



The Lord's Day
February 21, 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.

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*

Psalm 29:1-2

**Hymn of Praise*

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Text: Reginald Heber; Tune: NICAEA 11. 12. 12. 10. (Dykes)

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy - there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Congregational Prayer

Elder Chris Carmac

**Song of Praise*

I Lift My Hands

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

Be still, there is a healer
His love is deeper than the sea
His mercy is unfailing
His arms a fortress for the weak

Let faith arise

(Chorus)

I lift my hands to believe again
You are my refuge, You are my strength
As I pour out my heart these things I remember
You are faithful, God, forever

Be still, there is a river
That flows from Calvary's tree
A fountain for the thirsty
His grace that washes over me

Let faith arise (x2)

(Repeat chorus x2)

Let faith arise
Let faith arise
Open my eyes
Open my eyes
(x2)

(Repeat Chorus)

I lift my hands to believe again
You are my refuge, You are my strength
As I pour out my heart these things I remember
You are faithful, God
Faithful, God, forever

Let faith arise (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, part 2**

Acts 9:19-31

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. **20** And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." **21** And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" **22** But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

23 When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, **24** but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, **25** but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

26 And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. **27** But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. **28** So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. **29** And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. **30** And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

**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*

Glorious Day

Words: John Wilbur Chapman and Mark Hall; Music: Mark Hall and Michael Bleecker

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed

[Chorus]

Living, He loved me; Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Chorus

One day the grave could conceal him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then he arose over death he had concurred
Now has ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again

Chorus

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with his glory will shine
Wonderful day my beloved one's bringing
My savior Jesus is mine

Chorus

**Benediction*

Pastor

Sunday, February 21, 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; praise to God as they just celebrated 25 years of marriage;

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 is starting a course of radiation treatment 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; for all affected by the tornado on the coast;

Ashley Richardson: for continued healing; for grace as she finishes up her college degree, and for the Wirt family who lost their son recently; for new opportunities as she approaches graduation.

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;

Stelzigs, for all in Texas affected by severe winter weather and power outages;

William and Deborah Voncannon, 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 continues to deteriorate, and he is under hospice care.

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);

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.

Service of the Lord's Supper

We will serve communion next Sunday, February 28. This week, please prepare your hearts and minds to meet with the Lord.

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| <i>Pastor</i> | Rev. Doug Stelzig |
| <i>Elders</i> | Chris Carmac Mark Hensley Peter Rosentrater Jim Cross (<i>emeritus</i>) |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | Doug Richardson |

Financial Updates

| As of 12/31/2020 | Actual | Budgeted | Difference |
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| 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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Meeting Sundays at 239A White Oak St. at 10:30am
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