

# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

July 7, 2024

9:30 am

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## 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

The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,  
even when it was unwelcome.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen and we will hear!**

Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,  
preaching and teaching all who would listen.

Who will hear his message?

**We will listen and we will hear!**

Christ sent out disciples two by two,  
to spread the good news in any place  
that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen and we will hear!**

God's prophets are among us still,  
around the world and in these pews.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen and we will hear!**

— from *To Hear and Be Heard*, An Intergenerational Liturgy for the Sixth Sunday of Pentecost, year B, written by the Rev. Dr. Laurel Koepf Taylor.

\*Hymn #410 "God is Calling through the Whisper"

Call to Confession

We humbly approach you with penitent hearts and open minds. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

**God of our salvation,  
we falter before the demands of your word  
and turn away from your call to life.  
Pour out your mercy on us  
as you showed mercy to your people of old,  
that we may turn from our sinfulness  
and walk the path of sacrifice and love  
make known in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

— from *Thematic, Intercessory and Scripture Prayers for the RCL*,  
Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

*(Time of Silence is kept for personal confession.)*

Words of Assurance

This is the good news, dear friends:  
God's love has no ending;  
God's hope rests upon us each day;  
God's forgiveness restores us to new life.

**Our God listens to us –  
to our cries, and to our joys;  
to our hopes and to our hearts.  
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Hymn #612 "We Praise You, O God" (vs.1 remain seated)

**We Reflect**

## Prayer of Illumination

God of extravagant grace,  
may your Spirit refresh our hearts  
through the reading and hearing of the scriptures  
that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ  
and so grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus. Amen.

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

First reading from the Prophet Ezekiel 2:1-5

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of Mark 6:1-13

SERMON

Ordination and Installation of Officers

\*Hymn #761 "Called as Partners in Christ Service"

## **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).

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer after communion

## **We Are Sent**

\*Hymn #747 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*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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