

# Grace Presbyterian Church

January 4, 2009



**8:45 a.m.**

GATHERING PRAISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

BOWING BEFORE GOD IN PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

SERMON

*"The Absolute Essentials of the Church"*

*Acts 2: 42-47*

CELEBRATION SONG

THE LORD'S SUPPER

BLESSING

DEPARTING IN FAITH AND HOPE

*All songs projected by permission: CCLI # 945944*

**11:15 a.m.**

*Today we use The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome you to this service of worship where we celebrate the love God has given us in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will experience that love from the warmth of our fellowship, our time of worship, and the peace of God's presence. If you would like more information about becoming a part of Grace, please indicate it on the fellowship pads, or contact the church office.

## **PRELUDE**

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

*John H. Hopkins*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The God of Creation calls us together

**People: We come into the presence of the One who created us.**

Leader: God has not finished with us. There is more that we can be.

**People: We offer ourselves to the One who takes us from glory into glory.**

Leader: God is doing something new and it is us!

**People: We give up our old ways to walk in the new path of God.**

Leader: Into the glorious future of God's reign, our Lord Jesus leads us.

**People: We follow the Christ into God's new world.**

## **\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #464**

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

*HYMN TO JOY*

## **CHILDREN IN CHANCEL**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess to you, O God, and before our brothers and sisters, the broken state of our lives. We have failed to be your faithful people. We have not heard your voice calling us to repentance and new life. Our ears are full of the sounds of our culture telling us what we need and who we should be. We hear these voices and listen to them, even though we know that what they are calling us to will not satisfy nor will it give us life.

By the power of your gracious Spirit, open our ears and tune our hearts that we may listen to your words of life and respond to them fully. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## **\*GLORIA #579**

*GREATOR EX*

## **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)*

**\*HYMN # 418**

**God, Bless Your Church With Strength**

*ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL*

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

**SERMON**

*"The Absolute Essentials of the Church"*

*Pastor Larry Turner*

*Acts 2: 42-47*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**COMMUNION**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #438**

**Bless Be the Tie That Binds**

*DENNIS*

**\*BENEDICTION**

*"Wherever you go, God is sending you, wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there. Christ who dwells within you, has something He wants you to do. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power."*

**POSTLUDE**

**"March of the Three Kings"**

*Abbie F. Brown*

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*\* denotes Congregation Standing*

*\*\*Parents please pick up your children from Kids Own Worship!!*

**Worship Attendance for December 28, 2008**

8:45	38
<u>11:15</u>	<u>78</u>
Total	116



## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, January 4, 2009

2:30 pm Youth Bowling  
5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

### Monday, January 5, 2009

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, January 6, 2009

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, January 7, 2009

6:30 pm Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm Youth Bible Study  
6:30 pm Kids Adventure Club  
7:30 pm Choir

### Thursday, January 8, 2009

6:00 pm Praise Band

### Saturday, January 10, 2009

9:00 am Un-Decorating Party

### Sunday, January 11, 2009

8:45 am Contemporary Service  
8:45 am Children's Church  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:15 am Traditional Service  
11:15 am Children's Church  
1:00 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor  
5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
Youth Progressive Dinner

## SESSION

### Class of 2009

Joe Bishop  
Byron Graves  
Sandy Kehrli  
Miree Pomeroy  
John Price

### Class of 2010

Bill Carroll  
John Evans  
Mark Gray  
Jean Markham  
Walt Schrimper  
Jean Starnes

### Class of 2011

John Dotson  
Linda Foster  
Harold Howard  
Dana Jackson  
Jere Lawson

## CHURCH STAFF

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**UNDECORATING PARTY!!!** Now that we have had the twelve days of Christmas and Epiphany has arrived, it's time to take down the Christmas decorations and store them on the attic. We will do this on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Though it is never as much fun taking down decorations as it is putting them up, we can still have fun just being together and sharing a laugh or two. Come and join us!!!

