

Grace Presbyterian Church

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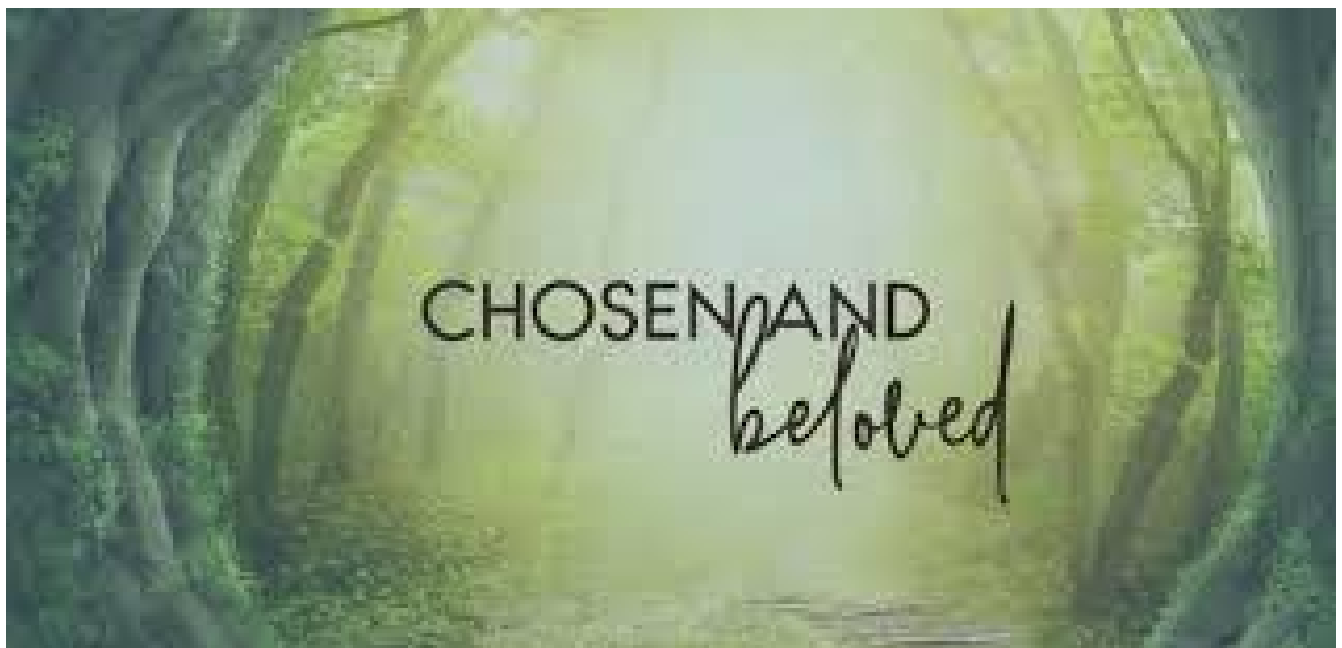
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VISION STATEMENT

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

For those who will listen, let them hear:

God will speak peace

to God's people,

to God's faithful,

to those who turn to God in their hearts.

God's salvation is at hand
for those who fear God.

When our living is right in God's eyes,

When justice makes a path for God's steps,

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet.

Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground.

Justice looks down from the sky.

The LORD gives what is good.

Our land yields in abundance.

God's glory dwells among us.

— written by Leslie Ann Billhimer Frye.

Posted on the Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren website.

*Hymn #307 God of Grace and God of Glory

Time of Confession Confession

We read in Ephesians that we were chosen by God

before the foundation of the world
to be holy and blameless before God in love.
Such a privilege...

Such a responsibility....

God chose us...to be holy and blameless.

We do try, but being holy all the time is not easy.

Forgive us Lord, when we fail.

We read that we are destined for adoption as God's
children through Jesus Christ...

Such a privilege...

Such a responsibility....

Our identity as members of God's family should be
apparent to others...

That means being recognizable as Christians through our
words and deeds.

Forgive us Lord, when we fail

We also read that we were marked with the seal of the
Holy Spirit

which is the guarantee of our inheritance as God's own
people...

Such a privilege...

Such a wonderful privilege,

knowing that the burden of living up to such an
inheritance

has been taken off our shoulders

because of the grace which has been lavished upon us.

For God also promised that in Jesus

we have been forgiven according to the riches of his
grace.

**May we always be aware of the privilege
which has been bestowed upon us by God**

**and may our response to such blessings
be to live as grace-full and joy-full followers of
Jesus, our Lord and our Savior. Amen**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear again the good news:

Because of the riches of God's grace:
in Jesus we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses—

**These are gifts of God's generous and amazing
grace. Thanks be to God!**

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, on Liturgies Online.

Song of Response "Day by Day" from Godspell

Day by day
Day by day
Oh Dear Lord
Three things I pray
To see thee more clearly
Love thee more dearly
Follow thee more nearly
Day by day
Oh...
Day by day
Day by day
Oh Dear Lord
Three things I pray
To see thee more clearly
Love thee more dearly
Follow thee more nearly
Day by day...

Source: Musixmatch Songwriters: Stephen Schwartz / Stephen Lawrence Schwartz

We Reflect

Prayer of Illumination

**Loving God,
teach us how to dance
to the rhythm of your wisdom;
show us how to laugh
with the insights of your truth,
so that we can live for the praise of your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:3-14

A time for Children and the Young in heart

A reading from the Gospel of Mark 6:14-29

SERMON

*Hymn # 475 "Come thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 #340 "This is My Song"

*Charge and Benediction

Go now, and wherever people will hear you,
proclaim the life-changing love of God.
Do not fear your weakness,
for when you are weakest, Christ's strength is known.
Travel lightly, live simply,
and honor those who welcome the gospel.

And may God be your protection and safe haven;
May the power of Christ Jesus dwell in you;
and may the Holy Spirit be your guide forever.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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*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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