



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Matthew 25 and Stephen Ministry Congregation

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Robin Palmer – Pastor

Jamie Clay – Director of Music Ministries

Brenda Davis – Organist



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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The People Gather and Welcome One Another

[Gracious God, the words we read are ancient and true. On this day, may we hear them anew. Grant us hearts to discern your Spirit within them, and grant us courage to follow them in our lives this day. Amen.]

Prelude "Meditation on Jacob's Ladder" Randolph Johnston

Welcome and Invitation to Share Our Life Together
(Please sign & pass the attendance register)

Introit "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" Camille Saint-Saëns

Call to Worship

People of God, praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, those who greatly delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

We who gather are broken yet holy; sinners at heart, yet fully redeemed. We are God's very own, called together here this day.

Let us sing. Let us pray. Let us join together in worship. Praise the Lord!

✠ Hymn No. 456

"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

✠ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that it is harder to do than we expected, this life of faith. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love. But our lives become busy. Following what others do is easier. And sometimes the cost for doing what is right seems too high. One day, perhaps, we will commit more fully, but the status quo works better for us right now. Forgive us, we pray. Startle our senses and disrupt our routines. Renew in us the passion for doing what is right in your eyes, and inspire us to be sources of your light in the world. May we, like the prophets and the saints, act by faith no matter how high the cost.

✠ A Time of Silence for Private Confession

✠ Hymn

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm7) (Em) Cm7 Fm (C) D^b

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -

(C) (B) (Cmaj7) (Em) (Bm7) (Em)
D^b C D^bmaj7 Fm Cm7 Fm

on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

✠ Hymn No. 579

“Glory Be to the Father”

(music on next page...)

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Bible Page 688, O.T.
Psalm 112:1-9		Bible Page 563, O.T.
Anthem	"You will I Love"	Kevin Hildebrand
Children's Time		
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 5:13-20	Bible Page 4, N.T.
Sermon	"Let Your Light Shine Before Others"	Rev. Robin Palmer
Mediative Music	"This Li'l Light of Mine"	Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr.

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

(Martie Kullman and Jamie Clay)

Sentences of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts,

but it is the same spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,

but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit

to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

and individually members of it.

Statement on Installation

Presentation of Candidates for Installation

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

✠ Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed – Traditional version) Hymnal, Page 14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions to the Candidates

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation:

Do we, as members of the church, accept Martie Kullman and Jamie Clay as Elders in the church, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

We do.

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation

Welcome

✠ Hymn No. 434

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

(The congregation is invited to respond with “**Lord, hear our prayer.**”)

Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (Traditional version)

Hymnal, Page 16

The Offering

Offertory

“New Born Again”

Roland G. Carter

✠ Hymn No. 592

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(music on next page...)

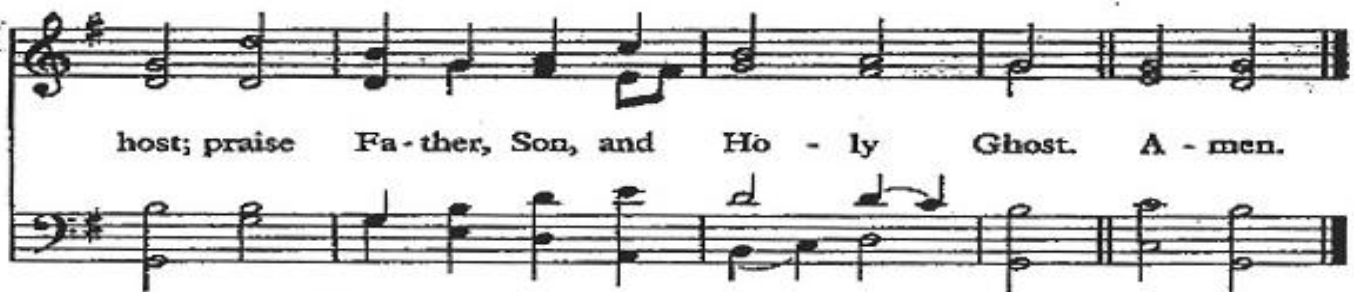
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures



here below; praise him above, ye heavenly



host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD 100th
LM

✠ Offertory Prayer

✠ The Peace

Since God in Christ has given us peace, let us share that peace in the whole family of faith. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you. (Share some sign of God's peace with those near you.)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

✠ Hymn No. 425

"Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining"

✠ Call to Service

Go, dear friends, to love and serve the Lord.

