



MERRY CHRISTMAS!! ¡FELIZ NAVIDAD!

The 52nd Lord's Day
Sunday, December 24, 2023

A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Sunday:

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Morning
Worship
10:30 a.m.

Wednesday:

Youth Group
6 – 8 p.m.

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Welcome to Grace Covenant Church

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Grace Covenant Church strives to embrace, embody, and extend our triune God's truth, goodness, and beauty through worship, discipleship, and mission in Jesus Christ.

Visitors, we are so glad you are here! Please locate a 'Visitor's Card,' and fill out any info you'd like to share with us so that we may get to know you better. You can place it in the offering plates on the tables in the Narthex.

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The Order of Public Worship



✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

(Lucas) Luke 2.10-14, 1.68-75

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old!

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Blessed be the Lord God for showing the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days!

✠ SONG OF ADORATION

Angels, form the Realms of Glory, TH 218

TH= Trinity
Hymnal

✠ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and beneficent Father, you have blessed us greatly with the gifts of your Son, our sonship in him, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. But we acknowledge and confess to You our sin of taking these gifts for granted and abusing them. Because of fear and selfishness, we have used them for our own good instead of the good of others. Have mercy upon us and cleanse us from our sin through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. For the glory of your great name, increase our faith in Christ, lift from us depressions and worry, end our pride and self-righteousness, save us from false hope and unwarranted presumption, and help us to grow in understanding, wisdom, and faithfulness. And may we shine as lights bearing a true witness to Your name, that we may be used to help prepare the way of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the perfect merit and mediation of our Savior we pray, Amen.

God cleanses us
and renews us
in His grace

✠ =
Congregation
Standing

ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

(Colosenses) Colossians 1.12-20

✠ SONG OF PRAISE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, TH 203

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

*Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]*

*Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth. [Refrain]*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(1 Samuel) 1 Samuel 2.1-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING

(Lucas) Luke 1.45-55

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION

SERMON TEXT

(Isaías) Isaiah 9.1-7

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Isaiah’s Christmas Children:
God’s Inconceivable and Incredible Gift of the Glory Child”

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

The Liturgy of the Upper Room

✠ **SONG OF APPROACH**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, TH 193

✠ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & INVITATION (1 Corintios) 1 Cor 10.16-17; 11.23-26

PRAYER FOR BLESSING & CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS

God
consecrates us
to renewed
devotion and
obedience

We invite all
followers of
Jesus to
partake of the
Lord’s Supper
with us: those
who have
been baptized,
are trusting in
Christ alone,
are repenting
of their sins,
and members
in good
standing in the
Lord’s Church.

God
communes
with us at His
Table

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon, Luke 2.29-32)

*Now may your servant, Lord,
according to your Word,
depart in exultation.
My peace shall be serene,
for now my eyes have seen
your wonderful salvation.*

*O Lord, you did prepare
for people ev'rywhere
a Light for revelation,
and radiant glory shall
the gloom of death dispel
for Israel, your nation.*

✠ **SONG OF RESPONSE**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come, TH 195

✠ **BENEDICTION**

(2 Thesalonicenses) 2 Thessalonians 2.16-17

Our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

El mismo Jesucristo Señor nuestro, y Dios nuestro Padre, el cual nos amó y nos dio consolación eterna y buena esperanza por gracia, conforte vuestros corazones, y os confirme en toda buena palabra y obra.

✠ **SONG OF BLESSING**

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



God blesses us
with His
presence and
power to be His
ambassadors of
grace

Nursery Schedule:

12/24: Sunday School
Worship
Children's Church
01/07: Sunday School
Worship
Children's Church

On Break
Betty Stacy & Levi Stout
On Break
Diane Phillips
Amber and Jude Darnell
Clay & Nancy David

Nursery

Care is available for children up to age 4 in the nursery room off the main hallway.

Please Take Note:

Mission of the Month – Please pray for Calvary Children's Home, a local orphanage in Powder Springs, GA that provides housing and Christian love and support to children, from preschool through high school and into college, who are separated from their families. Sign up in the church foyer to receive the CCH newsletter.

Regular Weekly Ministries on Break – All of our regularly scheduled weekly ministries (TL, AHG, ESL, Women's and Men's Bible Studies, Youth Group) are on break until the new year.

Sunday School on Break until January 7 – To provide our many different teachers, facilitators, and nursery volunteers, Sunday School will take the rest of December and start back up in the new year.

Youth Group Meals – Thank you so much to all who have been feeding our youth on Wednesday nights! It is a tremendous blessing! Please consider providing meals in the new year, beginning January 10. The Sign Up Genius for youth meals is up and running, please see your email for the link. Please contact Lois (office@gracecovenantpca.com) if you need assistance.

Women's Winter/Spring Bible Study – Plan to join us January through May as we study What a Royal Mess: A Study of 1st and 2nd Kings by Susan Tyner. Groups will meet on Tuesday mornings and on Wednesday evenings, so you can choose which day and time works for you. Sign up now through December 17th to receive a copy of the book. There is a \$15 suggested donation, but it is not required. Sign up in the foyer or by emailing wmc@gracecovenantpca.com.

Calvary Children's Home Christmas Outreach – Angel Tree Gift Card donations for Calvary Children's Home will be collected through the month of December (Dec. 3 - Jan. 8). Take a paper angel from the Angel Tree in the church foyer to see a list of gift cards you might purchase. Include the amount on the card and leave donations in the box by the Angel Tree.

To receive churchwide emails about church news and events:





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