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## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

**December 29, 2019**

**The First Sunday of Christmas**

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

**Prelude** The Little Drummer Boy David/Onorati/Simeone arr. Carol Tornquist

The congregation stands to sing

**Processional 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 34** In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born Discovery

**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 Offering and come to the Chrismon Tree for a  
**Time with Young Christians**

### **Hymn and Carol Sing**

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

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

**Hymn 48** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Es Ist Ein' Ros'

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament**

Isaiah 63:7-9

**Psalm 148**

Unison

**Praise the Lord.**

**Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in 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 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 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**

Hebrews 2:10-18

**Gospel**

Matthew 2:13-23

**Sermon**

The Power of Grace and the Graceless Powers

Mike Krech

“Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, ... for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”  
Matthew 2:13b,d

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**

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

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn

arr. Carol Tornquist

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn 40**

Joy to the World

Antioch

**Postlude** Angels We Have Heard on High traditional; arr. Carol Tornquist

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

Today we continue the season of Christmas with Matthew's account of Jesus being taken by Joseph and Mary into Egypt to escape the deadly designs of King Herod. (JMK)