

Order of Worship for at Home Use

December 27, 2020

Welcome to worship with Grace@Home!

We pray that you are healthy and well as you worship this week.

If you wish to worship via the video, click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h151EX0M1zQ>

May God's peace fill Your heart and mind as we enter, with intention, into our time of worship this week. We continue to live in a strange time, yet, God is with us. God is for us. God will never leave us. It is right, then, that we can rest in His presence, seek His face, and rely on His grace throughout all of life.

In these moments of worship, today, we honor those who have served in our armed forces. We seek God's peace for our city, nation and world. We pray for healing and help in this time of hardship. We ask for God's provision as we watch the unfolding of events surrounding our elections.

Again this week you are encouraged to find a place where you can center your heart and mind on Christ, you might light a candle, bring your bible and take a deep breath as you join in our time of worship.

Let us worship God together.

With God's love,

Pastor Dana

We Gather as God's Family to Worship

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" arr. D. Bish Dr. David Dorway
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyjGPDw6XX0>

Welcome Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gu1CCyhihXI>

Welcome to worship with Grace Presbyterian Church. We are a family that worships together. When we gather, whether in person or virtually over the internet to worship God we are connected by God's grace and His real presence. Let us worship God together this day and claim the promise we are not alone.

Call to Worship Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBKbISRL43Q>

Here on the heels of Christmas,
We speak of love.
We speak of joy.
We speak of candle light and fireside.
We speak of dreams being fulfilled.
We speak of "glorias" and angel choruses.
We speak the words, "Do not be afraid."
Here on the heels of Christmas,
We are called to speak, for the world needs a light.
A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.
Let us worship and listen. Then, let us speak. Amen.

Hymn "Emmanuel" D. Moen Praise Team
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vK0ZMF14Lic>

Sharing the Peace of Christ **not in video**

**The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you...
and also with you.**

In this time of social distancing it is important for us to remember that in Christ we are connected to all who believe in Jesus in every time and place. As the world continues to be isolated, and many are feeling anxious, as Christians we share the peace of Christ as a way to offer hope and the joy of Christ. Again today we use the familiar words, "The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you... and also with you."

Now, or after your time of worship, reach out via text, email, phone or video call, to someone outside of your home extending the invitation to enter into the peace of Christ with our faith community.

Praise God, that His peace is with us, always!

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zw77DvpOikA>

God of today and tomorrow,

We know that your fingerprints are all over this world.

And we know that as a new year dawns those who dream cannot keep silent.

So today we pray for healing for those who are hurting.

We pray for opportunity and resources for those in need.

We pray for generosity for those who are blessed.

God as we look back at the past year we ask forgiveness for when we lost faith.

We ask for more graciousness in the year to come and we ask for compassion as we know that new challenges and changes await.

God this day we pray for health in the year to come. We pray for blessing upon those who serve us and those who give of themselves to bless others. We lift up to you your church in it's the days ahead. Above all, oh God, let us be a witness to your grace as you give us eyes to see you, courage to trust you and words to speak of you in our midst.

Gratefully we pray in the name of Jesus christ who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

- Hymn/Praise "Jesus Loves Me" **not in video**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C63z5hCd7bc>
- Children's Message Pastor Dana Pope
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_LyiSt9pPc
- Special Music "Coventry Carol" arr. M. Shaw Women's Quartet
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKYgYJ8D8nU>
- Reading of the Word Luke 2:22-40
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1QqeAo6Q94>
- Message "Dreamers... Will Not Keep Silent" Pastor Dana Pope

We Respond to the Voice of God

- Presentation of our Tithes & Offerings Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MU2XL3Nw2CI>

We are blessed with many opportunities to give of our time talents as well as our resources...this is not about funding the church or fundraising, it is an act of worship. We respond to God's Word, His love for us, and His mercy by giving of ourselves. We give all sorts of things, including our hearts, our finances, our time and our gifts. Let us now participate in God's kingdom by returning God's tithes and our offerings to the church via mail or online giving, using text to give or the following link: <https://onrealm.org/gracepclv/-/give/now>

- Offertory "I Wonder as I Wander" J.J. Niles
Kathy Koch & Savannah Scarlett
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_N29uyrxME

- Offertory Prayer Pastor Jim Houston-Hencken
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwiKa_UdgYE

Holy God we are grateful for how richly you have blessed us. You have given us time, talent, resources and relationships. Out of our gratitude we return these tithes and offerings. We ask that you bless and receive these gifts. Use these gifts for the work of your kingdom. Use these gifts to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, bring hope to the hopeless and use these gifts to further your grace in our world.
Amen

We Go with God to Love and Serve

Closing Hymn #288 “We Three Kings” vs. 1 & 5 Dr. Lisa Elliott
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgJGR4i_EyE

Benediction Pastor Dana Pope
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkYdlTEPhGg>

Postlude “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” W. Bates
Dr. David Dorway, Organist
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2aVzT4VIx4Q>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2dAGzoQPak>

**As you continue to worship this week, please keep the following people
in prayer, and reach out to one another in word or deed.**

In Need of Prayer

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