

Grace Presbyterian Church

April 20, 2008



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8:45 a.m.

Gathering praise

Welcome & announcements

Sharing Christ's peace

Children in worship

Praise & thanksgiving

Bowing before god in 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering our gifts to god

Sermon

"Esther: god has a place for you"

Esther 4 : 13-16

Celebration song

Blessing

Departing in faith and hope

All songs projected by permission: ccli # 945944

11:15 a.m.

Today we use the Presbyterian hymnal (red)

Welcome and announcements

Prelude **“lord god, we all to thee give praise“**

Johann Pachelbel

Call to worship

Leader: the word of god comes into our lives in many ways.

People: god’s word comes to us, calling us to action and to new life.

Leader: god’s word call us now, here in our worship.

People: god’s calling word invites us to service and ministry, to praise and thanksgiving.

All: we worship the living god and offer our praises to the eternal one.

Processional hymn #21 **joyful, joyful, we adore thee** *Hymn To Joy*

Call to confession

Prayer of confession

We confess, sustaining god, we often forget who we are. We forget that we do not live to glorify ourselves but to find freedom of spirit in glorifying you. We even forget that when we work toward wholeness of spirit, fullness of life, we invite the world to glorify you. Instead, we spend our energy on conflicts of trivial proportions, defending our concerns no matter what the cost. We do not hesitate to hurt others to retain our own power. Each of us protects ego and none of us is free in spirit.

May we come to a place where we can be so connected to you that we have the courage of Esther; may we speak the truth in love, full of forgiveness, no matter how such speech might cause us to suffer. May we seek to understand even as we hope to be understood. Forgive us our desire to be right. With your grace, we can rise above rightness to righteousness. In the name of the living Christ, we ask these things. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

Leader: friends believe the good news of the gospel.

All: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*** Gloria #579**

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Passing of the peace

Leader: may the peace of Christ be with you.

People: and also with you.

(the people greet fellow worshippers with the peace of Christ)

Children in the chancel

***hymn #365** **all the way my savior leads me**

all the way

Pastoral prayer & lord's prayer

Anthem "rejoice in the lord" *Stan Pethel*

Sermon "Esther: god has a place for you" *pastor Larry Turner*
Esther 4: 13-16

***affirmation of faith** the apostles' creed

Offering our gifts to god

Offertory "immortal love, forever full" *Gordon Young*

***doxology**

*** prayer of dedication**

***hymn #303** be thou my vision *Slane*

***benediction**

Postlude "a mighty fortress is our god" *Johann Walther*

** denotes congregation standing*

In service this week April 20, 2008

Oversight elders:: Opening - Mark Gray

Closing - John Evans

Hosts 11:15 Am: Joan Tinnen, Bill Carroll, Mildred & Earle Culverhouse

Worship attendance for April 13, 2008

8:45 25
11:15 96
Total 121

Calendar of events

Sunday, April 20, 2008
Tba youth laser quest
5:00 pm bell choir rehearsal

Thursday, April 24, 2008
7:00 pm praise band

Saturday, April 26, 2008

Monday, April 21, 2008
7:00 pm session
7:00 pm boy scouts

Tuesday, April 22, 2008
7:00 pm boy scouts/cub scouts

Wednesday, April 23, 2008
6:30 pm youth bible study
7:30 pm choir

10:00 am church wide picnic

Sunday, April 27, 2008
9:00 am Sunday school
10:30 am joint service
5:00 pm bell choir rehearsal
6:00 pm youth bring a friend game night

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The apostles' creed

I believe in god, the father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only son our lord; who was conceived by the holy ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of god the father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the holy ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The lords 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

Doxology

Praise god, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise father, son, and holy ghost.

Amen