GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



ARE

DIVINE DEPOSITS,

COMMITTED TO OUR TRUST ON THIS

CONDITION,

THAT THEY SHOULD BE DISPENSED

for the Benefit of Our

NEIGHBORS





4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 28, 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.

Lyrics printed by permission: CCLI License # 312903. Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, English Standard Version, © 2001 Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

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. J. Mark Bertrand

Elder

Rev. Dan Reed

Deacon

Donald Van Raalte

Music

Cameron Brooks, Emma Minderhoud, Lesley Jones

Reader

Brent Konvalin

Sound Technicians

Peter Wimmer, Merrill Friesen

Hospitality

Christine Reed

Welcomers

Josh & Sheena Sinkgraven, Ilene Zuiderhof

Nursery - During Sunday School

Tim Murray, Sheena Sinkgraven

Nursery - During Worship

Jenipher Van Den Top, Mary Konvalin, Simeon Kroesche

Prayer After Service

Deb & Ira Kaul

Transformers

Tyler Vermeer, Rob Schleifer, Benton Smith, Julian Smith



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A season celebrating the revelation and life of Christ

From Epiphany on January 6 to Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, we meditate on the appearance of Christ in the world, remembering his perfect obedience, his life of ministry, and the remarkable events confirming Jesus as God in the flesh.

+ 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: "Give thanks to the LORD,

call upon his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples,

proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Isaiah 12.4-6

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.

§ "Rejoice In All Your Works" (Psalm 104)

Wendell Kimbrough





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: Almighty God, who broke the power of sin at the cross, and by his spirit breaks its power over our everyday lives, we confess that we have not believed you as we should, that we have not obeyed you as we ought, and we have not shown your grace to the nations as you called us to do. Forgive us, Lord, and fill us with gratitude for all you have done, so that our obedience might flow not from obligation, but from the love kindled in us in response to the work of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SELF-EXAMINATION & SILENT CONFESSION

§ 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.

For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

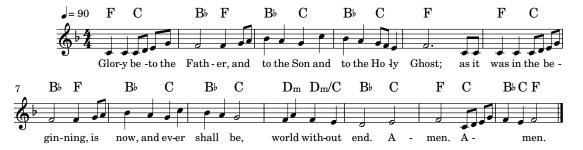
1 Peter 2.6

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



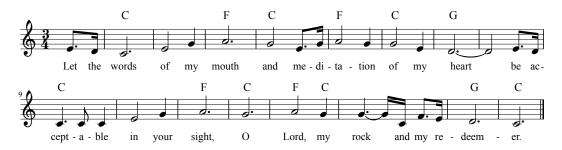
SING THANKS TO GOD

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

§ "Song Refrain: Psalm 19"

Music by Benj Pocta

REFRAIN (x2 - join musicians on the second round)



Reader: The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,

and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,

whose voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out through all the earth,

and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

and its circuit to the end of them,

and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

REFRAIN

Reader: The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward....

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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.

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die."

Deuteronomy 18.15-20

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*.



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 12

"PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH"

Rev. J. Mark Bertrand

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Matthew 23.1-12

NOTES

† 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, how does God rule over all creation?

All: We believe that this good God, after he created all things, did not abandon them to chance or fortune but leads and governs them according to his holy will, in such a way that nothing happens in this world without his orderly arrangement.

Yet God is not the author of, nor can he be charged with, the sin that occurs. For his power and goodness are so great and incomprehensible that he arranges and does his work very well and justly even when the devils and wicked men act unjustly.

We do not wish to inquire with undue curiosity into what he does that surpasses human understanding and is beyond our ability to comprehend. But in all humility and reverence we adore the just judgments of God, which are hidden from us, being content to be Christ's disciples, so as to learn only what he shows us in his Word, without going beyond those limits.

Belgic Confession, Article 13

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.

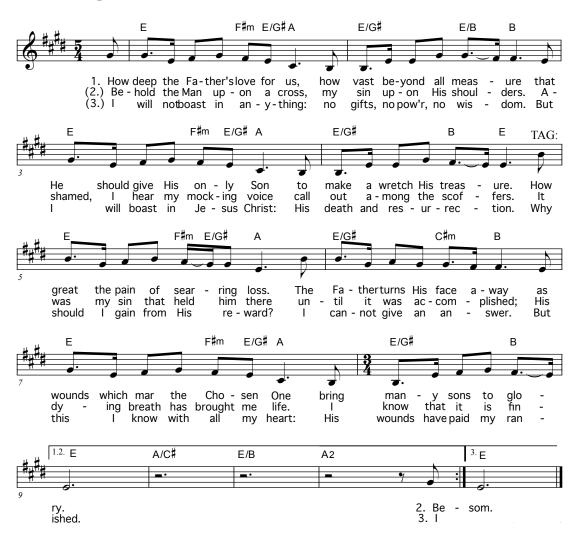
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME FORWARD, we invite you to join us by using the prepackaged communion elements available in the reception area.

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.

§ "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"

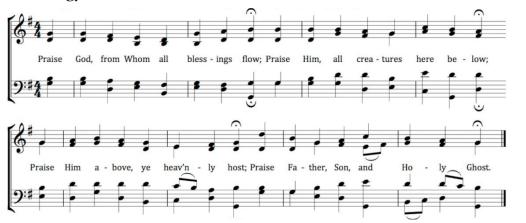
Stuart Townend



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.

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in

believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may

abound in hope.

All: Amen.

Romans 15.13



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.

TODAY: 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

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	\$19,220 \$3,000 \$0 \$0 \$15	In Account Investment Returns Bank Balance Giving Last Week	\$208,900 \$8,157 \$16,931 \$3,000
YEAR TO DATE General Fund Benevolence Fund Foreign Mission Children's Offering	\$25,933 \$215 \$0 \$24	Year-To-Date TOTAL GOAL Final Goal Remaining to Fund Percentage Funded	\$3,150 \$237,138 \$1,000,000 \$762,862 23.7%
Total 2024 Budgeted Year to Date	\$29,322 \$21,346 (+4,587)		

Mission of the Month: Brent Kooi

Brent works in Sydney, Australia with Harbour City Church, Student Outreach to the World university ministry (on four campuses), and City Sanctum, where he mentors young working professionals. He serves a church, provides evangelism training, and makes presentations on various Biblical topics.

Listen ... and Share







It's Good to Listen—It's Better to Listen and Share!

Subscribe to our podcasts at Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, or Spotify, and share them with your friends online.

For more information about Grace, subscribe for weekly e-mail updates at

graceforsiouxfalls.org

TODAY: 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 am Sunday School

9:50 am Preparation for Worship 10:00 am Worship Service 2:00 pm Leadership Training

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

6:40 pm Youth Group

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Meets at SFC's THE GATHERING 6101 S. Charger Circle

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 2050

Sioux Falls, SD 57101

Online at

www.graceforsiouxfalls.org



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.

PASTORS

Rev. J. Mark Bertrand

(832) 628-4522

mark@graceforsiouxfalls.org

Rev. Dan Reed

(620) 621-0357

dan@graceforsiouxfalls.org

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Ann Smith

(605) 310-4276

ann@graceforsiouxfalls.org

ELDERS

Dave Boer

(605) 310-6777

dbsdave@gmail.com

Ira Kaul

(605) 498-2955

irakaul@iw.net

Lyle Schaap

(605) 351-7005

lyle@rvtraveland.com

DEACONS

Josh Sinkgraven

(605) 212-2813

joshfromchurch@gmail.com

Jeff Smith

(605) 215-4818

jajs1995@yahoo.com

Donald Van Raalte

(605) 728-1195

donald.vanraalte@gmail.com