

# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 13, 2008

8:45 a.m.



## GATHERING PRAISE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

## PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

## BOWING BEFORE GOD IN PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Matthew 3:13-17

## SERMON

"The Life of the Beloved"

## CELEBRATION SONG

## BLESSING

## DEPARTING IN FAITH AND HOPE

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January 13, 2008

Baptism of the Lord

11:15 a.m.

Today we use *The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)*

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHIMES

### PRELUDE

“The Lily of the Valley”

arr. K. Varner

The Congregation Stands

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #470 (stanzas 1, 2 & 3)

**O Day of Radiant Gladness** ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Psalm 29)*

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

People: **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

Leader: May the LORD give strength to his people!

All: **May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

### GLORIA #579

GREATOREX

The Congregation is Seated

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all time, on the first day of creation, you called day and night into existence. Forgive us: for being drawn into sin's shadows; for hoarding your light and grace; for thinking creation is our toy, not our home.

On the first day of his baptism, you named Jesus as your Son. Forgive us: for following other messiahs; for not seeing him in those we love; for not serving those we don't like.

At our baptism, you call us your Beloved. Forgive us: when we think we are your favorite; when we do not embrace the stranger; when we do not love as we should.

*A Time for Silent Prayers of Confession*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: On that great day by the Jordan: John called sinners to repentance; Jesus yielded to your love; a Voice carved through sin's silence. So, hear, believe and live the Good News: in Christ Jesus, we are all forgiven.

All: **God loves us and claims us; God sends us forth to share the good news of Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God!**

The Congregation Stands

### HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #470 (stanza 4)

**O Day of Radiant Gladness**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: May the joy of the Lord be always with you all!

People: **And also with you.**

*(The people greet fellow worshippers with the peace of Christ)*

The Congregation is Seated

**GATHERING HYMN #492 (stanza 1)**

**Baptized in Water**

BUNESSAN

**CHILDREN IN THE CHANCEL**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT**

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

**ANTHEM**

**“Spirit of Mercy, Truth & Love”**

Howard Helvey

**READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

**SERMON**

**“The Life of the Beloved”**

The Congregation Stands

**REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

**Scripture Sentences**

**Renunciations**

Do you renounce all evil, and powers in the world which defy God’s righteousness and love?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

**Profession**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Plate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

You have made a public profession of your faith. Will you continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I will, with God’s help and guidance.**

The Congregation is Seated

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism**

The Congregation is Seated

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us)

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory**

**“Beautiful Savior”**

CRUSADER’S HYMN

The Congregation Stands

**Doxology #592**

OLD HUNDREDETH

**Prayer of Dedication**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN # 343**

**Called as Partners in Christ’s Service**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Agincourt Hymn”**

John Dunstable

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**WELCOME VISITORS:** In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship today. Please sign the friendship pad during the announcements so that we may have a record of your presence today.

**A REMINDER ABOUT FINANCES:** 2007 is quickly drawing to a close. If you made a monetary pledge to the church’s general fund for the current year, please make every effort to pay your pledge in full by the end of December. Also, for those who made a pledge to the Building Fund 3 years ago, please remember that 2007 is the final year to complete payment of these pledges. This is a very critical time for church finances as we close out 2007 and seek to begin 2008 on as strong a financial base as possible. Grace Presbyterian Church greatly appreciates all of you who so faithfully support the church’s ministry with your giving.

**The Property Committee** will sponsor a potluck dinner on Sunday, January 27th at 6:00 pm. Since the meat will be provided, reservations will be required. You are asked to bring vegetables, bread, salads or desserts. Please register your intended attendance on the friendship pads or call Linda Cole at the church office at 386-3241. Following the dinner, the Property Committee will give a guided tour of the new construction. A trivia questions contest will follow the guided tour. Plan to join us for a night of food and fellowship.

**Please note the following address:** PS1 (SW/AW) Britt Ripley, CJTF HOAJ1, FPO AE 09363-9998

**Please note the following** cell phone number correction for Wendi Glenn: (901)338-3816.

**Please remember** that the **Annual Congregation Meeting** will be held **this morning at 10:45**. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

**First Presbyterian Church’s Soup Kitchen** is asking us to collect items for hygiene kits. In January they are asking for travel size shampoo/conditioner bottles. There will be a box in the Narthax for these items.

