



GRACE

Order of Worship

Grace Presbyterian Church
January 14, 2018
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Preparing for Worship

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness. **Amen.**

—based on Ephesians 3:18-19

Gathering Around the Word

Chiming of the Bells

A call to pause in quiet reflection as we gather for worship.

Lighting the Trinity Candle

As we enter worship we signify the presence of God and remind ourselves that we are the worshipers and God is at the center of our celebration.

Prelude

Rubinstein

Choral Introit

Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Friendship Pads

*Please sign the friendship pad and pass it along your row.
As you pass it back to its starting point, note the names of those near you and greet one another during the passing of the peace or after the service.*

Announcements of Church Life (see screen) ✧

*Call to Worship ✧

*[The congregation voice is **printed in bold**]*

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

**All the earth worships you;
they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.**

—Psalm 66:1-2, 4, NRSV

*Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn No. 2 ✧

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Seeking God’s Grace

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (In unison) ✧

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always

honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others’ intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Now, as we pause in silence, hear our personal prayers of confession...

(A moment of silent prayer for personal confession)

Song of Lament No. 437 ✧

“You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

**You are the Lord, giver of Mercy.
You are the Christ, giver of Mercy.
You are the Lord, giver of Mercy.
... Amen.**

Words of Assurance and Forgiveness

*Response of Praise “Glory Be to the Father” ✧

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Hearing the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Reading

Ezekiel 36:24-28
Pew Bible, Page 758, OT

Anthem

“All for Love”

Young ☞

Second Reading

John 14:16-26
Pew Bible, Page 103, NT

Sermon Series: ‘The Holy Spirit’

Part I: “Who is the Holy Spirit?”

Pastor Craig Sanders

Responding to the Word of God

*Affirmation of Faith



Ordination and Installation of Elders

Presentation of the Class of 2020

Elder Elsa Louis

Constitutional Questions to the Elders-Elect

Pastor Craig Sanders

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Elder Elsa Louis

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Charge

Offering of Ourselves Back to God

Call to Self-Offering

The Offering

Offertory

Tchaikovsky

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

No. 709 ☞

“God, We Honor You”

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving



Praying our Joys and Concerns

☞☞ Pastor Sanders

The Lord’s Prayer

Page 35, Hymnal ☞

Communion of God’s People

We will receive the Sacrament by Intinction, the communion of Christ’s body and blood together. Please come forward to the Table, receive the Bread, and dip it into the Cup. Gluten free wafers are available on each bread plate.

Communion Hymns



“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” No. 509

“Your Only Son (Lamb of God)” No. 518

*Prayer after Communion

Sending into the World

*Blessing and Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Sharing God’s Peace

(Please greet those around you and welcome new visitors.)

Postlude

Beethoven

☞ **Copies of Pastor Sanders' sermons** are available each week through the Pastoral Care Ministry. If you know of a home-bound person, college student, or just a friend or neighbors who might be interested, please contact John Matson at 817-465-0014.

☞☞ **Joys and Concerns During Worship:** There is a clipboard on the table in the narthex for prayer requests. Please feel free to write your request on the clipboard before worship and it will be mentioned during the “Prayers of the People”.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY – 01/14 – Ordination Sunday/Communion

Education Hour, 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Time, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Session Meeting - 2018 Budget, 12:00 p.m., Room 108

Girl Scout Troop 3538-Cadettes, 2:00 p.m., Room 110

MONDAY – 01/15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Meals on Wheels, 10:00 a.m., Room 110

Grace Notes Deadline, 2:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 421, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 421, 7:00 p.m., Room 103 & Assembly Rm.

Discipleship Huddle, 7:30 p.m., Room 104

TUESDAY – 01/16

Meals on Wheels, 10:00 a.m., Room 110

WOG-Tuesday Circle Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Room 109

Stephen Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Room 106

Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY – 01/17

Meals on Wheels, 10:00 a.m., Room 110

Balance and Flexibility Exercise Class, 10:00 a.m., Room 103

Praise Team Practice, 5:45 p.m., Sanctuary

Taco Salad Supper, 6:00 p.m.

“Come and See” Gathering, 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY – 01/18

Meals on Wheels, 10:00 a.m., Room 110

Grace Notes Deadline, 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY – 01/19

Friday Morning Bible Study, 7:00 a.m., Oldwest Café, Arlington

Meals on Wheels, 10:00 a.m., Room 110

WOG Retreat - Fri-Sun

SATURDAY – 01/20

Memory Café, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary

SUNDAY – 01/21

Education Hour, 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Time, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Girl Scout Troop 3538-Ambassadors, 2:00 p.m., Room 109

Office Hours this Week

Tuesday-Friday 9:00-2:00

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