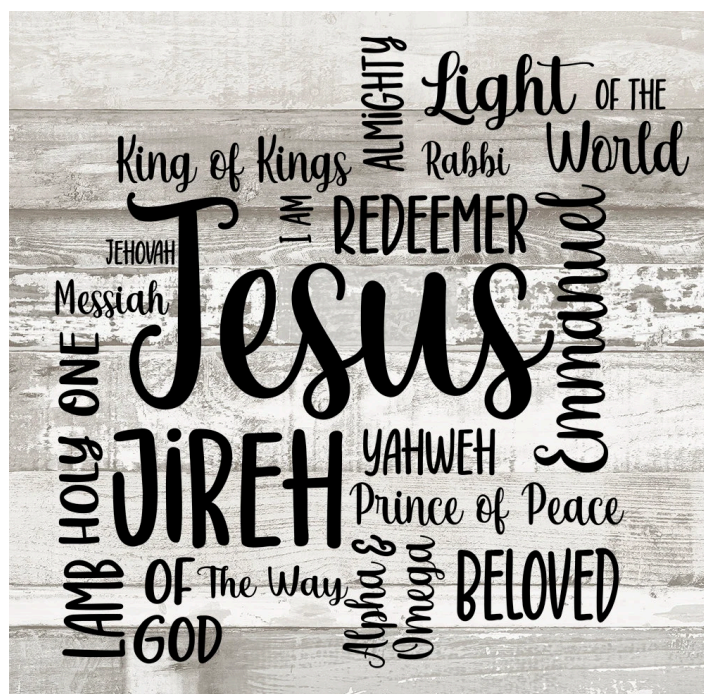


# Grace Presbyterian Church

January 18, 2026

9:30 am

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## Welcome /VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,  
races, 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

We wait patiently for our God.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs  
of the One who calls us here.**

We will not chase after other gods.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs  
of the One in whom we can trust.**

We will tell of all God has done for us.

**We will sing, we will sing new songs  
of the One whose salvation is for all.**

\*Hymn #408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Call to Confession

It is clear that God wants to hear our prayers and forgive us, for God is willing to lean close to our hearts to listen to our failures, our poor choices, all the things we have done wrong. Please join me, as we pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession

**You are faithful, Patient God, even as we continue**

**to live in the shadows of life. We could delight in your hopes for us, but choose to do things our way. We could serve the most vulnerable around us, but worry about losing our power. We could share the glad news of salvation, but are uncertain of its reality.**

**There is none like you, Redeemer of all your children. You lean over to listen to our prayers, and whisper forgiveness to our souls. You lift us out of the holes we dig for ourselves, and set us on hope's solid ground. You strengthen our weak faith with the life, grace, and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior.**

#### Words of Assurance

Come, dear friends and receive God's grace; see all the God is doing for you; follow Jesus, as he draws us closer to God.

**I will sing of God's love for me;**

**I will sing a new song of hope and wonder.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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Hymn #155 "Raise a Song of Gladness"

(please remain seated and sing 3x)

### **We Reflect**

#### Prayer of Illumination

First reading from the Prophet Isaiah 49:1-7

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of John 1:29-42

## SERMON

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

## **We Respond**

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### Offertory Invitation

*Musical Meditation*

### Prayer of Dedication

**May these gifts we offer, God of new ways, bring comfort to those who grieve; hope to those who despair; peace to all the broken places; and grace to all who long to draw closer to you. In Jesus' name. 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 year).

### 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 #749 "Come! Live in the Light"

\*Charge and Benediction

Come and see!

**The light of God has come into our world  
to proclaim God's justice and love;  
It has overcome the shadows and brought new life.**

Come and follow!

**Christ our companion has redeemed our world  
He draws us into a loving family  
From every tribe and family and culture.**

Go and tell!

**The Spirit has equipped us for service  
To love our neighbors as we do ourselves  
To bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.**

Come and see, come and follow, go and tell!

In God's Love the nations of the earth will put their hope.

~ adapted from a prayer by Christine Sine on Godspace.

\*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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