**Day Trippers will sponsor White Elephant Bingo** Monday, January 28, 2008. We will have a potluck lunch at 11:30 am and Bingo from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. You are

encouraged to bring a new item to be used as a prize that has a value of at least one dollar—one that you have absolutely no use for, but just can't bring yourself to part with. Bring a potluck lunch item—bringing a prize is not a requirement, additional prizes will be provided. Come join us for a time of fellowship, food and fun.

**Once again the Presbyterian Women** will be collecting Valentines to be delivered to our veterans at the Veteran's Hospital right here in Memphis, by our own Janet Vawter, a nurse. Janet sees first hand how something as simple as a little Valentine can lift the spirits of wounded and sick veterans. Drop your Valentine message in the Valentine box in the Narthax and bring a blessing to our brave veterans. Deadline is February 06, 2008. Thank You, Jean Markham

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| <p><u>Sunday, January 13, 2008</u><br/>             8:45 am Contemporary Worship<br/>             10:00 am Sunday School<br/>             11:15 am Traditional Worship<br/>             5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal<br/>             6:00 pm Youth Progressive Dinner<br/> <u>Monday, January 14, 2008</u><br/>             7:00 pm Commitment Committee<br/>             7:00 pm Circle #4</p> | <p><u>Sunday, January 20, 2008</u><br/>             8:45 am Contemporary Worship<br/>             10:00 am Sunday School<br/>             11:15 am Traditional Worship<br/>             5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal<br/>             2:00 pm Youth Outreach Bowling<br/> <u>Monday, January 21, 2008</u><br/>             7:00 pm Sessions</p> |
| <p><u>Tuesday, January 15, 2008</u><br/>             10:00 am Circle #3 Meeting</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 16, 2008</u><br/>             6:30 pm Youth Bible Study<br/>             7:30 pm Choir</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 17, 2008</u><br/>             7:00 pm Care Committee</p>   | <p><u>Wednesday, January 23, 2008</u><br/>             6:30 pm Youth Bible Study<br/>             7:30 pm Choir</p>   |



**REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH**

**Our Church Family:**

- John Gordon .....Recovering at home
- Frances Young .....Memphis Jewish Home
- Alex Martin, grandson of Virginia Martin .....Deploying to Iraq in January
- Lou Kehrli .....Working in Bahrain
- Britt, Brenda and Brittany Ripley .....Deployed to Djibouti, Africa
- Reverend Larry & Beth Turner, as they prepare to move to Bartlett and Grace Presbyterian Church.

**Our Extended Church Family:**

Mike Russell .....Cancerous tumor on spine  
Joe Gonzales, Daniel Hicks granddad .....Cancer  
Paul Cave, Dan & Georgie Cave’s brother ....Cancer treatment  
Mike Kuykendall, son of June Kuykendall .....Brain tumor  
Viola Gonzales.....Kidney Failure  
Shirley Davie, Sister of Carol Haley and the family of Dave Davie, who passed away in December 2007.  
The family of Dr. Nat Kuykendall, June Kuykendall’s brother-in-law and Jane McGoldrick’s uncle who passed away December 29, 2007.  
The family of Walter E. Caldwell, Father of Betsy Lewis who passed away Dec. 18, 2007.

**Worship Attendance for January 06, 2008**

8:45 25  
11:15 84  
Total 109

**IN SERVICE THIS WEEK January 13, 2008**

Oversight Elders: Opening – Byron Graves  
Closing – John Evans  
Hosts—11:15 am: Bill Carroll, Virginia Martin, Johnnie & Daryl Davis

**IN SERVICE NEXT WEEK January 20, 2008**

Oversight Elders: Opening – Charlotte Hicks  
Closing – Sarah Paffenroth  
Hosts—11:15 am: Mark & Sarah Pfaffenroth, Linda Tolley, Lee Gunther

**THE SESSION (Our governing body)**

<u>Class of 2008</u>	<u>Class of 2009</u>	<u>Class of 2010</u>
Dossett Foster, Session Clerk	Cathy Bendall	Bill Carroll
John Gordon	Joe Bishop	John Evans
Charlotte Hicks	Byron Graves	Mark Gray
Sarah Pfaffenroth	Sandy Kehrli	Jean Markham
Jere Lawson	Miree Pomeroy	Walt Schrimper
	John Price	Jean Starnes

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