

# 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. January 6, 2019

### **Cleansed by God**

God's Law-Word for His People: Romans 13:12-15

*Silent Prayer of Confession*

Assurance of Pardon: John 1:9-14

### **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.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. (Psalm 118:19)

**This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**  
(Psalm 118:20)

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.  
(Psalm 118:21)

**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (Psalm 118:24)

Lift up your hearts.

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

\* Hymn # 389 "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

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

\* Hymn # 732 "Doxology"

## 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 Responsive Reading:

Isaiah 9:2-7: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

**<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.**

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

Isaiah 40:2-5 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

**<sup>3</sup> A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

**<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

Malachi 3:1-4 "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

**<sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.**

<sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

**<sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.**

Malachi 4:1-6 "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

**<sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.**

<sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

**<sup>4</sup> "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.**

<sup>5</sup> "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

**<sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."**

New Testament Reading: Luke 3:1-18

\* Hymn # 515 "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star! "

\* Sermon Text: Luke 1:67-79

Sermon Title: "The Prophet of the Most High"

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn of Response # 476 "The Light of the World Is Jesus"

### **Communion with God**

Prayers of God's People

\* Confessing Our Faith Together – Apostles' Creed

# 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: "Communion Hymn" Verses 1-2

Distribution of Wine: "Communion Hymn" Verses 3-4

## **Commissioned by God**

\* Closing Hymn #398 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

\* Benediction

Luke 1:67-79

## **The Prophet of the Most High**

### **I. The Mandate of John the Baptist**

A. The P\_\_\_\_\_ of the M\_\_\_\_\_ H\_\_\_\_\_  
(Genesis 14:18-20, Psalm 46:4-5, Psalm 47:1-2,  
Luke 1:32 and 35)

B. The One Who P\_\_\_\_\_ the W\_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord  
(Isaiah 40:1-5, Malachi 3:1, Luke 1:16-17)

### **II. The Message of John the Baptist**

A. S\_\_\_\_\_ in the F\_\_\_\_\_ of Sin for God's  
P\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 103:12, Isaiah 43:25, Micah 7:19,  
Ephesians 1:3-7)

B. R\_\_\_\_\_ and F\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus (Luke 3:3 and 15-17,  
John 1:29-30, Acts 20:21)

### **III. The Messiah of John the Baptist**

A. The One Who B\_\_\_\_\_ God's T\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_  
(Romans 15:8-9, Ephesians 2:4-7)

B. The S\_\_\_\_\_ of R\_\_\_\_\_ Who Ends Our D\_\_\_\_\_  
D\_\_\_\_\_ (Malachi 4:2, Revelation 22:16, Isaiah 8:19-9:3,  
John 3:19-21)

C. The One Who L\_\_\_\_\_ Us in P\_\_\_\_\_  
(Isaiah 9:6, Luke 2:14, Romans 5:1)

## Happy Birthday

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

## Happy Anniversary

Jan & Icela (Jan. 18, 1992)

<i>Refreshments &amp; 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	Carrie	Erin
	January 13	Matthew & Adam	Icela
	January 20	Kenton & Luke	Judith
	January 27	Erin & Sofia	Raquel
<b>DATE</b>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Usher</i>
January	Bob	TBD	Bob
February	TBD	TBD	TBD

### Schedule - Today

9:30 am Worship

11:30 am Sunday School for All Ages

12:30 pm Fellowship Meal

2:30 pm SCPA Service

3:30 pm Youth Group at the Thibaults' Home

(Arutian – Fruit and Vegetables; Szeneri – Main Dish;  
 Thibault – Dessert; Wood – Chips and Drinks)

### Next Sunday (January 13)

9:30 am Worship

11:30 am Sunday School for All Ages

5:30 pm Praise, Prayer, and Study

### This Week

Monday 7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting

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

Saturday 9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

### Upcoming

January 15 7:00 pm Session Meeting at the Andruss' Home

January 26 1:00 pm Ladies' 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Meeting

January 27 11:30 am Congregational Meeting

