



Worship for Sunday
May 5, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Our Mission:
Growing in Spirit
Living as Disciples
Serving God's World



Akeldama, Jerusalem

Preparation for Worship

O gracious God, You make promises to us: a promise of new life, a promise of abiding presence, a promise of unending love, a promise of purpose and calling. All of this is your covenant to us, constant and unchanging. As we recall again all you've done, move us. Shake us up. Let your covenant break through our routines and stir us to a loving response. Let our time in worship empower us for the new life to which you have called us. Amen.

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Softly and Tenderly
Sean Cator, Pianist

Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register.

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 136)

One: Give thanks to the Lord! The Lord is good.
Many: God's love endures forever.
One: Give thanks to the Lord who does great wonders.
Many: Give thanks to the Lord who delivers the people.
One: Give thanks to the Lord who rescues us.
Many: God's love endures forever.

Hymn #396

Brethren, We Have Met To Worship

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, in the light of your glory, we see that we have not lived into the lives of wholeness, grace, resurrection, and abundance you so freely offer. When we take a moment to look within, we see the evil we have done, the hurt we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the Gospel. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Rise up from the dust! Cast aside the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Many: Thanks be to God!

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

Guide My Wayfaring Feet
Chancel Choir

Arr. Schram

Children's Message

Allen Pepper

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 4:8-16
1 Peter 4:7-11

Hymn #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Sermon

God's Grace is a Covenant of Love

Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Amazing Grace
Elizabeth and Anna Pepper, Soloists

Trad.

† Response #609

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Janet Little

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Hymn #644

Give Thanks, O Christian People

Congregational Meeting

Members, please remain in the sanctuary for a called Congregational Meeting to elect Elders, and members of the Nominating Committee and Board of Directors; and to vote on a change of Pastor Katie's call necessary due to a change in housing. Candidate bios can be found on the following pages.

† Benediction

Postlude

To God Be the Glory
Sean Cator, Pianist

Hayes



***The Flowers Are Dedicated
by Dorothy Muir***

In Memory of Mary Makin

Your greeter today was Judy Ross.



***WE ARE VERY GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!
PLEASE SIGN OUR FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN
GREET YOU BY NAME AND CALL ON YOU IF YOU WISH.***

***ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - ...Even if they
fidget! Worship Bags are available for young children with a
children's bulletin, books, and crayons, and a Nursery is avail-
able downstairs in Room 5 for infants through 4-year-olds.***

After the Children's Message, children have their own worship experience downstairs. Play 'n' Worship is for preschoolers, and Bridges to Worship is for K-3rd graders. Please pick up children before going to Fellowship: K-3rd graders will be in the Bridges Room (Room 14), and all other children will be in the Nursery (Room 5).

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Classes are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the 2nd Sunday in September through the 3rd Sunday in May. Children's Discipleship provides classes for 5-year-olds through 12th graders, and Adult Discipleship reaches all adults after high school.

GRACE INSIGHTS - Learn more about Grace Church, our mission, and our denomination, PC(USA), in groups that form throughout the year. If you are considering membership or if you have interest in learning more about us, please speak to one of our pastors or Elder Valerie Wenderoth. You will find Grace a very welcoming place.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the Congregational Meeting today, you will be asked to vote for four Elders, five Nominating Committee members, and three Board members (two three-year terms and one one-year term). In addition to the following candidates who have indicated their willingness to serve, you may nominate Grace members from the floor, who are in good standing and who have agreed to serve if elected.

CANDIDATES FOR ELDER , Class of 2022

Warren Clayton - Nominating/Stewardship. Warren has been a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield since 1992. A native of South Carolina, he grew up in the Baptist Church. He and his wife, Maria, moved to the Washington area in 1978. They joined Calvary Presbyterian Church in Alexandria in 1984, and became members of Grace after moving to Springfield. He has served multiple terms on sessions at both Calvary and Grace, including several years as clerk. Over the years, Warren has served on HR, Special Funds, and has assisted in facilitating adult education classes; for many years, he and Maria led the Grace 101 classes. He is a member of the Amigos, the long-time team of amateur cooks providing meals at numerous Grace gatherings. Warren has served National Capital Presbytery as a member of the Session Records Committee and was a member of the Board of Meadowkirk, the retreat center formerly owned by Presbytery. He currently serves on Grace's Adult Discipleship Committee and Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the committee supporting and gauging individuals considering a call to serve as teaching elders. Warren also serves as a Presbytery liaison to pastor search committees. His professional life focused on work in the nonprofit sector in both staff and consulting roles.

Kathy Drinkard - Preschool. Kathy has been a member of Grace since 1984. She has two grown children and three grandchildren. She is a retired Fairfax County teacher and counselor. Kathy has served twice as Children's discipleship elder and chaired Grace's Dwelling-in-Grace day camp for three summers. She served for one year as the president of the Board of Directors of Spring-Mar Cooperative Preschool. She has served on numerous church committees including the children's discipleship, preschool, Honduras Home team, scholarship, planning, mission and Middle East committees. She currently chairs the Ministry for Middle East Peace and Justice.

Mike Phillips - Finance. Mike has been a member of Grace since 1974. He has served on Session three times in various capacities including Finance, Human Resources, Stewardship, Nominating and Long-Range Planning. He served a three-year term as chair of the Board of Directors. Mike has also served on several church committees including Pastor Nominating Committee (chair), the *Building for Witness: 1994-1997* Renovation Committee, Finance, Stewardship, Special Funds, and Human Resources. He is also on the steering committee for the Friends of Tent of Nations North America. Mike is retired from the federal government and the private sector, but continues to do some part-time consulting. He and wife Jenell have two sons, Trent and Dirk, and six grand children.

