

# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**March 31, 2019**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

## CHURCH SESSION

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Grace Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA),  
Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

## **The Bell Calls Us to Worship**

The congregation stands

### **Silent Procession by choir and pastor**

The congregation sits

**Introit by the Choir** Christ, We Do All Adore Thee Theodore Dubois, 1899

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,  
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

### **Prayer to the Lamb of God**

After each section of the prayer, the congregation joins the pastor, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

### **Hymn 85**

What Wondrous Love Is This Wondrous Love

### **Prayer of Confession**

Unison

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.**

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.**

**Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior ...**

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **Kyrie by the Choir**

David N. Johnson, 1972

### **Concluding Prayer by the Pastor**

### **Assurance of Pardon – Epistle**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The congregation stands to sing

### **Hymn 482**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty Lobe Den Herren

### **Opening Sentences**

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **The maker of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Prayer for the Day** (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)  
God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

The children come to the Baptismal Font for a

### **Time for Young Christians**

#### **Old Testament**

Joshua 5:9-12

#### **Psalm 32**

Unison

**Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.**

**Day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

**Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;**

**I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;**

**at a time of distress the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;**

**you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go.**

**I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

**Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,**

**whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.**

**Many are the torments of the wicked,**

**but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,**

**and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

### **Anthem**

My Savior and My God

Jay Althouse, 2014

My life, my love I give to Thee; Thou Lamb of God who died for me.

O may I ever faithful be, my Savior and my God.

Thou who died on Calvary to save my soul and set me free, I'll dedicate my life to Thee.

I'll live for Him who died for me. How richer then my life will be.

I'll bow to Him on bended knee, my Savior and my God

(-- Ralph E. Hudson, 1882; alt.; Jay Althouse)

### **Gospel**

Luke 15:1-32

### **Sermon**

Where Are You Supposed to Be?

Mike Krech

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, ...’” Luke 15:17,18a

The congregation stands to sing

### **Hymn 280**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing Grace

### **Apostles’ Creed**

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

### **Gloria Patri 579**

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

### **Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

### **Offertory Sentence**

### **Offertory**

The congregation stands to sing the

### **Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

### **Benediction**

### **Recessional Hymn 366**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

St. Catherine

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent, which began with Ash Wednesday March 6, 2019, and extends 40 days (excluding Sundays), concluding with Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019.

Our order of service seeks to reflect the penitential nature of this season, as we in heart and mind join Jesus in his 40 days in the wilderness.

JMK