



DOWNTOWN

in & for the city

Grace Presbyterian Church of Washington, DC

Sunday Evening, 25 November, 2012, 5:00 p.m.

Worship Leaders: Revs. Glenn Hoburg and Russ Whitfield

Welcome to Grace Downtown

We long to be a church that is not only in the city, but for the city. Our desire is to express faithfully the gospel of Jesus Christ as an inwardly growing, outwardly serving community that experiences God's rich grace and extends it to Washington, DC. Whatever your spiritual disposition—skeptic, seeker, follower—we welcome you and pray that you might know something of this Good News today.

Information

Nursery Care is provided during the service for children 0–3 years on the ground floor across from the library, as you take a right through the front door of the church.

Children's Church for kids ages 4–8 years is held during the sermon.

Nametags are printed for members. Have a question about the church? Ask someone wearing a printed nametag. Stick-on nametags are available for all at the Info Table.

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RSS feeds for Events & Announcements. www.gracedc.net/community/announcements.

Lost & Found If you have lost something, please check the Info Table.

Worship Etiquette

- Sit in the middle of the rows, and stow personal items under pews to free up seats.
- Electronic devices should be silenced.
- Food and beverages are prohibited in the sanctuary; trash cans are available in the lobby.
- Only ushers may remove white ropes.
- Feel free to share bulletins.

Staff & Leadership

Elders: Bob Baldwin (on sabbatical). Tom Carpenter. Glenn Hoburg. Duke Kwon. Chris Moore. Andy Neal. Kevin Offner. Michael Schafer. Russ Whitfield.

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Worship at 5:00pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 755 8th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

Service of Worship

Prelude

God calls us to worship

Calling Ourselves to Worship♦

Psalm 86.8–12

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

People: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

Leader: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

People: Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

ALL: I will give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

Invocation Prayer

Asking God to be with us

Song of Praise

Come Now Almighty King

Come, now almighty King (Come, now almighty King),
Help us Your Name to sing (Help us Your Name to sing),
We will declare Your praise (We will declare Your praise),
Righteous in all Your ways (Righteous in all Your ways),
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come now incarnate Word (Come now incarnate Word),
Take up Your mighty sword (Take up Your mighty sword),
Our humble prayers attend (Our humble prayers attend),
Faithful unto the end (Faithful unto the end),
Come, and Your people bless, and give Your word success,
Lord of all Righteousness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Spirit come (Come, holy Spirit come),
Your perfect will be done (Your perfect will be done),
Brighten our darkened hearts (Brighten our darkened hearts),
Your precious life impart (Your precious life impart),
Guide us into your truth, So we might bear more fruit
Fill us with more of You, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three (To the great One in Three),
Eternal praises be (Eternal praises be),
Timeless unchanging Lord (Timeless unchanging Lord),
Now and forevermore, Your sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

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As this is an open, public building, please be responsible for your personal belongings at all times.

♦ Please stand if possible.

Reading from the Old Testament

Ruth 1.1-18

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

*Being honest with God and ourselves
(Those who wish may kneel during confession)*

Lord God, we confess that our actions reveal our weak appreciation of your grace. We are so self-interested and self-absorbed. We resist relationships that seem to offer us no benefit. We expect the other to make all of the adjustments and concessions, evading your call to sacrificial love. We often take the path of least relational resistance, betraying our experience of your kindness toward us. Father, please forgive us. Change our hearts and help us to walk in line with the new life that you give. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Hearing and Receiving the Pardon ♫

1 Peter 2.24-25

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

People: We receive your great mercy!

