

Grace Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2025

9:30 am

VISION 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.**



“The Spirit of the Lord is Upon You”

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

When God speaks, all creation answers:

**the pale winter moon cries, 'Glory!'
the sun hums a song as it warms the earth.**

When God speaks, lives are changed:

**those held hostage by oppression are set free;
the voiceless shout the story of salvation.**

When God speaks, everything is turned inside out:

**the wise learn the language of grace from little
children; the strong take lessons from the
powerless.**

— written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his Lectionary Liturgies blog.

*Opening Hymn #301 "Let Us Build a House"

Call to Confession

Let us approach God humbly and honestly, trusting in God's steadfast love for us.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
you have brought us together as one body with
many members, each of us with gifts given**

according to your Spirit.

We confess that we struggle to discern what role we are called to do.

We speak when you call us to listen.

We listen when you call us to walk.

We walk when you call us to wait.

We wait when you call us to do.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit,

show this community who you have called us to be.

Guide us through this tension of One and yet many

that we might strive for the greater gift of unity

and play the part of disciples of the one Spirit.

Amen.

Submitted by Stephen Fearing to Liturgy Link
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Words of Assurance

In spite of our individual inadequacies,

God has called us together to be Christ's Body,

and each one of us is indispensable.

God re-members us, giving each of us distinct gifts,

equipping each of us to provide guidance and

accountability for one another,

offering us forgiveness and an new start

that we all may become more faithful followers of

Christ.

We are all greater as one Body than any single member of us could be on our own.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

~ posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways Archive.

Hymn #155 "Raise a Song of Gladness"

(remain seated and sing 2X)

We Reflect

Prayer of Illumination

O God, the heavens declare your glory,
and all creation reveals your surpassing wisdom.
We give thanks to you for those
who reveal your riches to us
and teach us in the way we should go.
Revive all our souls and refresh our spirits.
Guide us in your service,
because your will is the desire of our hearts.
Let all that we say or do be acceptable in your sight,
we pray in Jesus' name, saying together. Amen

Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians 12:12-27

A time for Children and the Young in Heart

Reading from the Gospel of Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

We Respond

*Hymn #486 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

The Sacrament of Baptism

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offertory Invitation

Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

(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**

The Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent

*Hymn # 755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"

*Charge and Benediction

*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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