

# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

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

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

Be Strong in the Lord

Tom Fettke  
arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

### 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, fount of all wisdom, crown of all knowledge, give us eyes to see and  
minds to understand your marvelous works, that we may know you through your  
handiwork and use your creation to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**  
The congregation sits.

### Prayer of Confession

Unison

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ your Son. ...

### Silent Prayers of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 341** Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine Assurance

**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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Epistle** Romans 6:12-23

**Psalm 13** Unison

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death.

And my enemy will say, "I have prevailed."

My foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord, who has dealt bountifully with me.

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 440** In Christ There Is No East or West McKee

The congregation sits.

**Old Testament**

**Gospel** Genesis 22:1-14  
Matthew 10:40-42

**Sermon** Following Father Abraham

"After these things, God tested Abraham."

Mike Krech

Genesis 22:1a

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 408** Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life Germany

**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** At the Name of Jesus John Zundel

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592** Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Hymn 420** God of Grace and God of Glory Cwm Rhondda

**Postlude** Praise Him! Praise Him! Chester G. Allen

arr. Mary McDonald

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

We have begun the season of Sundays after Trinity Sunday, also called Ordinary Time, which extends until Advent begins on November 29.

Our Gospel readings come from Matthew,

the Old Testament from Genesis,

and the Epistle from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The liturgical color is green,

emblematic of growth in faith, which these lessons seek to help us achieve. (JMK)

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.

(Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; alt; Tune: St. Anne; attr. William Croft, 1708)

### **Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long (Repeat)  
Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.  
(Refrain)

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873; Tune: Assurance; Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873)

### **In Christ There Is No East or West**

In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;  
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord, Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east or west, In Him meet south and north;  
All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.

(Text: John Oxenham, 1908; alt.; Tune: McKee, African-American spiritual;  
*Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940)

### **Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

Where cross the crowded ways of life, Where sound the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife, We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need, On shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,  
From paths where hide the lures of greed, We catch the vision of Thy tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness, From human grief and burdened toil,  
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress, Thy heart had never known recoil.

The cup of water given for Thee Still holds the freshness of Thy grace;  
Yet long these multitudes to see The sweet compassion of Thy face.

O Master, from the mountainside, Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
Among these restless throngs abide, O tread the city's streets again;

Till all the world shall learn Thy love, And follow where Thy feet have trod;  
Till glorious from Thy heaven above Shall come the city of our God.

(Text: Frank Mason North, 1905, alt.;

Tune: Germany; attr. Ludwig van Beethoven; Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815)

### **God of Grace and God of Glory**

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story; Brings its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces, Pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not them nor Thee!

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Thy salvation Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore.

(Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.;

Tune: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes, 1907)