



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
C O N W A Y

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TO ALL WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY WEAK & SEEK REST, WHO MOURN & LONG FOR COMFORT
WHO STRUGGLE & DESIRE VICTORY, WHO SIN & NEED A SAVIOR,
WHO ARE STRANGERS & WANT FELLOWSHIP,
WHO HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO WHOSEVER WILL COME,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our Worship and Celebration
(*First Sunday after the Epiphany*)

God Welcomes Us

GATHERING HYMN

v.1 - Hymn #356

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rusty Mosley

PRELUDE

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

- arr. Harris

(“✠” *please stand if you are able.*)

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,

People: **But the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

- based on Isaiah 60:1-3

✠ HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

Hymn #87

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

God Cleanses Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach your Word to the nations and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. Hear us now as we bring our personal confessions to you...

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Gloria Patri”

Hymn # 705

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

God Strengthens Us through His Word and Sacrament

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6 (p.619)

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11 (p.807)

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” . . . ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“The Lord Is My Light”

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Eloise Stowe, Soprano

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:1-12 (p.977)

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through

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the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Seeing The Light and Bringing Our Gifts”

Rev. Rusty Mosley

Notes:

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Nicene Creed, A.D. 325

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

God Sends Us

MINISTRY OF MERCY—TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Cantabile”

- Beethoven

✠ 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.

✠ HYMN

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

vs. 1-3 - Hymn #150

✠ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

v. 4 - Hymn #150

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

POSTLUDE

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

- arr. Smith

(Please be seated during the postlude to reflect on the worship service, consider God’s Word, and prepare your response as you follow Christ’s light into the world.)

Announcements:

◇ Thank You:

The Worship Committee would like to thank the following people who helped with the Unhanging of the Greens: John and Nancy Davis, Keith and Peggy Woosley, Betty and Herman Ellis, Carolyn and Tommy Mebane, Joe Dablock, and Rodney Rice. We appreciate all of your help.

Thanks,
The Worship Committee

- ◇ GPC Youth Ministry has started back. If you would like to provide a hearty snack or meal, please sign up on the poster located on the bulletin board. THANK YOU for supporting our youth group ministry. They appreciate any type of snack/meal!
- ◇ It is time to update our directory! Email or call the office about any corrections or mistakes.

Prayer Concerns:

Cody Burnell; Bill Conner; Charlie Cullum, friend of Annette Sackhoff; Joe Dablock; Stuart Dornblaser, brother-in-law of Ken Hunter; Kim Edwards, friend of Sarah Hays; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Jimmy and Nancy Higgins; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Dub Holt; Charles Jordan; Mark Kapera, friend of Kevin Tucker; Holly Leavitt, friend of Annette Sackhoff; Ann McCarron, sister of Rick McCarron; Walter Mosley, brother of Rusty Mosley; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; Gene Murphy, father of Annette Sackhoff; Cindy Williams, friend of Annette Sackhoff.

PRAYERS OF MEDITATION:

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying our debt, bearing our punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



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