



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Welcome & Preparation: Tom Ayres

Song of Worship: **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
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Perfect communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
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Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
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Call to Worship: Psalm 5

Leader: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; early in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

All: **You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence I will bow down toward you.**

Leader: Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Shelter them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

All: **For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.**

Prayer of Adoration:

Silent Praise & Thanksgiving:

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Songs of Worship:**O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

O love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

O light that follows all my way
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be

O joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose, in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flow'rs we fade and die
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us
At the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
At the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed - my ransom paid
At the cross

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest Treasure,
Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him, no other.
My soul is satisfied in Him alone. (*Repeat*)

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all (*Repeat*)

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
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Children's Dismissal & Announcements: Fill out our [Connection Card](http://www.gracehamptons.org/connect). www.gracehamptons.org/connect

- **GraceYouth Senior High Gatherings.** The 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 7PM. High school students are invited to the Middlekauff home for some great times and Bible discussion. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **Ladies Bible Study.** Tuesdays, 9AM. Dive into God's Word and enjoy weekly fellowship! For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **GraceYouth Group.** Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM. We will gather at the church for some fun times and good Bible conversations. Invite your friends for a great time! For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **GraceCamp Brainstorm Meeting.** Sunday, January 26th, 2025, after the worship service. Be a part of the planning the most amazing week of fun for this year's GraceCamp! For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **Congregational Prayer Gathering.** Sunday, February 2nd, after the worship service
- **The Great Escape!** Friday, February 7th to Sunday, February 9th at Lake Champion. The GraceYouth Group will be venturing off to a YoungLife Retreat Center for an amazing weekend! For more information and registration, visit gracehamptons.org/greatescape.
- **Sign up for Super Bowl - GraceDinners Style.** Sunday, February 9th, 6:00PM. Just like GraceDinners, you can sign up to host or attend a Super Bowl gathering and we will link hosts with attendees. This is a combined Guys and Ladies Night Out, so invite a friend and come for a fun night out! Come for the first half or stay for the whole game. This will be a fun gathering for those who are obsessed with football as well as those who only want to watch the commercials. Please RSVP by Monday, February 3rd. Contact Adriana Pariz (adriana@gracehamptons.org) for more information.
- **Little Free Pantry.** WE ARE WIPED OUT! Our LFP has become essential to our community and gets regular, consistent use and so our supplies are once again severely depleted. Please consider donating items to help us regularly re-stock the pantry. Visit gracehamptons.org/LFP to find our [Amazon link](#) to order supplies and have them shipped straight to Grace Church!
- **Los Angeles Fire Response.** As fires continue to rage in California, MNA Disaster Response is working to provide relief to those affected. We will be collecting donations until Sunday, January 26th. If you would like to support these efforts, visit gracehamptons.org/giving and choose "Los Angeles" as your fund or write "LA Fire Response" on your check's memo line or on your giving envelope.

Offertory: *To give via text, text the word "GIVE" to [833-892-6212](tel:833-892-6212). First time givers will have to fill out a short form with billing information. After the initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message.*

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: O Lord, we want to enter your presence, worshipping you face to face, awed by your majesty, greatness, and glory, yet encouraged by your love.

All: **Yet there is a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward you, an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for you. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed. Give us a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to you, and always clings to the cross. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Private Confession:

Words of Encouragement: Jeremiah 31:34b

For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Prayer of the People: Silvia Mendez

Sermon Series: *1 Corinthians: Christ's Church Alive in the Gospel*

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

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²⁵ Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. ²⁶ I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. ²⁷ Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸ But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that. ²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³² I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³ But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴ and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵ I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

³⁶ If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry—it is no sin. ³⁷ But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, he will do well. ³⁸ So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.

³⁹ A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord. ⁴⁰ Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

Sermon: *God's Goodness for Singleness*

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

The Lord's Supper:

Hymn of Response: **Goodness of God**

I love You, Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire.
In the darkest night
You are close like no other.
I've known You as a Father,
I've known You as a Friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now;
I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me (*Repeat*)

And all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God (*Repeat*)

I will sing of the goodness of God

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Dismissal:

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Hallelujah, Amen!