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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

January 1, 2023

The Season of Christmas – The Holy Name

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Miles Lane) arr. David H. Lowe

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 49 Once in Royal David's City Irby

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.**)

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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 Chrismon tree for a
Time for Young Christians

Hymns of Trust for the New Year

Hymn 275 God of Our Life Sandon

Hymn 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

(Please stand on the final refrain "Great is Thy faithfulness ...")

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 8

Unison

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants

**you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established,

**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals, that you care for them.**

Yet you have made them little lower than the angels

and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands.

You have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen, the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Anthem

What a Beautiful Name

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood Soloist: Daniel Whitaker

Epistle

Galatians 4:4-7

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 53

What Child Is This

Greensleeves

The congregation sits.

Gospel

Luke 2:15-40

Sermon

In the Name of Jesus

Mike Krech

“... and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.”

Luke 2:21b

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 27

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child Tempus Adest Floridum

Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria in Excelsis

Refrain of Hymn 23

Gloria

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory

Star in the East

William Walker

Southern Harmony, 1815 arr. Susan Steppe

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

You may come by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup from the pastor and elders.

OR you may go to the tables to the left or right, eat the bread and drink from a cup there.

In either case:

Please observe physical distancing of six feet as you come to the tables.

Please give the person in front of you adequate time for a reverent Communion.

Place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion Unison

O God, you have so greatly loved us,

long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,

our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Worshipers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and quickly now if necessary.

Postlude How Majestic Is Your Name/Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Michael W. Smith/Lobe Den Herren arr. Larry Mayfield

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church as today we continue the season

of Christmas and observe The Holy Name of Jesus, associated with the circumcision of

Jesus on the eighth day. We also acknowledge the new year – A.D. 2023. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for a bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.
Jesus is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness, And He shares in all our gladness.
And our eyes at least shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt;

Tune: IRBY, Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; Harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

God of Our Life

God of our life, through all the circling years, We trust in Thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.
God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land; Be Thou our guide.
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.
God of the coming years, through paths unknown We follow Thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; Our refuge be.
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Text: Hugh Thomson Kerr, 1916; alt. 1928;

Tune: SANDON; Charles Henry Purday, 1860; Harm. John Weaver, 1986

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto
me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

Text: Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923;

Tune: FAITHFULNESS; William Marion Runyan, 1923

What Child Is This

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Text: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1871;

Tune: GREENSLEEVES; English ballad, 16th century;
arr. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.

Angels sang about His birth, Wise men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled, But no more a stranger,
Son of God, of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth, Hail the King of glory!

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1919;

Tune: TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM; *Piae Cantiones*, 1582;

Arr. Ernest C. MacMillan, 1930

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

Tune: MENDELSSOHN; Felix Mendelssohn, 1840;

Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855