



The Lord's Day  
February 14, 2021

Presbyterian Church in America

## *Welcome to Grace Fellowship!*

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us on this Lord's Day to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As you worship with us, we trust that you will be inspired to sing praises with your whole heart, to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit, to be challenged and uplifted by the preaching and teaching of the gospel from God's word. It is our prayer that we all leave this place changed people, and that we would all be confident that we have been in the presence of the Lord.

During this difficult time of phased regathering, we are only offering worship at 10:30 with no child care provided. We also have a Wednesday evening Bible study via ZOOM. Contact us through the website or email address on the back of the bulletin to participate.

Our worship service will be abbreviated. No food will be served because of the danger of spreading COVID-19. Social distancing will be observed.

We ask that you wear masks for the sake of the most vulnerable among us. If you choose not to wear a mask, we will have a special seating area designated. We ask that you do not get up and move about the sanctuary. We will have masks and hand sanitizer available. Due to social distancing requirements you will notice that the chairs in the sanctuary are arranged in such a fashion as to keep families at least 6 feet apart. We ask that you observe this social distancing and not sit any closer than 6 feet other than when sitting with members of your own immediate family.

For those who wear masks and are concerned, please be aware that there will be some present who are not wearing masks

For those who are uncomfortable attending, I will still provide a sermon video each week on the website until the danger is past and all quarantine restrictions have been lifted.

You will find a prayer request slip in the bulletin. If you have a prayer request, please fill it out and drop it in the offering plate at the table in back. If it is confidential, please write that and give it to the pastor or one of the elders directly. We will keep it in strictest confidence. You may also communicate your prayer requests by e-mail to [info@graceasheboro.org](mailto:info@graceasheboro.org).

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a blue visitor's card available at the back or from one of the greeters. We would love to stay in touch with you.

*As there continues to be concern about the spread of COVID-19, we recommend that everyone wear a mask or face shield, use hand sanitizer (available at the back), and maintain rigorous social distancing.*

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, **2** complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but *in humility count others more significant than yourselves*. **4** *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others*. **5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus—*Philippians 2:1-5*

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Opening Prayer*

*\*Call to Worship*

Isaiah 60:1-3

*\*Hymn of Praise*

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

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1 Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears;  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on His hands.

*Chorus (women echo italics)*  
Arise (*arise*), arise (*arise*), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Arise (*arise*), arise (*arise*), arise  
Arise, my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

2 He ever lives above, for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;  
His blood atoned for Adam's race,  
His blood atoned for Adam's race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.  
(Repeat chorus)

3 Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"  
(Repeat chorus)

4 The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed One;  
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;  
The Spirit answers to the blood,  
The Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God.  
*(Repeat chorus)*

5 My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.  
*(Repeat chorus)*

*Pastoral Prayer  
And Prayer of Confession*

Pastor Doug Stelzig

*\*Song of Praise*

*I Will Rise*

Words and Music: Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Louie Giglio, Matt Maher

There's a peace I've come to know  
Though my heart and flesh may fail  
There's an anchor for my soul  
I can say "It is well"

*(Pre-Chorus)*  
Jesus has overcome  
And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won  
He is risen from the dead

*(Chorus)*  
*And I will rise when He calls my name*  
*No more sorrow, no more pain*  
*I will rise on eagles' wings*  
*Before my God fall on my knees*  
*And rise*  
*I will rise*

There's a day that's drawing near  
When this darkness breaks to light  
And the shadows disappear  
And my faith shall be my eyes

*(Repeat Pre-Chorus and Chorus)*

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
"Worthy is the Lamb"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,  
"Worthy is the Lamb"  
(x2)

*Message*

Rev. Doug Stelzig

**Acts: From Jerusalem to Rome**

**Series 2: The Spread of the Gospel through Palestine (6:8-9:31)**

**The Conversion of Saul the Pharisee  
to Paul the Servant of Christ**

Acts 9:1-19

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest **2** and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3** Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. **4** And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" **5** And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **6** But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." **7** The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. **8** Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. **9** And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

**10** Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." **11** And

the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, **12** and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." **13** But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. **14** And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." **15** But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. **16** For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." **17** So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." **18** And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; **19** and taking food, he was strengthened.

