



Our Mission:

Growing in Spirit

Living as Disciples

Serving God's World

March 5, 2017

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Lord, give us wisdom before we speak, understanding while we listen, sensitivity toward those we meet, and the perspective of your kingdom in which to see the things of earth. Bring us through to this day's ending blessed through having shared the day's beginning, and grant us grace to serve in Christ's name." *(A Prayer of the Iona Community)*

Gathering Music at 10:20 a.m.

Praise Band

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

"Forever Reign"

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"O World, I Now Must Leave Thee"

Brahms

Ray Freeman, Organist

† Call to Worship

Leader: We are called from the ends of the earth.

People: We are called from the center of our lives.

Leader: Men and women, young and old, rich and poor, strong and weak,

People: we all are called into God's love.

Leader: Loved, we seek love for all people.

People: We yearn for justice and we pray for peace.

† *Please stand if you are able.*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came..."
(Mat. 4:1-3)

† Song of Praise **“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”**

† Prayer of Confession

How often are we tempted, O God, to act as if we are not your beloved children? Instead of accepting your invitation to be forgiven and forgiving, loved and loving, we accept lesser invitations: to compromise who we are in order to get what we want; to act upon our desires rather than our principles; to do what “feels right” rather than what is right. Instead of hearing your constant cry of, “I love you!”, we choose to hear doubt’s whisper, “DOES God love you?” And we act in ways that diminish us. Forgive us, O God. Build us up where we have broken ourselves down. Make us whole and holy, that we may serve you and your Kingdom. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

People: **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Song of Response **“We Are Forgiven”**

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Anthem **“Just As I Am Without One Plea”**
Grace Men’s Chorus

Children come forward during the anthem.

Time for Children

Beth Jenkins Smith

Children ages 3 & 4 come to Play 'n' Worship in Room 13. After their activity, they go to the Nursery where they remain until you pick them up. Please pick them up directly after worship.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Messiah Test”

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Refiner’s Fire”

Praise Band

† 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.

† Prayer of Dedication

Kent Ford

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

† Hymn “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to your glory.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. (Hymnal #581)

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.

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Communion in the Presbyterian Church is open to all baptized persons.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God, for gifts of bread and cup, for sustaining us in hope every day of our lives. We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world you have made. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

† Parting Hymn “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian”

† Blessing

Postlude “Hornpipe, from the Water Music Suite” Handel
Ray Freeman, Organist

The postlude is the final amen to our worship. You are invited to remain in the sanctuary to enjoy this offering of music; if you prefer to leave before the end of the postlude, please be mindful of those who are listening and greet your friends in the narthex.



*The flowers in the sanctuary were
given by Janet and Dave Little:*

*“For our two children,
their spouses,
and two grandchildren.”*

*Greeters today are Chancel Choir members Linda Patterson,
Jean Smith, and Esther Wade.*

*Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family
and friends of*

*Mary Louise Guadian (Lou)
(1934-2017)*

Lou passed away unexpectedly on March 1, 2017.



Dear Grace,

During my recent illness perhaps you sent a card or note, provided us with a cheerful call or brought us flowers from the service on Sunday. And then there were all the prayers! We certainly felt uplifted by the many prayers said on our behalf. Please know how very grateful we are for the many ways you have demonstrated your love and care for us. Definitely Grace Church continues to be "a congregation of ministers."

Jenell Phillips

Lily Signup

The lily signup sheet is in the Narthex. Please sign up and write your dedication, which will appear in the Easter bulletin.

A \$25.00 donation is requested for the lilies.

***SPECIAL REQUEST:** Please wear your name tag on Sunday morning to help the pastor and other new guests learn your name. Thank you.*

Pastor Ben's Reception

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the reception and greeting of Pastor Ben and his family, wife Amy and son Duncan. Amigos and Grace bakers and dessert makers get a special thank-you for taking care of the food for a full house. We give God thanks for you!

Another Shout-Out

Thanks to the dedicated clean-up crew who arrived Saturday morning and worked to make the church tidier and safer. Many unused and hurriedly stashed items pose hazards in common storage areas. These have been removed and remaining contents organized. Please help us keep things user-friendly. Contact the Board of Directors for guidance on your storage needs.

