

# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

January 19, 2024

9:30 am

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## WELCOME and 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.**



*"Filled to the Brim"*

## **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

We come to see glory revealed.

**We want to see miracles happen.**

**We need signs to find our way.**

It is a time for miracles and signs.

**It is a time of new understanding  
when God's steadfast love becomes manifest.**

O may God's love become manifest in us!

**May glory be revealed today.**

Submitted to Liturgy Link by Rev. Elsa Peters.

\*Hymn #395 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Call to Confession

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

Prayer for Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, we pray for new understanding  
because we are tormented by our doubts and  
mistakes. We confess that we have been impatient  
with your ways. We have not trusted your wisdom  
but have insisted on our own ways. We have been**

**so overwhelmed and frustrated by what does not make sense that we have denied your righteousness and your salvation. We have ignored your glory. We have dismissed your love. Forgive us, Gracious God. Grant us new understanding.**

*(Silence is kept for personal confession.)*

Words of Assurance (Responsive)

Beloved in Christ, believe in the good news.  
For God's love is made manifest in our flesh.  
God's love has been poured over us with  
wisdom and understanding.

**We belong to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

Submitted to Liturgy Link by Rev. Elsa Peters.

Hymn #155 "Raise a Song of Gladness"

(remain seated and sing 2X)

## **We Reflect**

Prayer of Illumination

One: Show us your ways, O Lord!

Lead us in your truth, and teach us.

**All: Open our eyes, minds, and hearts  
to know your will and to follow it.**

One: Reveal your vision for us, and keep us focused  
and faithful to what you would have us do.

**All: Bring us together to worship and work  
for your purpose, and move us forward into your  
future. Amen.**

Submitted to Liturgy Link by Rev. Teri Peterson, St. John's Church of Scotland, Gourrock

Reading form the Gospel of John 2:1-11

A time for Children and the Young in heart

SERMON

## **We Respond**

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

Offertory Invitation

*Musical Meditation*

Prayer of Dedication

**Lord, you take delight in us  
and fill us with every good thing  
so that all who hunger may share in our joy.  
Receive what we offer as testimony to your  
goodness, and let these gifts lead to rejoicing  
in your church and all your world;  
in Jesus' name. 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

## **We Are Sent**

\*Hymn # 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

\*Charge and Benediction (in the words of MLK jr.)

"We must use time creatively,

**in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right."**

From his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

"We must walk on in the days ahead

**with an audacious faith in the future."**

From his "Where Do We Go From Here?" address.

"Faith is taking the first step

**even when you can't see the whole staircase."**

From his 1962 speech at the Park-Sheraton Hotel in New York City.

\*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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