

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
February 20, 2022



Thought for Meditation:

Faith (is) a task for a whole lifetime, because it was assumed that dexterity in faith is not acquired in a few days or weeks. *Soren Kierkegaard*

Faith is the word that describes the direction our feet start moving when we find that we are loved. Faith is stepping out into the unknown with nothing to guide us but a hand just beyond our grasp. *Frederick Buechner*

Prelude Partita on "Kingsfold" Callahan
Prelude - Trio - Meditation

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

Call To Worship Isaiah 49:13 Terri Ludwig
L: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
P: Break forth, O mountains, into singing!
L: For the LORD has comforted his people;
P: The LORD will have compassion on those who suffer.
L: Let us adore the God of glory!
P: Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee!

* **Hymn of Praise** Hymn of Joy Insert

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that even when our intentions are good our faith is weak. Even when our love is real it is often selfish. Even when we want to be faithful we fall short. We have sinned against you, against our neighbors, and against your creation. In your mercy forgive us and make us whole. For we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ... *Silent Prayer of Confession.*

Assurance of Forgiveness Exodus 34:6-7
L: The LORD is merciful and gracious!
P: Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
L: The LORD's steadfast love never ends;
P: God forgives our iniquity and sin.
L: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
ALL: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

* 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.

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after the service. Your host will be Stephanie Tutka.

To: Members of Grace Community Presbyterian Church

Due to Covid19, the years 2020 and 2021 were like no other we have experienced here at Grace Church. Our congregation had to wear masks, use hand sanitizer, social distance in the sanctuary and close our church not once but twice. While we could have suffered financially during those shutdowns, we were blessed that our church members honored their financial commitments of stewardship and allowed us to continue paying bills as normal. We are starting 2022 with our church open and operating in a normal fashion. Not only is there the need to generate funds to maintain our regular budget but we must also address some necessary building repairs and the expansion of mission plans for this year. To that end, we would prayerfully ask that you review your current giving amounts and if possible, increase your stewardship for this year so that we may continue to support our church, community and missions around the world.

Thank you, The Stewardship and Finance Committee

Volunteers needed for coffee fellowship, sign-up sheet is located near the office or see a member of the Reach Out committee.

Thank You!

The Mission Study Team has started meeting. This group will help Grace Church discern where God is calling it and what type of pastor the church needs. Please keep this group in your prayers, and as they plan various events and activities please participate as much as possible. Michael Cochenour, Kerrie Colaiani, Bill Ludwig, Glenn Nordstrom, Stephanie Tutka, Terri Wilson.

GCPC Website – Don't forget to check our website out: gracecommunitypresbyertian.org. The website is updated weekly with current information.

TODAY'S MUSIC: *Kingsfold* is a hymn tune based on an English folk song, often used for the hymn “**O Sing a Song of Bethlehem**” (#291 in our hymnal), by Louis F. Benson. Like a compressed gospel, the four stanzas of this hymn summarize the life and ministry of Jesus, progressing chronologically and geographically through Jesus’ earthly years. The first two lines of each stanza call Christians to sing a song of a location (Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, and Calvary and, like a photo album, present a scene from Jesus’ life in that place. The final two lines of each stanza connect the historical event to the present. Thus the light that shone upon the shepherds brightens today’s world and the song of the angels is still sung (st.1); every heart today can be touched with beauty because of Christ’s life (st.2); the word of peace spoken by the Master comes by faith to still storms of troubles (st.3); and, by his resurrection, the One who died on Calvary lives now to save those who believe on him (st.4). (from *The Worshiping Church*, Hope Publishing)

The author, Louis F. Benson (1855-1930), graduated from the University of Pennsylvania law school, but practiced law only seven years. In 1877, he entered Princeton Theological Seminary. Louis was ordained a minister in 1888 and pastored at the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer in Germantown, Pennsylvania. In 1894 he resigned to devote himself to literary and non-pastoral church work.

The tune *Forest Green* is an English ballad tune that was transcribed by Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1903, when he heard it sung by a Mr. Garman of Forest Green (hence the name of the tune) near Ockley, Surrey. The tune is often paired with the hymn “**All Beautiful the March of Days.**” The hymn was written by Frances Whitmarsh Wile after she was approached by her pastor to write a hymn about the spiritual values of winter. Wile describes the unique beauty of winter and recalls the promises that the activities of winter bring. The final stanza echoes Psalm 19, day and night “proclaim...the wonder of Thy name.”

This Week's Calendar

Feb. 20	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Deacons Mtg.	9:00am
	C.S. Lewis Adult SS (Led by Doug Marshall)	9:00am
	Youth Group (Jr & High School age)	6:00pm
Feb. 21	Presidents' Day	
Feb. 22	Bible Study	1:00pm
Feb. 23	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Choir	7:00pm
Feb. 24	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm

CrossCurrents will be mailed out. If you have anything you would like to submit, please send an email to the office by Monday, February 21. secretary@gracecommunitypresbyterian.org

Looking Ahead

Feb. 27	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Youth Group (Jr & High School age)	6:00pm
	Chicken Pot Pie Dinner	5:00pm
Feb. 28	Session Mtg.	7:00pm
March 1	Bible Study	1:00pm
March 2	Ash Wednesday	
	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Choir	7:00pm
March 3	Cub Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Ladies Club	6:30pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
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Worship Service is at 10:00am

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Cathy Christoforetti
Michael Cochenour*
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David Highfield
Dan Howard
John Irvin*
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Glenn Nordmark*
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*Denotes Chairman

**Clerk of Session

Deacons

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Gary Barbiaux
Judy Barbiaux
Kitty Berkley
Margie Bistline
Beulah Brown
Jackie Chickerella*
Cindy Irvin
Linda Johnson
Terri Ludwig
Connie Markle
Judy Sulitz
Mary Ann Walter
Lou Walter

*Denotes Moderator

Hymn Of Joy"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness Fill us with the light of day

(CHORUS)

Rejoice, rejoice! [Emmanuel](#)
Your love has come Here to dwell

All Thy works with joy surround Thee Earth and heaven reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee

(Chorus 2 X's)

Mortals join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us Joining all in heaven's plan
Ever singing march we onward Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life

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