



# GRACE

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Sunday, January 4, 2026

**Welcome & Preparation:** Bob Cuthel

**Song of Worship:** Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

**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:** Colossians 1:15-20 Sally Spanburgh

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## Call to Worship:

From Psalms 102 & 103

Leader: In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

**All: The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you.**

Leader: We praise you Lord, who crowns us with love and compassion, who satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's!

**All: From everlasting to everlasting your love is with those who fear you, O Lord, and your righteousness to their children's children, with those who keep your covenant, and remember to obey your commandments.**

## Songs of Worship:

### Come, Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires Is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good.  
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## Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Hallelujah! (Interlude)

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine!  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine---  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine!

Hallelujah!

### **The God We Love (Nicene Creed)**

We believe in one God, the Father  
The Almighty, the Maker of all  
The One who rules the seen and unseen  
We believe, and we adore

Jesus Christ, one Lord of creation  
From the Father, begotten not made  
He is the Light from Light eternal  
And the God of every age

All glory to the Father now All honor to the Son  
And praise the Spirit Now and always  
This is the God we love

For this world and for our salvation  
He came down from the heavens above  
Born of a virgin and the Spirit  
Truly man and truly God

He was crucified under Pilate,  
Suffered death and was laid in the grave  
And in accordance with the scriptures  
On the third He rose again

All glory to the Father now All honor to the Son  
And praise the Spirit Now and always  
This is the God we love

And Christ has made His ascent  
Into the heavens above  
Where He sits at the Father's right hand now  
But He will come back again  
And He will judge in truth

The Holy Spirit has come,  
Voice of the prophets of God  
Sent to us  
He has given us new life  
Forgiven, now and baptised  
One holy church, we rise

All glory to the Father now All honor to the Son  
And praise the Spirit Now and always  
This is the God we love

All glory to the Father now All honor to the Son  
And praise the Spirit Now and always  
This is the God we love  
This is the God we love

Now we wait to be resurrected  
And we look for the world without end  
This is our creed, our faith, our anthem  
This is the God we love  
This is the God we love

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

- **Congregational Prayer Gathering.** January 4th, after the worship service. Come start the new year off right and set aside time to pray with your church family and trust God with what's ahead. This is a meaningful time to pause, seek God together, and align our hearts with His purposes for the year ahead. Join us and let's begin the year together in prayer.
- **Ladies Bible Study.** Tuesdays, 9-11AM. Our women's Bible studies are a warm and welcoming place to dig into God's Word together, whether we're studying a book of the Bible or exploring how it speaks into everyday life. Come build meaningful friendships, pray together, and grow in faith alongside other women in our church community. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff ([lesley@gracehamptons.org](mailto:lesley@gracehamptons.org)).
- **GraceYouth Group Gathering.** Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM. Middle and high school years matter—and so do the students living them. At GPC Youth, 6th–12th graders are invited to head to the church for fun times, meaningful Bible conversations, strong friendships, and a deeper connection to the hope we have in Christ. For more information, contact Lesley Middlekauff ([lesley@gracehamptons.org](mailto:lesley@gracehamptons.org)).
- **SecondSaturdaysOut!** Saturday, January 10th, 5:30PM-9:15PM. To register your child(ren), visit [gracehamptons.org/seCONDSATURDAYSOUT](http://gracehamptons.org/seCONDSATURDAYSOUT) or on the Grace Church app. To volunteer, email Eva Golinski-Klein ([mevgk@hotmail.com](mailto:mevgk@hotmail.com)) or sign up on the Grace Church app.
- **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](http://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](mailto: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:**

**All:** Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!  
Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
For your name's sake, O LORD,  
pardon my guilt, for it is great.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.  
Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
and bring me out of my distress.  
Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
and forgive all my sins.

**Private Confession:**

**Words of Encouragement:** 1 John 2:1-2

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense —Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Prayer of the People:** Adriana Pariz

**Sermon Series:** *The Glory of Jesus in the Gospel of John*

**Sermon Text:** John 5:1-29

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After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. <sup>3</sup> In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup> One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" <sup>7</sup> The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." <sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." <sup>9</sup> And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. <sup>10</sup> So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." <sup>11</sup> But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" <sup>12</sup> They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your

bed and walk'?" <sup>13</sup> Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. <sup>14</sup> Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." <sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. <sup>16</sup> And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working."

<sup>18</sup> This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

<sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. <sup>21</sup> For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. <sup>22</sup> For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, <sup>23</sup> that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

<sup>25</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

**Sermon:**

***Mercy in the Hands of the Messiah***

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

**The Lord's Supper:**

**Hymn of Response:**

**Turn Your Eyes**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside  
Where justice and mercy embraced  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning  
And see Christ the Lion awake  
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the heavens  
Our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,  
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes  
Jesus, our glory and our prize  
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You  
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**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!