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# Grace Presbyterian Church

**Worships God at 11:00 a.m.**

**December 30, 2018**

**The First Sunday after Christmas**

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** "Love Came Down at Christmas" arr. Lani Smith

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 31** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn

## 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**.)  
Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored,  
the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ,  
who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**Hymn 46** On This Day Earth Shall Ring Personent Hodie

**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 bring their ringing collection and come to the Chrismon Tree for a  
**Time for Young Christians**

The congregation remains seated to sing the following hymns and carols:

**Hymn 37** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly W Zlobie Lezy

**Hymn 44** O Little Town of Bethlehem St. Louis

## Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament

#### Psalm 148

Unison

1 Samuel 2:18-21,26

#### Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him from the heights.

Praise him, all his angels; praise him all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created;

he established them forever and ever;

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command,

mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth.

young men and women alike, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

His glory is above the earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,

for the people of Israel who are close to him.

#### Praise the Lord!

#### Anthem

Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts

Camille Saint-Saëns, 1858

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation.

Bless his name; show forth his praise in His holy house.

Rejoice, ye heav'ns and be joyful on earth.

Rejoice in the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

Rejoice, ye angels; rejoice all nations, now in the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

#### Epistle

Colossians 3:12-17

#### Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

#### Sermon

A Sense of Place, A Sense of Purpose

Mike Krech

“He said to them, ‘Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’”

Luke 2:49

The congregation stands to sing

#### Hymn 53

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

#### Apostles’ Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

#### Gloria in Excelsis

Refrain of Hymn 23

Gloria

The congregation sits.

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

#### Hymn 275

God of Our Life

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#### A Renewal of the Covenant (from John Wesley’s Watch Night Service, 1740)

In the old covenant ... Let us give ourselves completely to God, trusting in God’s promises and relying on God’s grace.

**I give myself completely to you, O God. Assign me my place in your creation.**

**Let me suffer for you. Give me the work you would have me do.**

**Give me many tasks or have me step aside while you call others.**

**Put me forward or humble me.**

**Give me riches or let me live in poverty.**

**I freely give all that I am and all that I have to you.**

**And now, holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours.**

**So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue for all eternity.**

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

#### Offertory Sentence

#### Offertory

“Two Lullabies for the Christ Child”

arr. Franklin Ritter

The congregation stands to sing the

#### Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

#### Benediction

#### Recessional Hymn 49

Once in Royal David’s City

Irby

#### Postlude

“Let Us All Rejoice This Christmas Day”

Ross Anderson

Welcome to worship at **Grace Presbyterian Church**. Today we continue the season of Christmas with Luke’s account of Jesus in the temple at the age of twelve. We also look to the new year with a service of covenant renewal during our prayers. (JMK)