*\*Our Response and Offering*

1 Corinthians 8:7

To maintain social distance, we will not pass an offering plate. It will be on a table at the back. Please deposit your gifts and offerings there.

*\*Closing Hymn*

*Christ Is Mine Forevermore*

Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson

1 Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

2 Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

3 Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name  
But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

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*\*Benediction*

Pastor

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Sunday, February 14, 2021

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### Prayer Concerns

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2 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.—2 *Thessalonians* 1:3

#### Our Church Family

For Grace Fellowship, that we might be Christ's witnesses in Asheboro, that we might grow in unity and in grace, and for our sister churches in the area and throughout the country;

For our community, Asheboro and Randolph County as we continue to deal with the effects of COVID-19 and for all affected by it.

For health-care workers;

For our children and our Children's Ministry,

Paul & Emily Adams-health concerns; Julie Hardy-health concerns;

Donna Biesecker as she continues to grieve the loss of her son, Chuck, and for Chuck's wife, Cass, and their family; for Donna's brother- and sister-in-law, Gene and Susie Biesecker: both have health problems, and Susie has broken her hip.

Carmacs, for Zoe who has moved back to NCSU, and Noel as she attends Asheboro High School online; for both girls to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ;

Zoe Carmac, for her friend, Lindsey, who was in a serious car accident, is now in a coma with an uncertain prognosis;

Crosses: who have arrived in Arizona, that the time they have with children and grandchildren will glorify Christ;

Jan Greer: Jan had successful surgery to remove a very small cancerous mass; her lymph nodes were free of cancer; She will start a course of radiation treatment later this month as a precaution against recurrence;

Hensleys: for Gracie as she continues nursing school, especially for the difficulty of learning online; for Mark's colleague Mac, who is in the hospital with COVID-19 and other health issues;

Ashley Richardson: for continued healing; for grace as she finishes up her college degree, and for the Wirt family who lost their son last weekend;

Doug Richardson, for the turmoil and uncertainty of the hospital's changeover to new management;

Rosentraters: for Michelle as she struggles with chronic health issues;

Stelzigs as Cindy travels to Montgomery, Alabama for a conference and then on to Florida for a time of reflection and renewal in the Lord;

Zack and Janice Roberts, and their growing infant daughter, Blair;

William and Deborah Vancannon, as they and their extended family continue to battle coronavirus; praise as their condition continues to improve;

Brenda Yelverton, for her Uncle Jerry and Aunt Shirley; Jerry's condition is not improving

### *Our Missionary Families*

Jonah & Shadeeya Hooper, Neraiah, Jonah, with Reformed University Fellowship at Winston-Salem State University, especially during this season when Jonah is not able to be on campus because of COVID-19 restrictions;

John and Lorena McCall, Annaliese, Caleb, Benjamin with Mission to the World who just arrived in Medellin, Colombia; please pray for their transition;

Jeremy & Gina Sink, Garrett, Josiah, Joshua, with Serge in Nagoya, Japan (newsletter available online [www.grace4japan.com](http://www.grace4japan.com));

Darin & Melanie Stone, Sarah, Luke, Ryan, and Caroline, with Mission to North America/Ministry to the State in Raleigh, NC; continue to pray for their family, especially for their infant daughter, Caroline, for Melanie as she teaches school virtually while the kids attend school virtually at home, as well as for Darin as he, too works from home and helps with the kids' schooling.

Announcements

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study

Small Group/Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 pm via ZOOM. We will continue our study of Philippians. Please join us as we seek to understand God's story, our place in it, and how that undergirds all of our beliefs. Email us for details on how to join the meeting.

Sunday Morning Activities Curtailed

For the time being, there will be no Sunday breakfast, no children's Sunday School, and no Adult Bible Study.

<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Doug Stelzig
<i>Elders</i>	Chris Carmac Jim Cross Mark Hensley Peter Rosentrater
<i>Treasurer</i>	Doug Richardson
<i>Children's Coordinator</i>	Deborah Voncannon

Financial Updates

As of 12/31/2020	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Giving – Year-to-date	\$ 5,864.00	\$ 4,428.00	\$ 1,436.00
Expenses--Year-to-date	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,633.00	\$ (133.00)
Difference--Year-to-date	\$ (2,636.00)	\$ (4,205.00)	\$ 1,569.00
Assets/Reserves	\$ 45,524.69		

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