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

YOUTH GROUP FAMINE WEEKEND

For the (almost) 30-hour Famine this year, we are headed to the Global Village at Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Ministry Center. We have the opportunity to step out of our first world lives and experience the way many other people live in small villages around the world. We'll leave early afternoon on March 24, and return late Saturday afternoon. Today is the deadline to sign up. E-mail Pastor Susan or add your name to the list on the Youth bulletin board between the office and the kitchen.

March 24-25, 2017



Experience the Heifer Global Village at Shepherd's Spring, Sharpsburg, MD.

Please keep Summer information handy:

The Week of Hope - July 9-14. Open to middle school youth who will be 12 at the start of camp, or entering 7th grade. A few spots are still available. **Contact Pastor Susan. Forms are due NOW.**

Camp Hanover

DAY CAMP ☀️

Dates: July 24-28. Registration is now open!

Open to elementary school aged children. Children who have completed Kindergarten-6th grade are welcomed to come. Register on-line. The link will be at the bottom of the announcements on the E-News until registration closes.

Scholarships are available. Contact Pastor Susan for information.

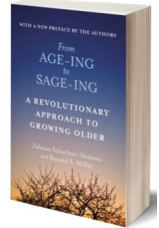


Aging with Grace Events...

WHERE DO CAREGIVERS GO WHEN THEY NEED CARE?

AWG provides a Caregivers' Support Group for those who are tending loved ones through health and emotional issues in their later years. The group continues to study and discuss *From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Revolutionary Approach to Growing Older* by Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and Ronald S. Miller. You are welcomed to join in on the second Tuesday of each month. Next meeting:

***March 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
In the Library***



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

FOOD PACK PROJECT NEXT SUNDAY

March 12, 11:30 a.m.



In less than 30 minutes, we will build 700 food packs for Lynbrook Elementary School students in need of nutritious food on weekends.

Come to Wester Hall after worship and do something super to help the wonderful kids in our neighborhood.

Your Mission and Fellowship Committees will provide a light lunch.

Anyone willing to help set up the "mob site" for Sunday should come to Wester Hall on Saturday morning, March 11, at 10:00 a.m.

THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE WHILE THE STEEPLE IS BEING REPLACED.

Please continue to use the side doors during the week when the Tower door is blocked. Entering from the North parking lot seems to be the best option. If the doors are locked during business hours, please call 703-451-2900 and someone will let you in.



VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND FILM #3

**“The Occupation of the American Mind”
TODAY - 2:30 PM**

**National Cathedral’s Perry Auditorium
Free Admission and Parking**

**The Grace bus will leave the North Parking Lot at 1:30 p.m.
If you wish to ride the bus and have not signed up, see Kathy Drinkard.**

Today’s film, *The Occupation of the American Mind: Israel’s Public Relations War in the United States*, explores the forces that have shaped American’s attitudes toward the impasse in Israel/Palestine. Israel’s ongoing military occupation of Palestinian territory and its repeated invasions of the Gaza strip have triggered a fierce backlash against Israeli policies virtually everywhere in the world—except in the United States. The film looks at this critical exception, zeroing in on pro-Israel public relations efforts within the U.S., and explores how Tel Aviv, Washington, and the pro-Israel lobby have joined forces, often with very different motives, to shape American media coverage in Israel’s favor.

The series takes a break March 12 and 19. When it resumes on March 26, the film *Open Bethlehem*, about the enclosure of Bethlehem on three sides, and the stifling of its economy, will be shown.

For more information about the series, visit ww.voicesfromtheholylnd.org.

To ride the Grace bus, please add your name to the signup sheet at the Information Station, or contact Kathy Drinkard at 703-971-4259 or kathydrinkard@hotmail.com.

