

Order of Worship Service

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Greeting One Another 🕒

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Joy to the World

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God Leads Us to Respond to the Gospel

Reading God's Word In the Old Testament

Ezekiel 10:18-22; 11:22-25

Pastoral Prayer

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God Instructs Us Through His Means of Grace

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-13

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Sermon

Rev. Mark Horn

“The Return of Ichabod”

God Sends Us Out to Live in Light of the Gospel

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Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

Closing Prayer ↻

By His Grace

Growing in Discipleship...through Prayer

A Year to Know the Power, Presence, and Purpose of God through Prayer!

As we celebrate and move forward into what God is doing at our church, we have set aside the next year as one of “growing and going” through prayer. Prayer is something we talk about a lot — but it can be confusing, intimidating, or (if we’re honest), sometimes boring and hard to do. But that’s not how God intended it! Prayer is personal, it is real, and it is an opportunity to connect with the reality of God’s presence and purpose in our lives. If you want to know God better, if you want to know His provision and plan in your life and in this church better — Come, let’s learn how to pray together!

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church! Whether you are a believer in Jesus Christ, a skeptic, or simply someone with a lot of struggles and questions – you are welcome here!

We are a family of incomplete, “work in progress” people centered on the redeeming love of Jesus Christ. We want to follow Christ in His mission and promise of making all things new (Revelation 21:5), and we believe this promise applies to individuals, to families, and to all of life. We invite you to intersect your story with ours as we all intersect with the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus.

At Grace Presbyterian Church, our times together aim to be worshipful (lifting Jesus high, focusing on His greatness, and hearing from Him in His word) and filled with community (loving each other and our guests). You are welcome here. We do not have a dress code or outside expectations of you. We simply invite you to come to Jesus, bring your life and questions to Him and hear from Him by His Spirit and through His Word.

Sermon Notes

Text: Matthew 17:1-13

Title: “The Return of Ichabod”

Christmas is such a time of longing — and waiting. We look forward with expectancy. We are excited about what is to come. But we also have within us a longing for something we have lost; for something wonderful to be restored. The Bible tells us that “we all have sinned — and fall short of the glory of God.” So part of what we celebrate this Christmas is how what we need and what we lack...has now been restored.

How God’s glory was revealed, lost, and revealed again

The Tabernacle

The Temple

Ezekiel & the Departure

Seen again at Christmas

So Jesus is the full revelation — and return — of God’s glory

Why do we need to know this? Why is it all through Scripture?

Why does this matter — and not just with the Christmas story, but with our story?

What we celebrate in promise of Immanuel



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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
Christmas Morning
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