

Morning Worship

The Prelude

The Greeting and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer

The Call to Worship

* The Hymn of Praise No. 208 – *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

* The Invocation

* The Confession of Faith – The Heidelberg Catechism, #1-2

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Leader and People: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.

Leader: How many things are necessary for you to know, that in this comfort you may live and die happily?

Leader and People: Three things: First, the greatness of my sin and misery. Second, how I am redeemed from all my sin and misery. Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.

The Reading of Holy Scripture – **Acts 21:37-22:29**

The Presentation of New Members and Sacrament of Baptism

* The Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 307 – *Nothing But the Blood*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Hymn No. 441 – *Jesus Shall Reign*

The Pastoral Prayer

* The Reading of Holy Scripture – **Isaiah 49:1-7, Matthew 5:13-16**

Listen to Me, O islands, And pay attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me. ² He has made My mouth like a sharp sword, In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; And He has also made Me a select arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver. ³ He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel, In Whom I will show My glory." ⁴

But I said, "I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD, And My reward with My God." ⁵ And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, And My God is My strength), ⁶ He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One, To the despised One, To the One abhorred by the nation, To the Servant of rulers, "Kings will see and arise, Princes will also bow down, Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

The Sermon – **“Grace for the World: You Are Light For the World in Christ”**

* The Hymn of Commitment No. 448 – *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound*

* The Congregational Response – *The Doxology* (No. 731)

* The Benediction

* The Postlude

*Congregation Standing, If Able

The purpose of Grace Presbyterian Church is to glorify God by equipping individuals and families with the word of God so that by God's grace they will grow in their service and worship of God, cultivate a genuinely loving fellowship, and influence the world for Jesus Christ.

Evening Worship

The Prelude

The Call to Worship

* The Hymn No. 38 – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

* The Invocation

* The Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism #29-30

Q29: Why is the Son of God called "Jesus," that is, Savior?

A29: Because He saves us from our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in any other.

Q30: Do those also believe in the only Savior Jesus, who seek their salvation and welfare from "saints," themselves, or anywhere else?

A30: No; although they make their boast of Him, yet in their deeds they deny the only Savior Jesus; for either Jesus is not a complete Savior, or they who by true faith receive this Savior, must have in Him all that is necessary to their salvation.

The Reading of Holy Scripture – **Deuteronomy 26**

The Psalm No. 551 – *How Blest Is He Whose Trespass (Psalm 32)*

The Hymn No. 347 – *The Church's One Foundation (new tune)*

The Evening Prayer

The Reading of Holy Scripture – **Mark 6:1-6**

The Sermon – **“Jesus’ Homecoming”**

* The Hymn No. 648 – *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

* The Congregational Response – *The Gloria Patri* (No. 735)

* The Benediction

* The Postlude

A Guide to the Evening Worship

The Confession of Faith – We continue working our way through the Heidelberg Catechism on Sunday evenings. This evening we are reminded that Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father, a truth that is denied by many sects and denominations, but affirmed clearly by Jesus Himself and His apostles: “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6); “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:25). The question often arises about the people who have never heard about Jesus – will they too go to hell? Is that fair? Paul answers that question clearly in the book of Romans: They will go to hell because of their ungodliness and unrighteousness, because they suppress the truth in unrighteousness, and because they know God but worship and serve the Creator (Rom. 1:18-24). For these reasons they need to hear about Jesus, and that is why the work of missions is so imperative: “How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?” (Rom. 10:14ff.). Because we believe that people are lost apart from Christ, we should be all the more diligent to speak to them about Him, even going to the ends of the earth to bring the gospel to those who have never heard.

A Guide to the Morning Service

The Confession of Faith – The Heidelberg Catechism (first published in 1563) was written in Heidelberg, Germany, by two German churchmen, Zacharias Ursinus (1534-1583) and Caspar Olevianus (1536-1584). The first question of the catechism reminds us that as Christians, our comfort is found in the Savior to whom we belong (Jesus), His work on our behalf (satisfaction, redemption, and preservation), and His assuring and enabling Spirit. The second question tells us in outline how one becomes and lives as a Christian (the rest of the catechism is structured around this three-part outline). Guilt, grace, and gratitude are the heart of the Christian life.