Fairfax County Parks and the Nature Conservancy...

are looking for 600 volunteers to work in 9 parks; 2 are in Springfield--Lake Accotink and Hidden Pond Nature Center. Tires, bottles, cans, and debris will be removed from local waterways before they reach the estuary, and logged for scientists and ecologists who check the health of the watershed. Snacks and give-aways will be provided. Sign up online. Look for the link on the E-News, or e-mail Jen Dalke, volunteer program manager, at jdalke@tnc.org.

Saturday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Session Update - Meeting of February 22, 2017

Elder Penny Newsome's devotional focused on God's power. Each elder was asked to share a few words about something God does or has done in their life. Each elder also introduced themselves to Pastor Ben Trawick, new Pastor and Moderator, sharing words of encouragement and welcome that focused on their particular ministry or something about the Grace congregation.

Pastor Ben reported that the boxes were unpacked and he was settling in. His home in North Carolina sold within 2 weeks and he felt that was God's affirmation of his call to come to Grace. Pastor Ben's new e-mail address is ben@gracepresby.org.

Nominating Elder Ed Bryant reported that candidates were being sought for Mission Elder for the May elections. All other Elder and Board of Director positions have been filled, including members who have chosen to continue for another term. Three of the five slots for the 2018 Nominating Committee have been filled. Ed Bryant, Pastor Ben and Clerk Greta Tosi-Miller will be meeting soon to discuss the open Elder slot for the Nursery and whether that elder slot should be used for another ministry, since the Nursery is currently staffed with paid employees.

Evangelism Elder Joe Miller reported that the monitor in the Narthex has been installed and Matt Anckner has developed the design. Elders and church leaders were asked to provide announcements for display in landscape view. The Worship service will be shown on the monitors once the new hardware arrives. The plan is to add other monitors strategically in other locations for church visitors to see. Elder Kim Hatfield will design a post card to be sent to the Crestwood neighbors to announce the arrival of the church steeple and the arrival of our new pastor, with an invitation to come to worship at Grace. The 411 Handbook will be distributed electronically to Elders to review the content so that it can be updated and then distributed church-wide and to visitors. Visitors at Grace receive a gift bag containing a loaf of bread, a Bible, and information about Grace's programs. A new 8-week computer tutoring program is being developed that targets parents of Grace tutoring students from the neighborhood. It is scheduled from 6-7 p.m. on Mondays.

Ed Bryant, on behalf of Human Resources Elder Cindi Bryant, announced that the office manager search process will begin now that Pastor Ben has arrived. The annual staff evaluations are scheduled to be completed by the end of March.

Mission Elder Dave Buckley announced that the mission committee met on February 5 to develop their calendar of mission events for the 2017 program year. Missionary Kate Taber will be ending her mission work in the West Bank at the end of April, and PCUSA is working to identify new missionaries to support. Dave thanked John and Hiede Sowdon for managing the summer Crop Table that raised funds for Hunger.

Elders discussed the importance of a Session retreat once new elders are elected in May.

Greta Tosi-Miller
Clerk of Session

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER... (James 5:16)

Please pray for Grace Family Members and Friends:

**Donna and Kevin Baetsen, Judy Bernal (Virginia Beach), Rhea Boswell,
Cameron Buckley, Stan Dreyer, Harry Gault, Clara Gipson,
James Lawson, Linda Patterson, Jenell Phillips, George Towery,
Malcolm Weaver, our missionary in the West Bank, Kate Taber, and
our missionary in Honduras, Pastor Selvin**

Former Pastor: Paul Eckel

The Family of: Lou Gaudian

The mothers of: Veronica Crump*, Mary Hawkins (Jean),
Beth Jenkins Smith (Marie), Meg Rogers (Beth), Scott Rogers (Lyall),
Hiede Sowdon, Phillip Spiess (Dorothy), Amy Trawick (Gayle),
Dave Treasure (Hilda), and Jane Wallentiny (Helen)

The fathers of: Raven Fox, Janet Little (Al Dieumegard), and Penny Newsome

The great-grandmother of: Dennis and Diego Bustillo

The grandmother of: Pam Evett (Kay)

The son of: Rhea Boswell (Scott)

The daughters of: Rich and Kathy Calahan (Lynn),
and Bob and Valerie Patrick (Molly Chacko)

