GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



TRANSFIGURATION

AT HIS
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Christ

SHOWED HIS DISCIPLES

the Splendor
OF HIS

BEAUTY,

TO WHICH HE WILL

shape & color

THOSE WHO ARE

HIS



TRANSFIGURATION

February 11, 2024

Grace is a church where people seeking more grace, more depth, and more community can start finding their way and sharing their gifts with the world.

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PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love having young children in worship. We want them to feel at home in the presence of God, and to learn how to worship by emulating you. Sit where you can easily hear and see, and if children have questions, you can quietly explain what is happening. Above all, relax. If your children wiggle or make noise, don't feel self-conscious. We understand, and we are delighted to have your whole family here to worship with us.

Check the inside back cover of this Order of Worship for Scripture memory schedule, financial reports, Mission of the Month, and podcast info.

Minister

Rev. Dan Reed

Elder

Lyle Schaap

Deacon

Josh Sinkgraven

Music

Cameron Brooks, Caleb Coffee, Tim Murray, Noah Van Raalte

Reader

Mel Murray

Sound Technicians

Peter Wimmer, Merrill Friesen

Hospitality

Barb Schaap

Welcomers

Marjie Heier,

Les & Jennipher Van Den Top

Nursery - During Sunday School

Sarah Engbers, Barb Schaap

Nursery - During Worship

Robyn Wimmer, Andre Zechariahs, Susanna Van Raalte

Teach Me to Worship

Laurie Bertrand, Phineas Kroesche

Prayer After Service

Josh Sinkgraven

Transformers

David Jones, Caleb Jones, Robert Cropp, Andrew Smith, Amara Sinkgraven, Emmeline Murray



TRANSFIGURATION

"And his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light."

MATTHEW 17.2

As Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, he was transfigured before the disciples, signaling his preeminence among the prophets. Today we celebrate the light of Christ that entered the world, the light that darkness will never overcome.

+ We long for more grace.

INTROIT: PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

As the musicians play, use this time for prayer and contemplation, preparing your heart to worship the Triune God, your creator and redeemer.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship is a back-and-forth dialogue between God and us, beginning when God calls us into his presence.

Minister: A voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son,

with whom I am well pleased;

listen to him."

All: When the disciples heard this,

they fell on their faces and were terrified.

Minister: But Jesus came and touched them, saying,

"Rise, and have no fear."

All: And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Matthew 17.5-8

SALUTATION

We are welcomed into God's presence for the sake of Christ.

Minister: Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

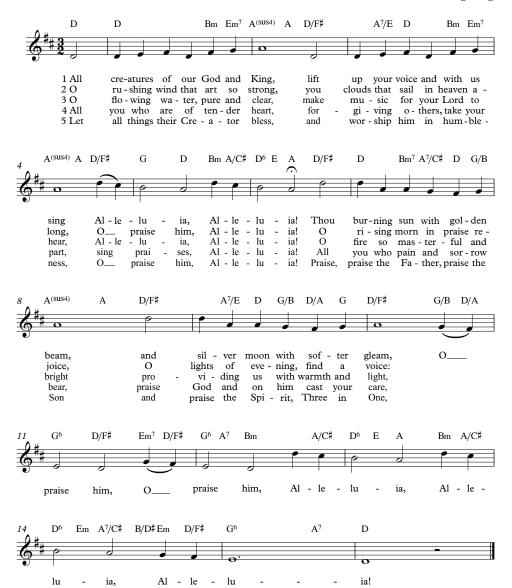
All: Amen!

SING PRAISE TO GOD

We enter the presence of God singing songs of praise. He deserves our praise both because he made us and because, after we were broken by sin, he did not abandon us but re-made us by grace.

§ "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Francis of Assisi Geistliche Kirchengesange







CONFESSION OF SIN

In God's presence, we have to be honest about who we are. No more excuses. We confess our sins together aloud, and then confess in silence individually.

All: God of Grace, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we return to darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. Fill us with your Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may speak your Word to the nations and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. *Amen*.

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We don't have to hide our faults because we take comfort in God's all-forgiving grace. As you hear the words from Scripture, be assured of God's pardon to all who believe.

