



**Grace Presbyterian Church
Sunday Morning Service
December 3, 2023**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
Lo, He shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Welcome & Announcements

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism (1563) #48

48. Q. But are the two natures in Christ not separated from each other if His human nature is not present wherever His divinity is?

A. Not at all, for His divinity has no limits and is present everywhere. So it must follow that His divinity is indeed beyond the human nature which He has taken on and nevertheless is within this human nature and remains personally united with it.

Memory Verse

Isaiah 9:6, ESV

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Call to Worship

Psalms 16:5–8, ESV

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ, our God, to earth descending, comes our homage to command.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human likeness, in the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful, his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven, spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light from Light, descending from the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

***Corporate and Silent Confession**

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

-The Worship Sourcebook

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Isaiah 40:1–2, ESV

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Julia Harriette Johnston and Daniel Brink Towner
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Marvelous grace of our loving Lord
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Chorus

***Grace grace God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace grace God's grace
Grace that is greater than all our sin***

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold
Threaten the soul with infinite loss
Grace that is greater yes grace untold
Points to the refuge the mighty Cross

Chorus

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide
What can avail to wash it away
Look there is flowing a crimson tide
Whiter than snow you may be today

Chorus

Marvelous infinite matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe
You that are longing to see His face
Will you this moment His grace receive

Chorus x2

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts*, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**sins/trespases*

Sermon "His Name Shall Be Called...Wonderful Counselor" (Isaiah 9:6-7, 1st Cor 1:18-25)

Rev. Dave Latham

Wonderful Merciful Savior
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Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus
You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

The Lord's Supper

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

Chorus x2

Oh our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

*** Benediction**

The Doxology
Thomas Ken, 1709

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN GOD'S GRACE

Sunday

9:00 – 10:00 a.m..... Sunday School

Sunday school classes will not meet on December 24 and 31

10:15 a.m.....Worship Service

6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group

Youth Group will not meet on December 3rd

December 3rd – Women's gathering at the home of Alicia Crow

Wednesday

4:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting – everyone is welcome!

5:30 p.m.....Wednesday Night Supper followed by classes for all ages

Thursday

5:30 p.m.....Christmas Caroling at Spring Grove Apartments

Friday – Saturday, January 12-13 – Women's Retreat at Camp Skyline

GRACE CHURCH DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR		
<i>DAY</i>	<i>CHURCH FAMILY</i>	<i>MISSIONARY / MINISTRY</i>
SUNDAY	Nick Parker	Jana and Jade Alger <i>Trans World Radio, Slovakia</i>
MONDAY	Jane Phillips	Ruth and Omar Alvarado <i>Crosspoint International, Nicaragua and Honduras</i>
TUESDAY	Megan & Noah Pope	Betty & Rick Aschmann <i>MTW, Ecuador</i>
WEDNESDAY	Caitlin & Wade Potts Jude & Ezra	Molly & Vinnie Athey <i>RUF at UAH</i>
THURSDAY	Gayle & John Pyron	Brenda Carter <i>MTW, Taiwan</i>
FRIDAY	Melissa & Bob Reimer Samantha, Rick, Louella, Amanda, John, Nathaniel, Mathias	Sharlene & Brandon Coker <i>MAF, Canada</i>
SATURDAY	Cecilia Sanaie	Aileen Coleman <i>MAFRAQ Hospital, Jordan</i>

Prayer Concerns

The Family of Betty Mason
Rev. Ben Konopa – recovery from heart surgery
Scott Elrod – recovery from accident

Various Cancer Treatments

Paula Knuckles, Leanne Burkett Weatherford, Arnetta Medlock, Roy Brittain, Rhonda Stewart

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