

## CHURCH SESSION

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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

October 16, 2022

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (Grosser Gott) arr. Diane Bish

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**.)

O Lord, tireless guardian of your people, ever prepared to hear the cries of your chosen ones: teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Support our prayer, lest we grow weary. Drive us to seek your enduring justice and your ever-present help; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

**Prayer of Confession** Unison

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father: we have sinned against you,  
in what we have done and in what we have left undone.**

**We confess that our stewardship of your gift of life  
falls short of your call to be thankful in all circumstances,  
nor have we been as generous with our material resources  
as you have been with us.**

**Forgive our offenses that we may serve you in newness of life ...**

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 179** God Is My Strong Salvation Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben

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

**People:** And also with you.

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

### Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Baptismal Font for a

**Time for Young Christians**

**Stewardship Reflections**

Lou Kehrli

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament**

Jeremiah 31:27-34

**Psalms 119:97-104**

Unison

**O, how I love your law. It is my meditation all day long.**

Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
for your decrees are in my heart.

I understand more than the aged,  
for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances,  
for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.

**Anthem**

Thy Word Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant, 1990

Choral Setting, Jack Schrader

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side. I will love you to the end. You're the light unto my path.

**Epistle**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 450**

O Day of Peace

Jerusalem

The congregation sits.

**Gospel**

Luke 18:1-8

**Sermon**

Stick-To-Itiveness

Mike Krech

“Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.”

Luke 18:1

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 375**

Lord of All Good

Toulon

**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**

Wonderful Words of Life

Philip P. Bliss, 1874

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Hymn 438**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,  
or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

**Postlude**

Celebration Medley

arr. Don Wyrzten

(Praise Him in the Morning with When Morning Gilds the Skies)

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

Please linger for the catered stewardship dinner.

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680; Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.  
Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN; Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;  
Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

### **God Is My Strong Salvation**

God is my strong salvation; What foe have I to fear?  
In peril and temptation My light, my help, is near.  
Though hosts encamp around me, Firm to the fight I stand;  
What terror can confound me, With God at my right hand?  
Place on the Lord reliance, My soul, with courage, wait;  
God's truth be thine affiance, When faint and desolate.  
God's might thy heart shall strengthen, God's love thy joy increase;  
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; The Lord will give thee peace.

Text: James Montgomery, 1822; alt. 1988  
Tune: CHRISTUS DER IST MEIN LEBEN; Melchior Vulpius, 1609

### **O Day of Peace**

O day of peace that dimly shines Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams.  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love, Delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands, Our hearts from envy find release,  
Till by God's grace our warring world Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.  
Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, Nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
As beasts and cattle calmly graze, A little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love, All creatures find their true accord;  
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, For all the earth shall know the Lord.

Text: Carl P. Daw, 1982;

Tune: JERUSALEM; C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

### **Lord of All Good**

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;  
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill;  
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

We give our minds to understand Your ways,  
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design,  
Heart with the flame of Your own love ablaze,  
Till for Your glory all our powers combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1962; alt.

Tune: TOULON; Genevan Psalter, 1551; Adapt. From Genevan 124

### **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers:  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1782;

Tune: DENNIS; Johann Georg Nägeli (1773-1836) arr. Lowell Mason, 1845