Songs of Thanks

Standing on the Promises of God

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Chorus: Standing, standing, standing on the promises of Christ my Savior; standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. *(chorus)*

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword, standing on the promises of God. *(chorus)*

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit’s call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. *(chorus)*

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Prince of Peace

You are holy (You are holy)
You are mighty (You are mighty)
You are worthy (You are worthy)
Worthy of praise (Worthy of praise)
And I will follow (I will follow)
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love you (I will love you)
All of my days (All of my days)

(Men:)

I will sing to
And worship
The King who is worthy
I will love Him, adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
I will sing to and worship the King
who is worthy
I will love Him, adore Him
I will bow down before Him

(Women:)

You are Lord of Lords, Your are King of Kings
You are mighty God, Lord of everything
You’re Emmanuel, You’re the great “I AM”
You’re my Prince of Peace, Who is the Lamb
You’re the living God, You’re my saving grace
You will reign forever,
You are ancient of days
You’re the Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End
You’re my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and friend

You’re my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you. *(Repeat song 2x)*

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Prayer of Intercession

Chris Moore, Elder

Praying for our church, our city and our world

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Responding to God’s grace

Prayer and Dismissal of Children

Children ages four years through second grade may be dismissed for Children’s Church. Their teachers will send them to rejoin you after the sermon for the remainder of the service.

Greeting One Another ♦

Song of Preparation

We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (*chorus*)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (*chorus*)

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Reading from the New Testament

John 17.6-10, 20-23

⁶"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

²⁰"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon

Rev. Glenn Hoburg

Kingdom Reconciliation

Series: Jesus For King

Sign and Seal of God's Grace

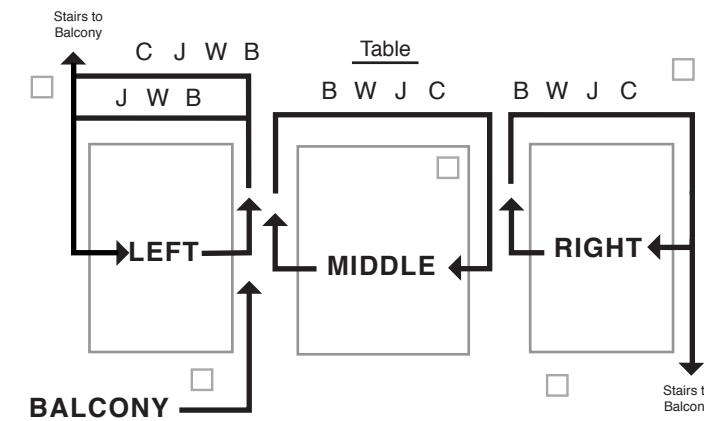
The Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing of a church that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ are invited to participate. Children who have been admitted by their church as old enough to comprehend the Supper may partake as well. If you have any questions, please ask.

We respectfully ask those who are not followers of Christ Jesus to refrain from the Supper. Instead, please observe communion, reflect on its meaning, and, if willing, utilize the prayers below.

Instructions Come forward row by row to the servers in front of your section. From the balcony, come down the back left stairway, join the line in the left aisle and return to the balcony. Parents who take Communion may then pick up their infants from the nursery and rejoin worship.

A gluten-free bread substitute is available. Wine is served in the first drink tray, grape juice in the second. If you wish to dip or drink from the common cup instead of taking wine from the drink tray, servers offer a chalice at the end of each line. You may take the elements standing to the side or at your seat. Please return your cup. To avoid spills and out of respect for our host church, **please do not leave the cups in your pew.**



KEY:
B = bread /wafers
W = wine tray
J = juice tray
C = common cup
□ = basket for cups

Prayer for those Seeking God, You promise that those who seek You will find You, and that You are found in Jesus Christ alone. Please honor my seeking and show me mercy; guide me, teach me, and lead me. Grant me Your Spirit that I might not seek in vain, but have a true relationship with You.

Prayer of Belief Father, You have shown me that You are my Creator and that I owe everything to You. I confess that Christ Jesus is Your unique and only Son, the God-Man full of grace and truth. Lord Jesus, I thank You for paying my debt of guilt, taking the full punishment for my sin upon the cross, and by Your righteousness making me completely accepted and loved by God, freely by grace. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I receive You as my Lord and Savior and commit myself to live as Your follower at all cost. Holy Spirit, I have grieved You by my selfishness and lack of love. I turn from my sin and ask You to fill me and create new life in me. O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

Communion Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury filled, with boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

'Til then I would Thy love proclaim, with every fleeting breath,
And may the music of Thy name, refresh my soul in death.