The Sacrament of Baptism – What is a sacrament? The Westminster Confession of Faith helpfully answers that question for us: “*Sacraments are holy signs and seals of the covenant of grace, immediately instituted by God, to represent Christ and His benefits; and to confirm our interest in Him; as also, to put a visible difference between those that belong unto the Church, and the rest of the world; and solemnly to engage them to the service of God in Christ, according to His Word. There is in every sacrament a spiritual relation, or sacramental union, between the sign and the thing signified; whence it comes to pass, that the names and effects of the one are attributed to the other. The grace which is exhibited in or by the sacrament rightly used, is not conferred by any power in them; neither doth the efficacy of a sacrament depend upon the piety or intention of him that doth administer it: but upon the work of the Spirit, and the word of institution, which contains, together with a precept authorizing the use thereof, a promise of benefit to worthy receivers*” (WCF 27.1-3). Baptism is a picture of the cleansing that believers have from the guilt of sin (by Christ’s blood) and the power of sin (by Christ’s Spirit). Presbyterians baptize the children of professing believers because they too are members of the covenant community (I Cor. 7:14; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15; Eph. 6:1ff.), and God has made promises to believers and to their children (Gen. 17:7; Acts 2:38). Just as God commanded Abraham to give his children the covenant sign of circumcision (Gen. 17:10), so we give our children the new covenant sign of baptism, which has replaced circumcision as the sign of the covenant (Col. 2:11-12). The Bible teaches that baptism is in itself neither necessary nor sufficient for salvation (i.e., it doesn’t automatically regenerate children, & one can be saved without having been baptized).

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church

If you are visiting with us, we pray the ministry of the Word and the fellowship of God’s people will encourage you. We would love to be able to follow up with you, so please fill out the information below and place it in the offering plate. We do have a nursery available for children four and under, but we love having every member of the covenant community gather with us to worship our Savior and King – feel free to keep your children with you. We celebrate the Lord’s Supper the first Sunday morning of each month. The Inquirers’ Class (a prerequisite for membership for non-PCA members) is offered regularly as a way to learn more about what we believe. If you have any questions about our church, the elders would be happy to talk with you after the service.

Please silence all cell phones upon entering the sanctuary.

(Please tear off and place in the offering plate)

Name_____

Street Address_____

City/State_____ Zip Code_____

Email_____

Telephone_____

Prayer Requests:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The nursery workers today are: G. McCall (SS); Richards’ Family (MW); Stevens (EW). The nursery workers next Sunday are: S. Sperry (SS); Walker Family/B. McClearen (MW); Steele (EW).
- The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated on the second Sunday in January rather than the first Sunday.
- Contributions for 2009 must be given or postmarked no later than December 31.
- In January we will begin meeting in homes throughout the area. These Community Groups will take on many different forms and will meet on different nights. Some will involve children participating and some will not. Some will do book studies, some will have encouraging fellowship and some will look for ways to serve our church and community. As we begin this new venture, the groups will form organically with the following people taking the lead: Dennis Parker, Andy Berg and Robert Row. If you desire to be a part of these Community Groups, please contact one of these men. If you desire to lead a study in your home then let us know – the more options available the better.

GPC CALENDAR

Sunday	Sunday School – 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m. McClearen Anniversary!
Monday	No Calvin’s Institutes Reading Group Today Happy Birthday Mary Richards!
Tuesday	No Events Scheduled
Wednesday	No Events Scheduled
Thursday	No Events Scheduled
Friday	Happy Birthday Jerry Niemann!
Saturday	Happy Birthday Landon Vick!

THE SESSION

Pastor-Teacher: Caleb Cangelosi (calebcangelosi@gmail.com)
Ruling Elders: Brad Bleasdale, Dennis Parker (Clerk of Session), Darryl Richards, Robert Row (Director of Family Ministries, robert.row.grace@gmail.com)

THE DIACONATE

Todd Burks, Chuck Craig, David Cunningham, Jamey Farris, Jason Morse (Treasurer), Michael Savage, Wes Stevens, John Rust (Chairman)

MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT

Pete Mitchell (France), Perry Heusmann (Italy), El Roi Children’s Home in Ethiopia, Third Millennium Ministries, Nashville Presbytery, Reformed University Fellowship at TTU, Reformed Youth Movement, Red Lake Indian Reservation, Helping Hands of Putnam County, Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic, Cookeville Rescue Mission, Cooking on the Square

CHURCH STAFF

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Jeff Wilkins (jeffersondwilkins@gmail.com)

THE LORD’S DAY December 27, 2009

As You Enter Silently, Use These Words to Prepare Your Heart for Worship:

“O Love beyond compare, Thou art good when thou givest, when Thou takest away, when the sun shines upon me, when night gathers over me. Thou hast loved me before the foundation of the world, and in love didst redeem my soul; Thou dost love me still, in spite of my hard heart, ingratitude, distrust. Thy goodness has been with me during another year, leading me through a twisting wilderness, in retreat helping me to advance, when beaten back making sure headway. Thy goodness will be with me in the year ahead; I hoist sail and draw up anchor, with Thee as the blessed Pilot of my future as of my past. I bless Thee that Thou hast veiled my eyes to the waters ahead. If Thou hast appointed a storm of tribulation, Thou wilt be with me in them; if I have to pass through tempests of persecution and temptation, I shall not drown; if I am to die, I shall see Thy face sooner; if a painful end is to be my lot, grant me grace that my faith fail not; if I am to be cast aside from the service I love, I can make no stipulation; only glorify Thyself in me whether in comfort or trial, as a chosen vessel meet always for Thy use.”

-- “Year’s End,” from *Valley of Vision, a book of Puritan Prayers*

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