

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
January 22, 2023

ISHMAEL -
THE OUTSIDER

Thought for Meditation:

It is out of the exciting renewal of our own faith that the excitement of sharing with the outsider comes... It is simply the excitement of God's love in us that empowers us to have compassion for all people and to share with all people ourselves, and therefore our Lord. *Jack Stotts*

Prelude Adagio and Pastorale on "St Anne" Manz

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

Moment for Mission Pastor Nominating Committee Linda Johnson

Call To Worship Psalm 100 Paul Milz

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

P: Worship the LORD with gladness;

L: Come into his presence with singing.

P: Know that the LORD is God.

L: It is he that made us, and we are his;

P: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

P: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

ALL: For the LORD is good: his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*** Hymn of Praise** All People That on Earth Do Dwell #101

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are so busy with our lives that we forget that our every breath depends on you. We waste time on meaningless activities and fail to recognize moments of grace throughout our day. We indulge in hateful thoughts against those we feel have offended us and we are indifferent toward the suffering in our own neighborhoods. We forget that all people bear your image.

Forgive us, O Lord, for thinking of ourselves before others and before you. Free us from the sins that keep us from living faithfully and joyfully. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior... *Silent prayer of confession.*

Assurance of Forgiveness Hebrews 7:25-26

L: Jesus is our high priest;

P: He is holy, blameless, undefiled, set apart from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

L: Through Jesus our sins are forgiven!

P: Jesus is able to save us completely.

L: Through Christ we are able to come into God's presence.

ALL: Thanks be to God – We are forgiven!

*** Passing of the Peace**

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.

*** Glory Be To the Father** #813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

New Testament Lesson John 10:14-18 (page 934)

Anthem With Every Breath (Medema) Chancel Choir

With every breath I take, O God, I will praise you. With every word I speak, new hope I will sing. When I lie down at night or when I greet the morning light, love of my heart, praises to you gladly I'll bring.

When I am weak, when I am strong, view the bright day, all the night long. When there is hope, when hope is gone, with every breath I will sing on.

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 21:8-21 (page 16)

Sermon God and the Outsider

*** Hymn of Response** In Christ There Is No East or West #428

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended to heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory God that Madest Earth and Heaven Rogers

*** Doxology** #166

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn of Dedication** I Then Shall Live #604

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response** My Tribute #54

To God be the glory, To God be the glory,

To God be the glory for the things He has done.

With His blood He has saved me;

With His pow'r He has raised me.

To God be the glory for the things He has done.

*** Postlude** Fugue in E-flat Bach

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church.

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship. Elsie Deem will be your greeter today. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship; Connie Markle will be your host.



We are planning to release an updated church phone directory in February. There are two directories located in the Narthex. Please review your contact information and let us know if it is correct or if there are changes to be made.



2022 Contribution Reports: Don't forget to pick up your contribution report located in the Narthex.



2023 Offering Envelopes

The 2023 Offering Envelopes are on the table, in the narthex, just to the right of the old entrance. Please pick up your envelopes. Thanks.

Please note - many of the numbers have changed. Make sure you look for the box with your name. Do not automatically take the same number you have always had!

TODAY'S MUSIC: Today's prelude was composed by **Paul Manz**. For decades, Dr. Manz served the Lutheran Church in various churches throughout the nation, along the way creating dozens of fanciful and engaging hymn-tune preludes, and inspiring hundreds of thousands in song festivals he led. Our prelude consists of two parts of a Partita on the hymn tune *St. Anne*. *St. Anne* is William Croft's most enduring composition, probably composed when he was organist at St. Anne's Church in Soho, London. *St. Anne* shares its initial musical phrase with a number of other tunes from the early 18th century (more on that further down).

In 1719, Isaac Watts published *The Psalms of David in the Language of the New Testament*, which included **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** (the hymn most often sung to *St. Anne*). Watts' original title for the hymn was "*Man Frail and God Eternal*."

Now go back to 1539. In May, Martin Luther was invited to preach in the city of Leipzig. Later that year, the city accepted the Augsburg Confession, thereby becoming part of the evangelical (Lutheran) movement. Two hundred years later the city marked these "Leipzig" anniversaries. For that auspicious anniversary the cantor of St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, J.S. Bach, composed a remarkable collection of organ pieces. In his typical humble fashion Bach gave it the rather plain title *Clavierübung* ("Keyboard Practice"), but it is far from plain; it is his monumental organ work.

In this collection, Bach composed settings of hymns from the Lutheran Mass plus settings of each of the "catechism chorales," chorales written or adapted by Martin Luther for the six chief parts of the catechism: Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, and Holy Communion. Bach's Prelude in E-flat opens the *Clavierübung*, the **Fugue in E-flat** closes it. The collection contains two settings of each of the catechism chorales, one large and one small. Bach's stated reason is to have pieces for both advanced and beginning organists. But Bach also may have wanted to reflect Luther's own Large and Small Catechisms. In addition to its well-planned theology of the Mass and chorale texts, the *Clavierübung* has, according to many scholars, symbolic references to the Trinity - both the prelude and fugue present three themes, both are written in a key with three flats, and both include other "threes". In the fugue, the main theme is quite similar to *St. Anne*'s first phrase, though Bach would not have been familiar with that hymn. The "*St. Anne*" theme appears in all three sections. It is the fugue subject in the first section, it appears as a countersubject to the theme of the second section, and is more prominent in the final section, as the lively third theme builds powerfully over the broad "*St. Anne*" theme in the pedal to its majestic conclusion.

**This Week's Calendar
January 22-28**

Sunday	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Fellowship & Nurture Meeting	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
Monday	Session Meeting	6:30pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	Men's Club (Cana Lounge)	6:00pm
	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	7:00pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm

CrossCurrents will be mailed out. If you would like to put anything in CrossCurrents, please get it to the office by Monday morning. You can leave a copy on Wendy's desk or send it to her by email: secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org.

Saturday	Redstone Presbytery Meeting	1:00pm
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Looking Ahead

January 29 - February 4

January 29	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
January 31	Bible Study	1:00pm
February 1	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	7:00pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
February 2	Ladies Club	6:30pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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