

Grace Presbyterian Church

November 24, 2024

9:30 am

Welcome Statement

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,
race, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,
beliefs, and those who are cognitively and or
physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,
**each one engaged in ministry,
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,
and embodying God's love for the world.**



Christ the King Sunday

Prayer Candles

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship

The Almighty reigns adorned in majesty
The Creator is robed and girded with strength.

**Yes, the world is established
and given into our care;**

Our stewardship of the earth reflects our love of You
You who are and ever shall be.

The cosmos celebrates your goodness, O Beloved,
The waters lift up their voice,
the winds speak through their roaring.

Mightier than the thunder of many storms,
Mightier than the waves of the sea
Is the Heart of Love.

That which you ordain is certain;

Holiness befits you house,

Our hearts, your dwelling place, O Beloved, for evermore.

*Hymn #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Call to Confession

While there are many with power in our world - power to hurt, power to hire or fire, power to control - only God has the power to forgive us and make us new people.

Let us confess how we fear and desire the power of this world, so we may know and welcome the power of God's grace.

Responsive Prayer for Confession

The choices we make, Mighty God,
reveal who we are.

Choosing the lies of the world,
your Word has not been on our lips.

Choosing independent and isolated lives,
we do not reflect your Spirit connecting us to others.

Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day,
we are unable to follow the One whose love gives us life.

Forgive us, for the sake of the one who humbled himself to save us.

Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly.

Free us from our captivity,
so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior.

Silence is kept for personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

Shout for joy, children of God! The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you.
God's Spirit rests upon us, grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. Amen.

(c) Thom M. Shuman

Hymn #449 Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love"

(please remain seated and sing vs. 1

We Reflect

Prayer for Understanding

Come, Spirit of the Lord,

Put your Holy Word upon our tongues

and your gospel upon our hearts.

**Speak to us, speak through us, speak among us,
for we, your servants, are listening. Amen.**

by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, Shelter Island Presbyterian Church, NY

Reading from the Story of Ruth 4:13-21

Time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from Revelations 1:4b-8,

SERMON

*Hymn #652 "A Grateful Heart"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Offertory Invitation/ Dedication of Pledges

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

As we offer our gifts in this moment to you, Holy

God, we pray that they might be used to bring hope, to bring healing, to bring new life to all your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of our church in offering plates during worship and by electronic giving throughout the month).

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)
Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving, **Hear our prayer.**

We Are Sent

*Hymn #645 "Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above"

*Charge and Benediction

As you go from here,
may you experience God's favor,
and rest in the peace that comes
from the One who is,
 who was,
 and who is yet to come;
To God be glory and power,
forever and ever. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)

POSTLUDE

***Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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