**Cook Books:** You may purchase our cook book, A Taste of Grace, from Jan Evans (386-4672) or from Linda Cole at the church office for \$12.00 each. All profit from the sale of these cook books goes to the building fund.

**The Annual Youth Progressive Dinner** will be on January 11<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who don't know, this consists of the youth group going to different church members' houses for salad/appetizer, main course, and dessert. If anyone is interested in hosting a course, please sign up on the sheet on the youth bulletin board in the hallway.

**Youth Bowling Outing - TODAY** 2:30 to 5:00 pm. Please bring \$8.00 for bowling.

**Please remember there will be a Joint Service/Ministry Fair** on January 18, 2009 at 10:30 am. A short Congregational meeting with an annual report of the Corporation of Grace Presbyterian Church and other related matters will follow the service, followed by a potluck luncheon.

Children's Church Schedule - January 4, 2009

8:45 am           **Leader:**       Kim Upshaw  
                          **Assistant:**   Dana Jackson  
                          **Puppet Asst.**   Amy Jackson  
11:15 am           **Leader:**       Beth Turner  
                          **Assistant:**   Amy Bishop  
                          **Puppet Asst.**       Amy Jackson  
**Topic:**                *Wise Men Find Jesus*  
                          *Matthew 2: 1-12*

Children's Church Schedule - January 11, 2009

8:45 am           **Leader:**       Suzanne Getman  
                          **Assistant:**   Dosssett Foster  
                          **Puppet Asst.**   Christy Tinnen  
11:15 am           **Leader:**       Beth Turner  
                          **Assistant:**   John Dotson  
                          **Puppet Asst.**       Alex Fry  
**Topic:**                *John Baptizes Jesus*  
                          *Mark 1: 4-11*



**REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH**

**Our Church Family:**

Miree Pomeroy.....Recovery from Surgery  
Carl Jones .....Health Concerns  
Pat Knox .....Broken Leg  
Dot Taylor .....Recovery from surgery  
Charles McCalla .....Health Concerns  
Virginia Finley .....Back Problems

**Our Extended Church Family:**

To the family of Cliff Cochran, who passed away, December 27, 2008  
Sue White's Mother .....Health Concerns (Heart)  
Lee Clark, Gail Hackney's uncle.....Stroke  
Alice Farris, friend of Frances Kitterman..Health Concerns/Cancer  
Richard Swaim, Friend of Jere & Sara Lawson.....Cancer  
Lisa Joyner, Child Care Center, Assistant Director.....Recovery from Surgery  
Janet Vawter's co-worker, Rayleen's daughter  
Quenton Clark, mother of Gail Hackney....Health concerns  
Michael Sean Maginn, son of Donna Maginn.....Cancer  
Wayne Wynne, Son of Roy and Harriette Wynne.....Cancer  
Earl Burgess, friend of Byron & Diane Graves.....Health Concerns  
Paul Cave, Brother of Dan, Nancy & Georgie Cave...Health Concerns  
Pam Clark, Frances Kitterman's Cousin.....Health Concerns  
Joe & Viola Gonzales .....Health Concerns  
Shirley Fortino, Donna Maginn's friend.....Ovarian Cancer  
To all of our military troops who are serving overseas, or state-side.

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**Oversight Elders:** Opening - Walt Schrimper

Closing - John Evans

**Usher: 8:45:** Ted Upshaw

**Usher 11:15:** Virginia Martin, Donna Maginn, Christy Tinnen, Gerald Raghianti

**Communion Servers**

**8:45:** Byron Graves, Charlotte Hicks

**11:15:** Dossett Foster, Daryl Davis, Dana Jackson, Bill Carroll, Paula Bishop, Cristaldawn Perry

**In Service Next Week - January 11, 2009**

**Oversight Elders:** Opening - Byron Graves

Closing - John Price

**Usher 8:45:** Byron Graves

**Usher's 11:15:** Virginia Martin, Donna Maginn, Christy Tinnen, Gerald Raghianti