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Mercy Offering

Song of Faith ♫

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings, We will glorify the Lamb,
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, We will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness,
We will worship Him alone!

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe,
All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords,
Who is the great I AM.

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Benediction

Going with God's blessing

Announcements

Members of our diaconate will be available at the front of the sanctuary to pray for you after service.

Kingdom Prayer

We want to see the healing character of God's loving reign make itself visible in our hearts and in the city around us. To this end, pray this week for deeper devotion to God's kingdom, for the influence of his reign to expand, and for an awareness of his love to lead to renewal and reconciliation. Please pray...

Devotion

...that the upcoming holiday season would be a time of deep reflection, exciting growth and generous service for those in our community.
...for our search for new assistant pastors for Grace Downtown.

Expansion

...thanking God for providing an Associate Pastor to lead our efforts planting a congregation to serve Brentwood, Brookland and Langdon.
...for worship space for Grace DC's third congregation, and for new worship space for Grace Meridian Hill.

Reconciliation

...that Grace Meridian Hill's Latino Outreach ministry would produce strong relationships with the congregation's Hispanic neighbors.
...for Grace Downtown's partner ministries and local mission partners (Anacostia Gracious Arts Program, Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center, Little Lights Urban Ministries, N Street Village, The Porch and Urban Bridge Builders) as they seek to fulfill their end-of-year fundraising and service goals.
...that God's unmerited favor would renew our city socially and culturally this winter.

Notes

Calendar

November – December 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Pre-Service Prayer 4:30 pm Mercy Offering In Service	26	27 City Prayer 7:15am	28	29 Moms' Bible Study 10:00am	30 Book Club 7:00pm	1 Fourth Friday Dinner
2 Advent Begins Prayer Brunch 12:00 pm Pre-Service Prayer 4:30 pm Eat & Meet 7:00 pm	3	4 City Prayer 7:15am	5	6 Moms' Bible Study 10:00am	7	8
9 Pre-Service Prayer 4:30 pm Coffee Hour 6:45 pm	10	11 City Prayer 7:15am	12	13 Moms' Bible Study 10:00am CHPC Christmas Concert 7:30pm	14	15
16 Children's Christmas Play 4:00 pm Pre-Service Prayer 4:30 pm Christmas in Story and Song	17 Christmas Caroling, Eat & Meet 7:00 pm	18 City Prayer 7:15am	19	20	21	22
23 Worship Service 5:00 pm	24	25 Christmas Grace DC Office Closed	26	27	28	29

Events & Announcements

Tonight

Advent Guides (Available 11/25)

The season leading up to Christmas is a great opportunity to re-connect with the story at the heart of our faith and our community: the story of incarnation. To help you reflect on the story behind this season, Advent guides are available at the Info Table.

This Week

Book Club: C.S. Lewis' *Out Of The Silent Planet* (11/30, 7pm)

The Grace Downtown Book Club will meet on Friday, November 30 to discuss C.S. Lewis' *Out of the Silent Planet*. For location information, email Andy (andybmarnes@gmail.com).

Fourth Friday Dinner (11/30)

November's Fourth Friday Dinner will be held on the fifth Friday, so as not to conflict with Thanksgiving weekend. If you're interested in attending a dinner, sign up online.

Prayer Brunch (12/2, 12–2:30pm)

Are you looking for an opportunity to introduce new energy into your prayer life? Do you want to support our church, our city and our world in prayer during this holiday season? Then join the Prayer Team and others from the Grace Downtown community for a potluck brunch and dynamic, encouraging prayer at the Grace DC office. Register online. Email prayer@gracedc.net for more information.

Events & Announcements (cont'd)

Upcoming Events

Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center Christmas Concert (12/13, 7:30pm)

Celebrate the holiday season and support CHPC's work with women and families throughout DC. The evening will feature singers and musicians representing a range of styles. Held at Washington Community Fellowship (907 Maryland Avenue NE). Admission is free, and donations will be accepted.

