



**grace**

**presbyterian**

**church**

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Sunday, November 07, 2021**

**Prelude**

Margaret Bradly, Organ

**\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 9: 1-2**

“I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.”

**\*Hymn of Praise:**

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

**#173**

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail him! hail him! Highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to his holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children, in his arms he carries them all day long;

**Refrain:**

**Praise him! praise him! tell of his excellent greatness,  
praise him! praise him! ever in joyful song!**

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! For our sins he suffered and bled and died;  
he our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation, hail him! hail him! Jesus the Crucified.  
Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows, love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong;

**Refrain:**

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Heav'nly portals loud with hosanas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever, crown him! crown him! Prophet and Priest and King!  
Christ is coming! over the world victorious, pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong.

**Refrain:**

**\*Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

**1 John 1: 8-9**

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, I approach you mindful that I am less than nothing, a creature worse than nothing. My thoughts are not screened from your gaze. My secret sins blaze in the light of your countenance. Enable me to remember that blood which cleanses all sin, to believe in that grace which subdues all iniquities, to resign myself to the one who can deliver me from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. If I am not right, set me right, keep me right; and may I at last come to your house in peace. Through the precious blood of your dear Son, our Savior. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**1 Peter 1: 3-5**

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

## **Hymn of Preparation:**

“Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

**#597**

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be giv’n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole,  
let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

## Scripture Reading

Acts 6: 1-7

6 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. David Stewart

## Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 3: 8-13

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued,<sup>Ⓜ</sup> not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise<sup>Ⓜ</sup> must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

**Sermon**

**Sacred Service  
Being the Church**

**Rev. David Stewart**

**I. Promoting Unity and Peace**

**II. Loving the Body of Christ**

**III. A Shared Ministry**

**Celebrating the Lord's Supper**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow’rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell’s Destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

**\*Three-fold Amen.**

**\*Indicates congregation will stand, if able**

**Benediction:**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On December 5, 2021, we will be celebrating the Advent with an evening fellowship and dinner at 5:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Please sign up by November 21<sup>st</sup> if you plan on attending. You are invited to be a part of the program with a Christmas hymn or song you would like to share as an individual, duet, or group, singing or playing an instrument or would like to read a passage of Scripture, please sign up on the sheets provided in the narthex. We would particularly love to see children and young people participate. The choir will be meeting on Mondays, November 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 6:30 – 7:30.

### **Small Group Studies are coming!**

One, led by Robert Rhodes is meeting on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. at Ann Eyster's home. Two more, one at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening studying the Westminster Confession Faith will meet at the church, beginning November 3, 2021, and the other at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings at the Mitchell's, will begin November 4, 2021.

### **Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child**

If you are interested in participating in Operation Christmas Child this year, we would like to encourage you to use their on-line opportunity to select and pay for a box in the amount of \$25.00. (This is actually less expensive than packing your own and cuts the cost of processing for Samaritan's Purse) You may choose the gender of the child, and specific items to be placed in the box. Their website for this purpose is [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ). However, if you want to pack your own box, you may pick up a box available in the back of the church. The deadline for bringing in your packed boxes is November 14, 2021.

Wi-Fi access – *GracePCA* | *Grace0777*

There is an offering box in the back of the sanctuary for tithes and offering

10/31/21 Offering	\$ 3,204.00
YTD Offering	\$ 194,987.40
YTD Budget	\$ 137,060.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00

## **GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES/AGENCIES**

Agape Flights – Venice, FL

Carter, Michael & Cathalain – MTW – Nagoya, Japan

Child Evangelism Fellowship – Charlotte County, FL

Grady, Miriam & son Evan – MTW – Czech Republic

Collin & Zury – RUF Global

Knaebel, Chris & Rebecca – Church Planting – Sarasota, FL

Lennox, Patrick & Regina – MTW – Native Americans

Martin, Jeremy & Angel – Serge – London, England

Matlack, Ken & Tammie – MTW – Global Initiative to Mobilizing Intercessory Prayer

Pregnancy Solutions – Port Charlotte, FL

Stevens, Carla – MTW – Christian Educational Consultant

Tanner, Lucas – RUF – Florida Gulf Coast University

Young Life – Port Charlotte, FL

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