

GRACE



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The Lord's Day Worship
December 22, 2013

Pianist
Announcements and Welcome

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Called by God

Silent Preparation for Worship

* Call to Worship

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(c.f. Matthew 28:19)

Amen.

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. (c.f. 1 Timothy 1:2)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. Amen! (c.f. Ruth 2:4)

Let us worship God.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1 ESV)

All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:3 ESV)

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:4 ESV)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14 ESV)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the LORD! Amen!

* #162 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

* Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

* # 731 "Doxology"

Cleansed by God

God's Law-Word for His People:

"You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3 ESV)

"To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." (1 Timothy 1:17 ESV)

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that

is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

(Exodus 20:4-6 ESV)

“The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.”

(Acts 17:24-25 ESV)

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”

(Exodus 20:7 ESV)

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21 ESV)

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” (Exodus 20:8-11 ESV)

“On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.” (Acts 20:7 ESV)

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.” (Exodus 20:12 ESV)

“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.” (Colossians 3:20 ESV)

“You shall not murder.” (Exodus 20:13 ESV)

“Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.” (1 John 3:15 ESV)

“You shall not commit adultery.” (Exodus 20:14 ESV)

“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor.” (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 ESV)

“You shall not steal.” (Exodus 20:15 ESV)

“Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.” (Ephesians 4:28 ESV)

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” (Exodus 20:16 ESV)

“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.”
(Ephesians 4:25 ESV)

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.” (Exodus 20:17 ESV)

“Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.” (I Timothy 6:6-8 ESV)

Consider the words of the prophet as we approach the Lord with silent prayers of confession and repentance. **“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”** (Isaiah 53:7 ESV)

Silent prayers of confession and repentance

Assurance of Forgiveness for God’s People –Ephesians 2:4-9

Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Ephesians 2:10

* # 241 “Thou Dost Reign on High”

Consecrated by God

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 12:9-21

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Exhortation Text: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Title: “Lessons from the Wise Worshipers”

Prayer of Application


- * # 206 “Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning”

Communion with God

The Prayers of God’s People

- * #203 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Confessing the Faith Together

 Come to the LORD’s Table The Apostles’ Creed – Found in the front of the hymnal
Invitation to the Lord’s Supper
You are cordially invited to participate in the Lord’s Supper if you are a believer in Christ, have been baptized, are a communicant member in a Bible-believing church, and regularly attend church worship. We use wine in our celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Reverend Charles McIlhenny


Distribution of Bread # 207 “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

Distribution of Wine # 195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

Commissioned by God

- * # 218 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”
- * Benediction

Our Tithes and Offerings to God

 Give unto the Lord
An integral part of our worship is to bring God a token of our increase. Your tithes and offerings may be placed in the small box at the back of the room. As we will give thanks to God for his gifts *during* the service, we encourage you to make your offering *before* the service.

Nursery

Nursery is provided for children under 3 from the sermon through the remainder of the worship service. The nursery is located across the breezeway. (Nursery Worker Today: Susan Wood)



Happy Birthday

Patty Yamazaki (Jan. 20)
Ruth Thibault (Jan. 31)



Happy Anniversary

Jan and Icela Szeneri
(Jan. 18)

<i>Refreshments</i>	Today	Tuggy Family
	December 29	Thibault Family
	January 5	TBD
	January 12	TBD
	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Usher</i>
December	Lorien Tuggy	Glen & Vicki Tuggy
January	Icela Szeneri	Jan Szeneri



Today

- 11:00 am Fellowship Break
- 11:30 am Card Making for Royale Outing
- 4:00 pm Christmas Caroling at Royale
- 5:30 pm Faith Family at the Andruss' Home

This Week

- Tuesday 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service at the La Mirada OPC

Next Sunday (December 29)

- 9:30 am Reverend Dan Overduin will fill the pulpit and teach Adult Sunday School
- 11:30 am Sunday School for All Ages

Upcoming

- January 2 Prayer Meeting at the Tuggys' Home
- January 5 Service at Royale (2:00 pm)
- January 5 Youth Group at the Thibaults' Home (~3:30)
- January 7 Session Meeting at the Andruss' Home
- January 20 Outreach Car-Wash
- January 25 Women's Meeting
- January 28 Outreach Committee Meeting at the Szeneris' Home
- February 2 Annual Congregational Meeting
- February 14-17 Senior High/Collegian Winter Camp
- February 21-23 Junior High Winter Camp (6th grade – 9th grade)

