

THE LORD'S DAY

*Sunday, October 2, 2022, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship*

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude: "O Father, You Are Sovereign" Melchior Teschner

***The Call to Worship:** Psalm 100

***The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

***The Hymn of Adoration:** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" - #119

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies,
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
And everywhere that man can be, you, God, are present there.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

"Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power to remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen."

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardoning Grace

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." | Peter 2:24

***The Hymn of Pardoning Grace:** "God be Merciful to Me" - #486

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgement just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,

Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

The Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 7

7 In the fourth year of King Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is Chislev. ²Now the people of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech and their men to entreat the favor of the Lord, ³saying to the priests of the house of the Lord of hosts and the prophets, "Should I weep and abstain in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?"

⁴Then the word of the Lord of hosts came to me: ⁵"Say to all the people of the land and the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted?' ⁶And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves? ⁷Were not these the words that the Lord proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with her cities around her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?"

⁸And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, ⁹"Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, ¹⁰do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart." ¹¹But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. ¹²They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the Lord of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the Lord of hosts. ¹³"As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear," says the Lord of hosts, ¹⁴"and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the pleasant land was made desolate."

The Pastoral Prayer and 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."

***The Hymn of Supplication: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" - #500**

Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

The Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings

The Choral Anthem: "Bound for the Promised Land" Samuel Stennett & Shelton Love

*On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
Refrain: O who will come and go with me? I'm bound for the promised land.
I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see. I'm bound for the promised land.*

*Across those wide, extended plains shines one eternal day;
The God of light forever reigns and scatters night away. (Refrain)
When I shall reach that happy place, I'll be forever blessed.
There I shall see my Maker's face and in God's bosom rest. (Refrain)*

The Sermon: Luke 20:9-26 Rev. Seth Starkey

"Don't Stumble Over the Cornerstone"

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor. ²¹So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God. ²²Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?" ²³But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, ²⁴"Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?" They said, "Caesar's." ²⁵He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²⁶And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.

***The Hymn of Thanksgiving: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" - #521**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (*refrain*)

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (*refrain*)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (*refrain*)

***The Benediction**

***congregation standing**

the week at grace

Birthdays This Week

Dave Nolen – October 5
Nick Fitzkee – October 6
Amelia Nolen – October 7
Ryan Green – October 8

Today

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
4:45 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship/Fellowship

Monday

6:30 p.m. Trail Life

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Family Night Meal
6:15 p.m. Family Night Activities
7:00 p.m. Music Team Practice

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship

Elder on Duty for this Sunday

Charles Clayton

Deacon on Duty for This Sunday

Ryan Green – Cole Vaughn

Ushers for This Sunday

Tate Johnson, Murray Robertson

Elder on Duty for Next Sunday

Jason Krutz

Deacon on Duty for Next Sunday

Gray Turnage – Matthew Sinclair

Ushers for Next Sunday

Tate Johnson, Murray Robertson, Benjamin Wilkinson

announcements

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church – We are so glad that you are here to worship with us! If you are a visitor, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering plate.

Join the Grace Music Team—Singers and instrumentalists are invited to join our team that assists in leading morning and evening worship. For more information, please contact Cliff Taylor (Director of Music) and/or Collin McLeod (Evening Worship Music Coordinator).

Ladies Bible Study - Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 11am in the church foyer. This fall they are studying Colossians & Philemon. All women are welcome to attend! If you have questions or would like to reserve a study book, please contact Rachel Thomas, 662-617-5135. A nursery is provided.