

Order of Worship Service

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another ☞

God Calls Us to Worship

Song of Entrance into Worship ☞

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Call to Worship ☞

Philippians 3:7-10

Prayer of Invocation ☞

Songs of Praise ☞

*Better is One Day
Lead Me to the Cross
In the Secret*

God Leads Us to Respond to the Gospel

A Confession of Struggle and of Faith

Leader: Father of Mercies, God of all Comfort, we come into Your presence today boldly, but not presumptuously. It is Your welcome, Christ's righteousness and our sense of need that makes us feel at home. How we praise You for opening a new and living way for us to receive fresh grace to meet our needs at just the right time. Jesus, it is only because You have merited our salvation and have been punished for our sins that we have this incomparable gift and freedom.

Family: Abba, Father, we thank You for unconditionally accepting and receiving us this day – including our fears, anger, confusion and sadness. Father, our hearts struggle in the face of great evil and the uncertainty of the coming days. We rest in Your promise never to leave us or forsake us, even as we acknowledge our restlessness.

Leader: In time of stress we can clearly see just how much we really need You. We confess our commitment to personal peace and creature comforts. We confess how little we accept suffering as a vital part of the life of following Jesus. We confess how hard we work to make a permanent residence for ourselves in this world, even though You continually tell us that heaven is our true home.

Family: We confess that we often demand what you have not promised us in this lifetime: Answers to every question...an abiding sense that life is fair...acceptable and reasonable hardships...the guarantee of protection against all physical and emotional harm.

Leader: Reminds us, however, of what You have promised all who trust in Jesus: Nothing can separate us from Your love....You will keep us and faithfully deliver us to our heavenly home...You will give us sufficient grace for all things in this life...You will bring to completion the good work You have begun in us, and among all the nations of the world.

All: How then shall we live? Teach us, Father, how to live as commissioned pilgrims, beloved sojourners, and those who have better and lasting possessions and a coming city Whose builder and maker is God. In Jesus name, we pray and praise. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Reading God's Word

Psalm 66:1-10

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Knowing You

God Instructs Us Through His Means of Grace

Scripture

1 Peter 4:12-14

Sermon

Rev. Mark Horn

"What If We Could Know Now What We Will Know Then"

God Sends Us Out to Live in Light of the Gospel

Song of Response ↻

He Leadeth Me

Benediction ↻

By His Grace

It is the same old story, my friends — the same old story of the natural man. Men are trying today, as they have always been trying, to save themselves — to save themselves by their own act of surrender, by the excellence of their own faith, by mystic experiences of their own lives. But it is all in vain. Not that way is peace with God to be obtained. It is to be obtained only in the old, old way — by attention to something that was done once for all long ago, and by acceptance of the living Savior who there, once for all, brought redemption for our sin. Oh, that men would turn for salvation from their own experience to the Cross of Christ. Oh, that they would turn from the phenomena of religion to the living God!

— J. Gresham Machen

Sermon Notes

Text: 1 Peter 4:12-14 (with Philippians 1:29)

Title: “What If We Could Know Now What We Will Know Then”

New Years is filled with hope, resolutions, and looking forward. Out with the old, in with the new! But none of us really know what this year will hold, nor what will happen to us. Beyond resolutions for self-improvement, a Christian’s calling and purpose is to glorify God with his or her life. Are you willing to do that, and to trust Him....no matter what comes?

Three wrong assumptions when Christians suffer

Through suffering – We are enabled to know Christ

Through suffering – We are enabled to trust Christ

Through suffering — We are made more tender

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.



Grace Presbyterian 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

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