

# GRACE



**GRACE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Lord's Day Worship  
March 9, 2014

\* Denotes Congregation Standing

Pianist

Announcements and Welcome

*Miss Carrie Thibault*  
*Reverend Charles McIlhenny*

## 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.

(Matthew 28:19)

**Amen.**

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

The Lord be with you.

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

Let us worship God.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

(Psalm 139:1-2 ESV)

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.** (Psalm 139:6 ESV)

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! (Psalm 139:17,23 ESV)

**And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!** (Psalm 139:24 ESV)

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord! Amen!**

\* # 536 "Searcher of Hearts, from Mine Erase"

\* Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

\* # 734 "Gloria Patri"

## Cleansed by God

God's Law-Word for His People: Exodus 20:1-17 & Matthew 22:37-40

**And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**

**“You shall have no other gods before me.**

**“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.**

**“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.**

**“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.**

**“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.**

**“You shall not murder.**

**“You shall not commit adultery.**

**“You shall not steal.**

**“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**“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.”**

**Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”**

Consider the words of the apostle as we approach the Lord with silent prayers of confession and repentance. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

*Silent prayers of confession and repentance*

Assurance of Forgiveness for God’s People – Ephesians 1:7-12

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Ephesians 5:1-2

\* # 366 “My People, Give Ear, Attend to My Word” Verses 1-4

### **Consecrated by God**

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 3:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

\* The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:1-23

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

The Sermon Text: Mark 4:1-20

Sermon: “Jesus’ Most Important Parable”

Prayer of Application

\* # 366 “My People, Give Ear, Attend to My Word” Verses 5-8

### **Communion with God**

The Prayers of God’s People

*Elder Jim Andruss*

\* # 383 “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

\* Confessing the Faith Together

The Nicene Creed – Found on page 846 of your 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

Distribution of Bread # 257 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

Distribution of Wine # 263 “Lift High the Cross”



<i>Refreshments</i>	Today	Ann-Marie Hines
	March 16	Betty Garcia
	March 23	Kenton McClelland
	March 30	Patty Yamazaki
	<i>Lord's Supper Preparation</i>	<i>Usher</i>
March	Judith Andruss	Kenton McClelland
April	Amy Thibault	Mark Lucero



## Schedule

### Today

- 11:00 am Fellowship break
- 11:30 am Christian Ed classes for all ages
- 5:30 pm Praise, Prayer, and Study (Led by Reverend McIlhenny)

### This Week

Thursday 6:00 pm Missionary Night at the Thibaults' Home

### Next Sunday (March 16)

- 9:30 am Reverend Charles McIlhenny will fill the pulpit and lead Adult Sunday School
- 11:30 am Christian Ed classes for all ages
- 5:30 pm Praise, Prayer, and Study (Led by Reverend McIlhenny)

### Upcoming

- March 20 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting at the Tuggys' Home
- March 22 7:00 pm March Madness
- April 11-13 Women's Retreat
- April 17 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service at the Thibaults' Home
- April 26 11:00 am Women's Meeting at Amy's home: Devotions by Judith
- May 2-3 Presbytery
- May 5-9 Week of Prayer
- May 17 10:30 am Ladies' Tea
- May 26 8:30 am Ladies Clean church kitchen
- June 17-21 Family Camp

**Happy Birthday:** Adam Thibault (Mar. 19), Judith Andruss (Mar. 30)