Children's Christmas Play (12/16, 4:00 pm)

The children of Grace Downtown star in "In The Meantime Desert," an original play exploring the meaning and themes of the Christmas season. Interested in helping out? Contact lisa@gracedc.net.

Christmas In Story and Song (12/16, 5:00 pm)

Invite your friends to this special celebration of the Christmas season. In lieu of our normal worship service, we will dedicate this evening to sharing the Christmas story as woven throughout the Bible and highlighting and celebrating the themes of the story with a generous dose of Christmas carols led by the Grace Downtown worship band. All are welcome!

Grow & Learn

Winter Term 2013: Doctrine of the Church (Begins January)

What is the nature of our relationship to one another? What is God's vision for our community's relationship to the city and world around us? These questions are central to the way we understand our faith, and this winter we'll be offering classes that explore these questions from a variety of angles. More information to come.

Helping Without Hurting (3/9)

Save the date! Dr. Brian Fikkert—co-author of *When Helping Hurts*—provides an overview of the core principles behind the church's role in relief, rehabilitation and development. Participants will also learn how to work with individuals, households and communities. More information to come.

Serve

Little Lights Urban Ministries

Little Lights is currently recruiting volunteers to work with underserved children and youth at Potomac Gardens in Capitol Hill for their fall academic and Bible study programs as well as for one-to-one mentoring. Email volunteer@littlelights.org or visit www.littlelights.org for more information.

Prayer Team

The Prayer Team creates opportunities for our community to come together in deeper, vibrant prayer for our church, city and world. Contact prayer@gracedc.net for more info.

Set Up Team

Help make sure our Sunday Services happen. For more information, contact farrell@gracedc.net.

Downtown Choir

Grace Downtown is seeking singers of all voice parts for the new Grace DC choir. Contact Cheryl (cheryl@gracedc.net) for more information on serving.

Connect

Teachers: Get Prayer Support

City Prayer prays for teachers in the Grace DC community the first Tuesday of every month. If you're a teacher, we would love to support you in the 2012-2013 academic year. Please contact Yan at yanlee@ucla.edu.

Get Care

The Grace Downtown diaconate offers practical help to those facing challenging circumstances, as well as support in learning how to transition out of them. If you are in need of help or guidance, contact them at diaconate@gracedc.net.

Sports, Arts and Jobseekers Listserves

Interested in starting a pickup game or going to a gallery opening? Meet others at Grace Downtown who want to join you on the sports and arts listserves. You can also view or post job and internship announcements and get care from the Care Team on the jobseekers listserv. Just send an email to get onto the appropriate Yahoo! Group and stay up-to-date on the latest goings-on:

- gracedcsports-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- gracedcartmatters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- gdc-jobseekers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Keeping Connected

For visitors, members updating their information, people communicating interests and prayer requests. Tear off and place in offering basket, or turn in to the Info Table.

(today's date is _____)

visitor regular attender member

single married

Name (ms./mr.) _____

Address _____

Phone (w/h/c) _____

Email _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Birthdate _____

Children's names & ages _____

Prayer Request _____

Please contact me about...

- I'm looking into the Christian faith and would like more info and/or to talk with someone
- Joining a community group in my neighborhood
- Grace Downtown events and announcements
- Grace Downtown congregation membership
- Tools for growth
- Grace Meridian Hill congregation membership

How to get involved in our church community:

- Social Events Team Greeting Team
- Children's Ministries Eat & Meet Team
- Mercy Ministries Communion Team
- Coffee Hour Team Set Up Team
- Prayer Team

- Please do not contact me

Prayer requests

Tear off this page, write your request on it and fold for privacy. Drop it in the offering basket or at the Info Table. You can also send your request to prayer@gracedc.net, subject: prayer request (please indicate confidential or for prayer-team in the subject). Deacons and deaconesses are also available for prayer at the front left of the sanctuary following each service. We would love to pray for you!

- please keep confidential (pastors/elders only)

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