

# Order of Worship Service

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another 🕊

## God Calls Us To Worship

Song of Entrance 🕊

*For Unto Us a Child is Born*

Call to Worship 🕊

Philippians 3:8-10

Prayer of Invocation 🕊

Lighting the 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Candle

The Bono Family

Songs of Praise 🕊

*Joy to the World  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Jesus, Only Jesus*

## God Leads Us To Respond To the Gospel

Reading God's Word in the Old Testament

Isaiah 53:1-12

Pastoral Prayer

Advent Message For Children

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

*Emmanuel*

## God Instructs Us Through His Means of Grace

Proclaiming the Word of God

Scripture

Luke 2:33-38

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Pastor Mark Horn

*"The Other Side of Christmas"*

## God Sends Us Out To Live In Light of the Gospel

Song of Response ↻

*Jesus, Only Jesus (Reprise)*

Benediction ↻

*By His Grace*

*If we know how great is the love of Jesus for us we will never be afraid to go to Him in all our poverty, all our weakness, all our spiritual wretchedness and infirmity. Indeed, when we understand the true nature of His love for us, we will prefer to come to Him poor and helpless. We can be glad of our helplessness when we really believe that His power is made perfect in our infirmity. — Thomas Merton*

# Sermon Outline

Text: **Luke 2:33-38**

Title: **“The Other Side of Christmas”**

We associate the Christmas story with angels, shepherds, donkeys, and a cute little baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. All of that is true, and it is part of the story – but there is another part. A part that tells of a Savior who came to die and a boy who would grow up to divide mankind into two parts. As we come to this text today, read with eyes that see the shadow of a cross over the manger.

## **Jesus will separate one group of humanity from another – forever**

Jesus Himself said He would bring division and separation

Rising and falling

You can't take Jesus anywhere

## **Jesus will cause great suffering**

For Mary – and for us too

Do not be surprised when this comes – do not run from it

## **Jesus will be the Great Revealer**

A litmus test

The beautiful truth of irresistible grace

So the question comes: Who is this Jesus to you?



# Grace Church

PCA

*In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, this church offers welcome to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are broken and long for healing; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness and want to be satisfied; and to whomsoever will come.*

## **Worship Guide**

December 20, 2015 | 10:45 AM

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