The brothers of: Ed Bryant (Paul) and Nelson Thurman (Dennis)

The sister of: Penny Newsome (Susan)

The aunt of: Roy Giese (Wilma Ditter)

The daughters-in-law of: Lee Bartlett (Veronica and twins),
Marie Lawall (Lisbeth*), Warren and Maria Clayton (Julie - deployed to Korea),
and Fran and Chet McLaren (Debra)

The sister-in-law of: Peter Smith (Annette)

The nephews of: Claire Manger (Edward & Scott) and Dave Little (Sean)

The nieces of: Rosalie Lawson (Marcie) and Fran McLarren (Carrie)

The cousins of: John Grimes (Lori), Donna Lucas (Angela),
Nancy Machado (Jan), and Valerie Patrick (Virginia)

The friends of: Cindi Bryant (Anna), Dave Buckley (Angie), Reecie Ford (Kate),
Raven Fox (Deanna), Kim Gretsuk (Nancy), Rosalie Lawson (Emma & Stephanie),
Donna Lucas, Penny Newsome (Lisa and Louis),
Beth Jenkins Smith (Dick), Hiede Sowdon (Dylan), and Chris Thurman

(*Chronic, ongoing situation)

GRACE CALENDAR - Through March 12th

Sunday, Mar. 5

◇ 8:30 AM	Praise Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
◇ 9:15 AM	Christian Education	All Areas
◇ 10:00 AM	Men's Chorus Rehearsal	Choir Loft
◇ 10:30 AM	Worship for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary
◇ 1:30 PM	Bus Reserved for VFHL Film Series	Off-Site
◇ 6:00 PM	Youth Group	All Areas

Monday, Mar. 6

◇ 7:00 PM	Tutoring	All Areas
◇ 7:00 PM	Joyful Ringers Practice	Sanctuary
◇ 8:00 PM	AA	Family Room

Tuesday, Mar. 7

◇ 10:00 AM	AA	Choir Room
◇ 10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Library

Wednesday, Mar. 8

◇ 9:00 AM	Grand Involve (Bus Reserved)	Off-Site
◇ 9:30 AM	Preschool Parent Meeting	Family Room
◇ 12:30 PM	Preschool Staff Meeting	Family Room
◇ 6:00 PM	Springfield Art Guild	Wester Hall
◇ 7:00 PM	Caregivers' Support Group	Library
◇ 7:30 PM	Special Funds Committee	Room 12

Thursday, Mar. 9

◇ 12:30 PM	Preschool Fitness and Fun	Family Room
◇ 5:30 PM	Parenting Education Program	All Areas
◇ 7:30 PM	Grace Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, Mar. 10

◇	No Scheduled Events	
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Saturday, Mar. 11

◇	No Scheduled Events	
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Sunday, Mar. 12

◇ 8:30 AM	Praise Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
◇ 9:15 AM	Christian Education	All Areas
◇ 10:30 AM	Worship for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary
◇ 11:30 AM	Flash Mob Food-pack Build & Lunch	Wester Hall
◇ 1:00 PM	NVDECS Foundation	Wester Hall
◇ 6:00 PM	Youth Group	All Areas
◇ 6:15 PM	Club 456	Family Room

WELCOME

Information for our Guests

**WE ARE VERY GLAD
YOU CHOSE TO
WORSHIP WITH US
TODAY!**

**We encourage you
to share requests
for prayer.**

You may do so by
completing prayer
cards found in the pew
racks and placing them
in an offering plate.

**Trust your children
to the care of our
nursery workers.**

We provide childcare for
children, infants through
3 years old, in the
Nursery Suite down-
stairs, Rooms 3 & 5.
Please pick up children
directly after worship.

Worship Bags are avail-
able in the Narthex for
preschoolers to third-
graders. Please return
bags to the Narthex
after the service.

**Grace 101, An
"Inquirer's Class"**

If you would like to
learn more about the
Presbyterian Church,
Grace Church, and
membership, speak
to our pastors.

**Grace Weekday
Preschool**

The Preschool is a
Christian-based
developmental
program & ministry.
For information call

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