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The Lord's Day Worship

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Cleansed By God

God's Law Word: Micah 6:6-8

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* 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. The Lord be with you. (cf. I Timothy 1:2)

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

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! (Psalm 100:1-2)

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Hymns # 725 "The Lord's Prayer" and # 726 "Spirit of the Living God"

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⁴ For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,

⁵ like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

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Sermon Text: I Timothy 5:9-12 (NIV)

“A List of Godly Widows”

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B. E_____ if S_____ or O_____

1. W_____ Not R_____ (verses 11-12)

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II. The L_____ of Widows in E_____ Gives Churches a P_____ to F_____ Not a R_____ Practice (Titus 2:3-5)

III. A Godly Widow

A. A F_____ W_____ (Ephesians 5:22-24 and 33)

B. A D_____ of G_____ D_____ (I Timothy 2:9-10 and Ephesians 2:6-10)

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- Distribution of Bread: # 263 (verses 1-2)
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Upcoming

- April 4 7:00 pm Session Meeting
- April 11 7:07 pm Angels’ Baseball Game
- April 22 8:30 am Women’s 3rd Quarterly Meeting

Prayer List for Grace OPC for March 26, 2017

For praises or requests please contact Rev. David Thibault at (714) 983-7995 or davidthibault@sbcglobal.net

Praises

1. Thank God for giving us more rain last week.
2. Praise God for the fifty years of faithful pastoral ministry of Reverend Carl Erickson in South San Francisco. Pastor Erickson will be retiring this week.
3. Rejoice in the privilege we have in serving the residents at South Coast Post Acute and that Carmen was able to join us in worship last week after ill-health had prevented her from being with us for a while.
4. Praise the Lord that Phyllis has been able to worship with us on an ongoing basis over the past several months.
5. Praise God for the many mature saints at Grace who have served the Lord and ministered to us in so many ways down through the years.

Pray for Our Church

1. Pray for the Lord's blessings upon the women of our presbytery who will be attending the Ladies' Retreat in Idyllwild from April 7-9. Ask the Lord to guide the speaker Tricia Mathys as she prepares and delivers her talks over the weekend.
2. Ask the Lord for a good turnout and a blessed time of fellowship for all who attend the Angels' game on April.
3. Keep praying for our deacons-elect and Pastor David as they meet weekly (they have now met five times together) to prepare for the ordination of Peter, Kenton, and Bob.
4. Pray for wisdom and strength for our current elders, and ask the Lord to raise up other men to serve on our session.
5. Seek the Lord's blessing on the preaching and teaching ministry of the Word each week at Grace.
6. Pray for those who are distributing fliers that introduce members of our new targeted community to our church.
7. Pray that each one of us as God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus will perform the good works which God has ordained for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).

Pray for One Another

1. Pray for Glen, Vicki, Lorien, and Sarah as they travel to Georgia to visit Galen, Adrian, and their families. They will be gone from March 30 – April 4.
2. Ask for traveling mercies for Chuck and Donna as they plan to be in San Francisco at the end of this week to celebrate Pastor Carl Erickson's fifty years of ministry (and his retirement) at New Covenant OPC in South San Francisco. Pray for the McIlhennys' return on

Saturday and for Chuck as he preaches at Resurrection OPC in Westminster next Sunday.

3. Pray for members of our congregation with ongoing employment needs or concerns: 1) Ask the Lord to provide steady income and work for Doug and Jan. 2) Pray that Icela will have wisdom as she transitions to a new job. 3) Pray that the Lord will guide James as he seeks a new place to work and that He will provide a job for Thomas and Anthony. 4) Ask the Lord to provide renters for all of Jim's rental properties. 5) Pray for wisdom for Joon as he prepares to open a hair products store in Long Beach in April or May.
4. Pray for the Lord's blessing and strength for Cam, Hannah and baby Wedel (who was not yet born at the time of the printing of this prayer list).
5. Pray for strength and wisdom for Betty and her sister Suzie as they continue to care for their cousin Edward.
6. Pray that Glen will remain cancer-free in the future.
7. Ask the Lord to bless our high-school students in their education. Pray that the Lord will cause Emily and Anthony to maintain a godly witness at Fountain Valley High School and that Luke, Thomas, and Nathan will learn well at home.

Pray for the Spread of God's Kingdom

1. Pray that Governor Brown and our state senators and assemblymen will rule in righteousness so that we may lead peaceful and quiet lives, dignified in every way (I Timothy 2:2).
2. Ask the Lord to bring salvation to Mark Lucero's mother.
3. Pray for Pastor Chris Hartshorn as he pastors the Anaheim Hills OPC chapel work and as he oversees the weekly Bible Study with a core group of believers in Pasadena who desire to begin worship services in June. Pray that the Lord will raise up church officers in Anaheim Hills.
4. Pray for our brothers and sisters in North Korea who face persecution and death if they publicly profess their faith in Christ. Pray for wisdom for ministries like Voice of the Martyrs as they attempt to encourage, to train, and to support believers in that country without government interference.
5. Pray for Pastor David as he organizes Team Haiti and for team leader Reverend Matt Prather and assistant team leader Rosie Perkins as they begin planning for the VBS classes that the team will be conducting while in Haiti from June 26- July 6. Pray also for the ten team members who will be going, including Matthew Wood from our church.
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