The Lord says, "I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me."

Jeremiah 33.8

GLORIA PATRI

We glorify the Triune God for the great salvation he has ordained, accomplished for us, and applied to our hearts.

§ "Gloria Patri"

Lesser Doxology, 2nd Century Nathan George



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is a sign and seal of the covenant of grace, which sets apart those who believe and their children as recipients of God's promises.

The children of believers receive baptism as a sign and seal of the God's covenant promise to save.

Today THOMAS GRAHAM SCHLEIFER, covenant child of ROB and DANIELLE SCHLEIFER, receives the sign of baptism.

The following questions from the Book of Church Order will be asked of the parents, acknowledging their covenant child's need for salvation in Christ and promising to raise the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord:

Q. Do you acknowledge this child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

- Q. Do you claim God's covenant promises in this child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for this child's salvation, as you do for your own?
- Q. Do you now unreservedly dedicate this child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before your child a godly example, that you will pray with and for your child, that you will teach your child the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring your child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

The following question will be asked of the congregation:

Q. Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

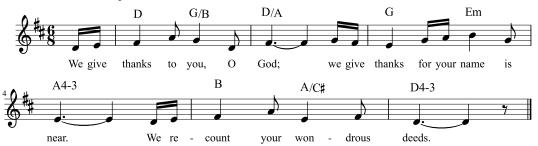
SING THANKS TO GOD

Now that God has assured us of pardon, we sing a song of gratitude to glorify him.

§ "Song Refrain: Psalm 75"

Music by Patrick McGowan

REFRAIN (x2 - join musicians on the second round)



Reader: "At the set time that I appoint

I will judge with equity.

When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants,

it is I who keep steady its pillars.

I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast,'

and to the wicked, 'Do not lift up your horn;

do not lift up your horn on high, or speak with haughty neck."

REFRAIN

Reader: For not from the east or from the west

and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,
but it is God who executes judgment,
 putting down one and lifting up another.

For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup
 with foaming wine, well mixed,
and he pours out from it,
 and all the wicked of the earth
 shall drain it down to the dregs.

But I will declare it forever;
 I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

All the horns of the wicked I will cut off,
 but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

REFRAIN (x2)

+ We long for more depth.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

All that we have has been provided by God, and he asks that we give a portion back as a form of worship. We do not pass a plate at Grace, but we pray to dedicate offerings. You can give in the black box at the rear of the sanctuary near the sound booth, via mail, or online at graceforsiouxfalls.org.

SCRIPTURE READING

If we long for more depth, that depth is found in the Bible, where God has revealed himself to us. Through the reading of the Bible, God speaks to us.

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9.2-9

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

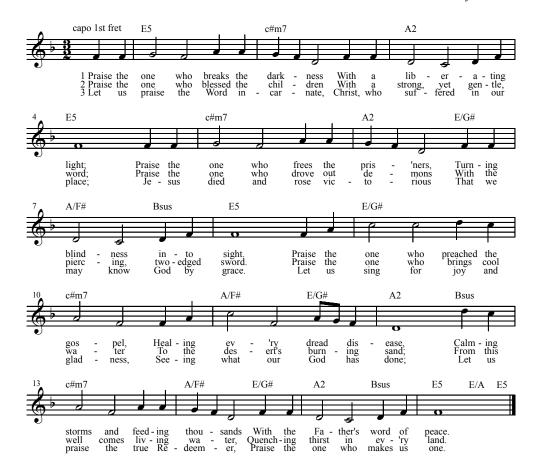
All: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Part of our worship is to make our needs known to God through prayer. An officer of the church offers prayer on behalf of the congregation, followed by the Lord's Prayer. If you would like to request prayer, please speak to one of the officers.

All: 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, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH CLASS DISMISSED: TEACH ME TO WORSHIP (AGES 4-6)



MINISTRY OF THE WORD

As the word of God is proclaimed, receive the message of grace and be transformed.

THE CITY OF PEACE: JESUS IN JERUSALEM MATTHEW 21-23, PART 14

"A HOUSE LEFT DESOLATE"

Rev. Dan Reed

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' Thus you witness against

yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

NOTES

Matthew 23.29-39

† We long for more community.

§ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Together we confess "the faith once delivered to the saints," joining our voices to represent the unity of our hearts and minds, speaking the same words as countless believers who have gone before us.

Minister: Christian, who do you believe in?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate him. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome to come forward.

IF YOU ARE NOT YET A BELIEVER, have not yet made a public profession of faith, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer.

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

§ Please stand.

Come Forward to Partake of the Lord's Supper

Communion is a time of joy in which we feast with Christ. We eat and drink at Christ's table, symbolized by the serving table at the front of the sanctuary.

TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, come forward by rows. We move forward up the center aisles and return to our seats down the outer aisles. You will receive and eat the bread, then advance to receive the cup. After you drink, you may return to your seat. Children who have not yet made professions of faith and been admitted to the Table may accompany their parents forward. All the bread is gluten-free. The red cups contain wine, while the clear cups contain juice.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME FORWARD, we invite you to join us by using the prepackaged communion elements available in the reception area.

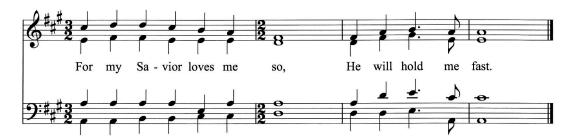
COMMUNION SONG

As we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together, we sing a song of joy in the salvation we have in Jesus Christ.

§ "He Will Hold Me Fast"

Ada Habershon, Matt Merker

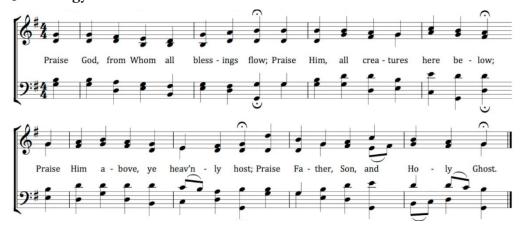




CLOSING WORDS

Encouragement to take the hope of the Gospel into the world to which Christ has called us as salt and light.

§ Doxology



BENEDICTION

As we depart, God's blessing rests upon us with this benediction.

Minsiter: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Romans 15.5-6



Let's Memorize Scripture Together

This semester our churchwide Sunday School memorization passage is Ephesians 2.1-10. Here is the schedule for recitation:

January 21

vv. 8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

January 28

v. 10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

February 4

Review vv. 8-10

TODAY: February 11

vv. 1-2a

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked,

February 18 (Presidents' Day)

No Sunday School

February 25

v. 2h

following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

March 3

v. 3

among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and

were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

March 10 (Daylight Savings)

No Sunday School

March 17

Review vv. 1-3, 8-10

March 24

v. 4

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

March 31 (Easter)

No Sunday School

April 7

72. 5

even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved—

April 14

v. 6

and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

April 21

v. 7

so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

April 28

Review vv. 4-10

May 5

Review vv. 1-10

Financial Reports

GIVING REPORT		Vision Fund	
Last Week General Fund Vision Fund Benevolence Fund Foreign Mission Children's Offering YEAR TO DATE General Fund Vision Fund Benevolence Fund Foreign Mission Children's Offering	\$5,519 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$14 \$34,591 \$3,150 \$265 \$75 \$59	In Account Investment Returns Bank Balance Giving (Feb) TOTAL GOAL Final Goal Remaining to Fund Percentage Funded	\$208,900 \$8,768 \$20,081 \$0 \$237,749 \$1,000,000 \$762,251 23.8%
Total 2024 Budgeted <i>Year to Date</i>	\$38,140 \$35,577 (-986)		

Mission of the Month: Collision

Collision is a student-led ministry that builds teams of students who see their school as a mission field and equips them to share the hope of Jesus to transform lives.

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9:00 am Sur

Sunday School

9:50 am

Preparation for Worship

10:00 am

Worship Service

2:00 pm

Leadership Training

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 am

Men's Coffee (Coffea on Louise)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:30 pm

Women's Bible Study (Ann Hutchinson's)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:40 pm

Women's Bible Study (During Youth Group)

Small Groups

Small Groups meet on the first and third Sundays and Wednesdays of the month.

Ask Pastor Dan for info.

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