Philip D. Spiess II - Adult Discipleship. Phil, wife Kathy, and son Philip have been members of Grace since 1997. Philip, a cultural historian now retired, spent 48 years in professional museum and historic preservation work, including stints at the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Smithsonian Institution. He spent 30 years on the graduate Museum Studies faculty of The George Washington University, and he founded the undergraduate degree program in museum studies/historic preservation at Mary Washington College (now University) in Fredericksburg. He has also taught Middle School at Browne Academy in Alexandria. Long a teaching member of the Adult Discipleship committee, this will be his second term serving on Session.

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Glenda Etchison. Glenda is blessed to have been a member of Grace for over 30 years. She has served on Session, as Elder for Nominating/Stewardship, Renovation Committee, Children's Ministry, and Co-Chair of the Grace 60th Anniversary Committee. She is currently involved with Play 'n Worship, Circle 6 of Presbyterian Women, Aging with Grace, and the Flower Guild. She participates as a volunteer in many church activities. Currently, she is also filling in in the Nursery while our Nursery coordinator is away on maternity leave.

Judy Fitton. Judy became a member of Grace in 1994. Her initial introduction was through a request to house a student over the Christmas holidays from former neighbor and late member, Dorann Towery. Judy was active in the tutoring program for many years, served with the Fellowship Committee, a Covenant Group, and was a member of Circle 8. She also served on a previous elder nominating committee. She has served as a liturgist and is currently involved on the Aging with Grace Steering Committee, and as an usher and a weekly volunteer in the office. Judy met her late husband, Nelson, through a mutual friend and member, Anne Renninger.

Prior to her retirement and marriage to Nelson, Judy worked as a Customer Service Instructor for Eastern Airlines for 32 years. She was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and came to DC to find a career in the airline industry because of her desire to travel. Judy also enjoys square dancing and line dancing. She resides in the Green-spring retirement community where she remains involved in a variety of activities.

Beth Ann McClelland. Beth Ann joined Grace as a confirmand in 1975. She has been a long standing member of the handbell choir, Joyful Ringers, as well as the Chancel Choir. She has served on the Mission Committee and on an associate pastor nominating committee.

Wesley Mulhollem. Wes currently works for the Army as a civilian and is married with three kids, one girl and two boys. He loves spending time with his family every opportunity that he gets. He just finished coaching a U-13 boys basketball team with his brother-in-law, whose son, his nephew, also played on the team. They had a really great season and made a lot of new relationships. He's currently coaching a coach-pitch baseball team with his neighbor. Both of their 5-year-old sons are on the team. The team also has some other families from our neighborhood, which is really enjoyable for all families. Wes also enjoys cooking on the grill. If you see him in his yard, he's either playing with his kids or cutting the grass. He says,

"I appreciate this opportunity to serve and assist Grace Church."

Greg Suess. Greg joined Grace in October 1985. He has served three terms on Session: as Elder for Long-Range Planning, Elder for Adult Education, and Co-Elder of Youth Fellowship. He served on the Pastor Nominating Committee that brought Jay Click to Grace, was a Grace tutor and usher, and has been a member on committees including the Middle East Working Group, Worship and Music, and Evangelism. He camped with the Grace Gypsies, worked on the Grounds Crew, was a member of the Couples Club, played on the Grace Softball team, and served as a Worship Offering Counter. He has participated in two Honduras Mission Team trips, and two of the Grace Pilgrimages to the Holy Land. He is currently active in the Chancel Choir, and Men's Fellowship, and supports the Parenting Education Program. Greg is an Advocate for the Special Funds' *Love of Children Endowment* established in memory of his wife, Peggy. Greg has three children who were raised and confirmed at Grace-- Jeremy, Tom, and Jodie. He retired this past June after a career of 42 years as a naval operations analyst at The Center for Naval Analysis.

"Grace Church has been life and family to me," Greg writes. "I have most assuredly received the Grace of God through this church. I am now and will be eternally grateful."

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janice Buckley - Three-year term. Janice has been a member of Grace since 1990. She, and her husband David, have three grown children who were all raised as part of the Grace family and were confirmed in the church. For many years, Janice and David lived on Bath Street and enjoyed being so close to church. She has participated in various capacities as a volunteer, committee member, and as an Elder. She is currently a member of the Ministry for Middle East Peace and Justice Committee and serves as a representative of Grace on the Voices From The Holy Land Steering Committee. Last fall, she had the pleasure of traveling with Grace members to Palestine, Israel and Jordan on the Pilgrimage of Discovery. Janice also volunteers to drive the bus on Sunday mornings and as a part of the Fairfax County Public Schools partnership with Greenspring Village for the Grandinvolve program on Wednesdays. Janice works full-time as a realtor and, when she and David are not working, they love to spend time with their family and travel.

Rob Gold - One-year term. Rob is coming off of a three-year term, but has agreed to continue for a vacant one-year term. He has been an active member of Grace since 1999. He has served on session as the Worship and Music Elder and is on the Worship Committee. As an at-large member of the Board these past three years, he managed care of the church grounds and everything you see on the building exterior. In addition to these long-term roles, he is a musician sharing his skills with the praise Band, Choir, and Joyful Ringers.

Vacant - Three-year term. Nominations from the floor will be accepted for one three-year term for member of the Board of Directors. A nominee must be a member of Grace in good standing, and must have agreed to serve if elected before nomination.