Go be salt of the earth.

Go enjoy the wonders of our world, which God has made.

Go stand beside those on the margins.

Go form faith.

Go have your faith formed.

And go to share God's love knowing that you are uniquely beloved.

Alleluia! Amen

Benediction

“Go Ye Now in Peace“

Joyce Eilers

Postlude

“Ride On Jesus”

Roland G. Carter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LITURGIST TODAY is Marsha Latham.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY by Annette Solari to the glory of God and in memory of Annette's sister, Vivian Page Cunningham.

TEA IN HONOR OF CHASITY, THE BRIDE TO BE, TODAY, February 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

PRINTED 2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available in the Narthex today.

ROUNDTABLE AND MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS – Next Sunday, February 15th, immediately after the service.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes - February 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

SERVICE PROJECT - The Congregational Care Team will host a Service Project to make instant soup mixes for Enable of Madison County and food pantries from on March 28th from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There will be lunch and a devotional. Registration forms are in the Narthex and sent via Gracelist by Valerie McLaughlin.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS – No February birthdays listed in the directory. (birthday dates based on what was provided for the church directory. If you'd like your birthday included, please contact secretary@gracepcusa.org.)

LECTIONARY READINGS for Next Week:

Ex. 24:12-18 Ps. 2 or Ps. 99 2 Pet. 1:16-21 Matt. 17:1-9

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today, Feb 8

9:30–10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday School
Worship (in-person and livestreamed)**
Tea for Chasity Doster

Tuesday, Feb 10

12:00 p.m.

Al-Anon (in-person)

Wednesday, Feb 11

6:30 p.m.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb 12

4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Barbershop Quartet Rehearsal
Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, Feb 15

9:30–10:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Sunday School
Worship with Holy Communion (in-person and streamed)**
Roundtable and Ministry Team Meetings



Grace Presbyterian Church, USA is a Matthew 25 Congregation currently focused on Eradicating Systemic Poverty - one of the Core Pillars. We support the following ministries: Enable of Madison County, Presbyterian Home for

Children, and St. Elizabeth Food Bank. The produce from the Harvest of Grace Community Garden is donated to the hungry of Madison County. Visit <https://www.pcusa.org/matthew25> to learn more.

**** Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available upon request. After the service, copies of sermons are available upon request.**

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Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

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MORNING HYMN LM

François Hippolyte Barthélémon, 1785
As in *The Church Hymnal*
for the Christian Year, 1917

Thomas Ken, 1695; alt.

1. A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your
2. Lord, I my vows to You re - new. Dis -
3. Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, All

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth, and
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say; That all my powers, with

joy - ful rise To pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
thought and will, And with Your - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, In' Your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples 434

KINGSFOLD CMD

English Country Songs, 1893

H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985

Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord,
 2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race
 3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down As in a might-y stream,
 4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,

To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow-share out of sword,
 To live as stew-ards of the earth, Re - spond-ing to God's grace.
 With righ-teous - ness in field and town To cleanse us and re - deem.
 And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.

To feed the hun-gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,
 But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
 For God is long-ing to re - store An earth where con - flicts cease,
 As stew-ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord

To serve the poor and home-less first, Our ease and com-fort last.
 Our dis - cord spreads a dead-ly cloud That threat-ens all of life.
 A world that was cre - at - ed for A har - mo - ny of peace.
 To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

425 Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

Howell Elvet Lewis, 1916; alt.

ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7 D

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

1. Lord of light, Your name out - shin - ing All the stars and
 2. By the toil of faith - ful work - ers In some far out -
 3. Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, At Your feet may
 4. By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, Nev - er si - lent

suns of space, Use our tal - ents in Your king - dom As the
 ly - ing field, By the cour - age where the ra - diance Of the
 low - ly kneel; With Your grace our tri - umphs hal - low, With Your
 day or night; By the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing Peace to

ser - vants of Your grace; Use us to ful - fill Your pur - pose
 cross is still re - vealed, By the vic - to - ries of meek - ness,
 char - i - ty our zeal; Lift the na - tions from the shad - ows
 all and heal - ing light; By the love that pass - es knowl - edge,

Refrain
 In the gift of Christ Your Son:
 Through re - proach and suf - fering won: Ab - ba, as in
 To the glad - ness of the sun:
 Mak - ing all Your chil - dren one:

high - est heav - en, So on earth Your will be done.,