



GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Welcome & Preparation: Bob Cuthel

Song of Worship: **This is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres. *(Repeat)*

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas-- His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

(Interlude)

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad! *(Repeat)*

Call to Worship: Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.**

Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hands are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

All: **Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

Prayer of Adoration: (Concluded by all saying the Lord's Prayer)

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 and ever. Amen.

Silent Praise & Thanksgiving:

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 34:4-10

Joshua Huizing

I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Songs of Worship:

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship, come and worship Worship Christ the newborn King!

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light;
Come and worship, come and worship Worship Christ the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star;
Come and worship, come and worship Worship Christ the newborn King!

Saints, before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship Worship Christ the newborn King!

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
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O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who, to Thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by Thy draw- ing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Re- joice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'n- ly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
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Shall come to thee, O Is- rael!
Shall come to thee, O Is- rael!

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tiding of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By His life he brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Advent Candle Lighting:

The Ludlow Family (Nathan, Sarah, and Isaac)

Children's Dismissal & Announcements: Fill out our [Connection Card](http://www.gracehamptons.org/connect). www.gracehamptons.org/connect

- **Giving Tuesday @ Grace.** Tuesday, December 2nd. We are excited to be participating in Giving Tuesday for the first time ever! A generous donor has offered a special Giving Tuesday match which means your generosity on that day will be multiplied! For more information, visit gracehamptons.org/givingtuesday.
- **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 Gathering.** Wednesdays, 6:30-8PM. We will gather at the church for some fun times and good Bible conversations. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **Congregational Prayer Gathering.** Sunday, December 7th, after the worship service.
- **Christmas Carol Bingo.** Sunday, December 7th, 1:45-3PM. Come join us for a fun visit as we lead Christmas Carol Bingo for the Hamptons Center Nursing Home residents. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff (lesleym@gracehamptons.org).
- **SecondSaturdaysOut!** Saturday, December 13th, 5:30PM-9:15PM. To register your child(ren), visit gracehamptons.org/secondsaturdaysout or on the Grace Church app. To volunteer, email Eva Golinski-Klein (mevgk@hotmail.com) or sign up on the Grace Church app.
- **Christmas Party at the Middlekauffs'!** Sunday, December 14th, 5PM. You are invited to a Christmas Dinner Party at the Middlekauffs'! Come enjoy a wonderful meal, great company, and lots of Christmas cheer! You can come for the whole night or just stop in for a bit. Bring your spouse, friend and neighbor!
- **Little Free Pantry.** 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!
- **Prayer Requests!** To submit a praise or prayer request or to join the Grace Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain Email, go to the Grace Church app or email prayer@gracehamptons.org.

Offertory:

To give via text, text the word "GIVE" to 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:

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will.

We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.

We have spoken without an effort to understand others.

We have stored up treasure on earth instead of stewarding what you entrust to us.

We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.

We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.

We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands.

Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors.

And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.

In all these actions and more, before you and our fellow man, we have profaned your holy name.

Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Private Confession:

Words of Encouragement: Daniel 9:9, 18

To the LORD our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him.... O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.

Prayer of the People: Sharon Kerr

Sermon Text: Matthew 6:25-34

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²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Sermon: *The Thankful Life Only God Can Give*

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

Congregation Thanksgiving and Sharing:

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 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Dismissal:

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

All: Hallelujah, amen!