust in material things.
We worry about things we cannot change.
We wonder if you are even there at all.
For all the times we have doubted you,
forgive us.
For all the ways we have neglected your word
and ignored your people,
forgive us.
Do not be far from us, Lord.
There is no one else we can turn to for help.
Renew our fickle hearts
and help us put our trust in you.**

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

Words of Assurance

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.
There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.
The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good.
God will not forsake you or leave you.
Turn to the Lord with confidence
and put your faith in God's great mercy.
By the power of Jesus Christ,
we are made whole. Amen.

~ Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009,

Hymn #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" (verse 1 only, please remain seated)

We Reflect

Prayer of Illumination

Compassionate God,
all creation delights in your radiant presence of your
Word.

May the authority of your Spirit
bring understanding into our confused minds
and truth into our troubled hearts,
that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

~ from a collection of prayers posted on the Worship@North website

Reading the Book of Hebrews 4:12-16

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

*Hymn #691 "Lord, When I Came into this Life"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offertory Invitation

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do. Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from you, our heavenly Parent. Amen.

(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 # 734 "Hope of the World"

*Charge and Benediction

Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:

to serve as he has served us;

to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;

to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and

the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
Amen.

*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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