



GRACE

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NOTE: All Scripture is taken from the English Standard Version except where stated otherwise.

* Denotes congregation standing

TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD 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.

The Lord's Day Worship

A.D. December 16, 2018

Cleansed by God

God's Law-Word for His people: The Ten Commandments Responsively

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

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33 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)

“You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophecy of you, when he said: ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’” (Matthew 15:7-9 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)

“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.” (Matthew 5:33-35 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)

“For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.” (Matthew 12:8 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)

“For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and ‘whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, ‘What you would have gained from me is given to God,’ he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.”

(Matthew 15:4-6 ESV)

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

“You have heard it said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.”

(Matthew 5: 21-22 ESV)

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

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

(Matthew 5:27-28 ESV)

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

“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (Matthew 6:3-4 ESV)

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

“Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.” (Matthew 5:37 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)

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21ESV)

Consider the words of the Psalmist as we approach the Lord with

silent prayer of confession and repentance. “As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

(Psalm 103:12 ESV)

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Galatians 4:4-5

Called by God

* 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.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. (Psalm 24:7)

Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! (Psalm 24:8)

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. (Psalm 24:9)

Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! (Psalm 24:10)

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. Amen.

* Hymn # 219 “All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord”

* Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (found on the back inside cover of the TH)

* Hymn # 734 “Gloria Patri”

Consecrated by God

NURSERY: We are delighted to have God’s children worship with us. Their cries, coos, and occasional shrieks are reminders to us of God’s wonderful blessings. However, if you would like, there is nursery care available for children under 3 from the hymn before the sermon through the remainder of the worship service. The nursery is located behind the bathrooms of this building.

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-5 and 4:6-7

New Testament Reading: Luke 1:5-25

* Hymn # 229 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

* Sermon Text: Luke 1:39-45

Sermon Title: “Christmas Came Early for Elizabeth”

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response # 241 “Thou Dost Reign on High”

Communion with God

Prayers of God’s People

* Confessing Our Faith Together – Heidelberg Catechism # 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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.

Distribution of Bread: Hymn # 225 “Once in Royal David’s City”

Distribution of Wine: Hymn # 211 “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Commissioned by God

* Closing Hymn # 207 “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

* Benediction

Welcome

Schedule - Today

- 9:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 5:30 pm Christmas Dinner and Program

This Week

Thursday 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting at the Woods' Home

Next Sunday (December 23)

- 9:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 4:30 pm Caroling at SCPA
- 5:30 pm Faith Family at the Andruss' Home

Upcoming

- December 28 6:00 pm Ladies' Christmas Party
- January 7 7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting
- January 26 1:00 pm Ladies 1st Quarterly Meeting at Icela's Home
- January 27 11:30 am Congregational Meeting



Sofia (Jan. 5), Philomena (Jan. 12)
 Patty (Jan. 20), Donna (Jan. 21)
 Kylie (Jan. 24), Ruth (Jan. 31)



Jan & Icela (Jan. 18, 1992)

<i>Refreshments & Nursery (If you are unable to fulfill your assignment on your assigned day please call Carrie and she will find a replacement for you)</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Refreshments</i>
	Today	Matthew	Amy
	December 23	Erin & Sofia	Vicki
	December 30	Amy	Susan
	January 6	TBD	TBD
DATE	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Usher</i>
December	Andrew	Judith	Andrew
January	TBD	TBD	TBD

I. A Godly Woman

A. R_____ B_____, and
O_____
(Job 1:1, Luke 2:35)

B. In S_____ of Her U_____ Age

C. In S_____ of Her B_____ Condition
(Deuteronomy 7:14, Psalm 113:9, Genesis 30:1)

II. A Blessed Woman

A. The Lord O_____ Her W_____

B. The M_____ of the Messiah’s
F_____

C. The R_____ of the H_____
S_____
(Psalm 110:1, Luke 20:41-44, Luke 2:11)

D. The P_____ by the H_____
S_____

III. A Humble Woman

A. In R_____ to Her P_____

B. In R_____ to Mary’s V_____

IV. A Joyful Woman

“The Lord had s_____ great m_____ to
h_____.”

(Luke 1:57-58 Luke 1:46-474, Luke 1:68-69, Luke 2:10
and 13-14, Luke 2:20, Luke 2:32, Luke 2:38)

