



GRACE & PEACE  
Presbyterian Church in America

*Order of Worship of God*

THE LORD'S DAY, NOVEMBER 16, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2025



# Welcome to Grace and Peace

We are so glad you are here! Whether this is your first time with us or you've been part of our community for years, we rejoice in your presence.

For those who are new or unfamiliar with a worship service, you'll find helpful side notes in the bulletin to guide you through each part of the service.

If you are new to Grace and Peace, we warmly invite you to reach out to Pastor Roman. He would be delighted to introduce you to the life of our church and help you connect with our community. You can find his contact information on the last page of this bulletin.

Once again, welcome! May today's worship draw you closer to the God who delights in turning our shame into honor.

## Approaching God

Before we begin, please take a moment to silence your cell phones and prepare your hearts for worship. As we approach our Triune God we invite you to reflect on the following thought:

*“If you want Jesus, you must be willing to accept the honor that goes with the relationship. Your royal status—ascribed to you, not achieved—has been unveiled.”*

*—Edward T. Welch,*



## **Dear Church Family and Friends:**

It has been a little over two months since I had the joy of becoming your pastor, and I still feel deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve among you. Some of you have thanked me for accepting your call, but truly, it is I who thank you for calling me as your pastor. It is an honor that I seek to fulfill with faithfulness, and I would be grateful for your prayers that God would help me do so.

I wanted to give you a quick update about our next sermon series and the pulpit ministry of our church. I am currently preparing my next sermon series, which will begin in January and will focus on the book of Ephesians. In the meantime, I'll be preaching from select passages in the Gospel of John and the book of Romans.

To help me adjust to life as a new father, Pastor Mike will continue preaching every twice a month. We are so thankful for his willingness to support the church in this way. The Session has approved this arrangement through December, at which time Pastor Mike will also finish teaching the Sunday School series on Relational Wisdom 360.

Please pray for me as I prepare, asking God to give me clarity, faithfulness, and boldness in proclaiming His Word each week. I am excited for all that God is doing among us and grateful to walk this journey with you.

With love and gratitude,

**Pastor Román González**



# Call to Worship

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship: Psalm 18: 25-36

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*In Scripture, the call to worship comes from God. We need to be called because it is not our natural response to come to God. God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to worship Him.*

### Leader:

<sup>25</sup> With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; <sup>26</sup> with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

### People:

<sup>27</sup> For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down. <sup>28</sup> For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness.

### Leader:

<sup>29</sup> For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. <sup>30</sup> This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

### People:

<sup>31</sup> For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? <sup>32</sup> the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.

### Leader:

<sup>33</sup> He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights. <sup>34</sup> He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

### People:

<sup>35</sup> You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your right hand supported me, and your gentleness made me great.

### All:

<sup>36</sup> You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip.

# Gloria Patri



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Traditional Words

Christoph Meineke 1844

Ab Eb/G

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther,  
and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
now and ev - er shall be, world with - out  
end. A - men, A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in 4/4 time, key of A-flat major (three flats). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature change to A-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature change to E-flat major (two flats). The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.'

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# We Confess Our Sins

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## Prayer of Adoration

*Our pastor leads us in exalting and magnifying God, acknowledging that He alone is worthy of our worship.*

## Silent Prayer of Confession

*Each worshiper is invited to confess personal sins before the Lord, humbly seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.*

## Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

Our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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## Assurance of Pardon - Romans 5:1 (ESV)

Hear the Good News of the Gospel:  
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace  
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*As God's covenant  
people, we humbly  
acknowledge our  
sins before Him,  
trusting in His  
mercy and the  
finished work of  
Christ to forgive  
and cleanse us.*

# Arise, My Soul, Arise



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A - rise, my soul, a - rise, Shake off thy guilt - y  
He ev - er lives a - bove For me to in - ter -  
Five bleed - ing wounds He bears, Re - ceived on Cal - va -  
The Fa - ther hears Him pray, His dear A - noint - ed  
My God is rec - on - ciled; His par - d'ning voice I



fears. The bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice In my be - half ap - pears. Be -  
cede, His all - re - deem - ing love, His pre - cious blood to plead. His  
ry. They pour ef - fec - tual prayers; They strong - ly plead for me. "For -  
One; He can - not turn a - way The pres - ence of His Son. His  
hear. He owns me for His child; I can no long - er fear. With



fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, Be - fore the throne my  
blood a - toned for all our race, His blood a - toned for  
give him, oh, for - give," they cry, "For - give him, oh, for -  
Spir - it an - swers to the blood, His Spir - it an - swers  
con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, With con - fi - dence I



Sure - ty stands; My name is writ - ten on His hands.  
all our race, And sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
give," thy cry, "Nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die."  
to the blood, And tells me I am born of God.  
now draw nigh, And, "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther," cry.

Charles Wesley, Lewis Edson

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# We Read the Word of God

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## Isaiah 25:1-9 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>2</sup> For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup> For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,

<sup>5</sup> like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down.

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Pastoral Prayer 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.*



# My Worth Is Not In What I Own



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INTRO

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Words and Music by  
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty  
and Graham Kendrick



1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and  
(2. My) worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or  
(3. As) summer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth and beauty hurry  
(4. I) will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting  
(5. Two) wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.



bone. But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.  
shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.  
by. But life eternal calls to us at the cross.  
light. But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.  
ness. My value fixed, my ransom



2. My

I rejoice in my Redeemer. Greatest

4. I



treasure, well-spring of my soul. I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is



satisfied in Him alone.

3. As

5. Two



paid at the cross.



# We Hear the Word of God

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## John 2:1-11 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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## Sermon Outline

- I. Cultural Shame
- II. Spiritual Shame
- III. Shame into Honor

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# The Lord's Supper

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## Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer 32

**Leader:**

Christian, Why are you called a Christian?

**People:**

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and thus a partaker of His anointing, in order that I also may confess His Name, may present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and that with a free conscience I may fight against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter in eternity reign with Him over all creatures.

*We unite our voices with believers across time and place, to confess the essentials of our faith.*

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## The Lord's Supper

*The pastor begins with words of introduction, followed by the Fencing of the Table, reminding the congregation who is invited to partake and who should refrain. He then offers a prayer of consecration for the bread and the wine, sets forth the Words of Institution from Scripture, and proceeds to distribute the consecrated elements of bread and wine to the congregation.*

### Distribution of the Bread

*Let us wait until all have received the bread, that we may partake together, remembering the body of our Lord given for us.*

### Distribution of the Cup

*Let us wait until all have received the cup, that we may drink together as one body in Christ.*

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## Corporate Prayer After Communion

Almighty and gracious Lord,  
In this holy Supper, we have partaken of Your body broken and Your blood shed for us, bearing the weight of our shame and guilt. By this sacred meal, You have reconciled us to Yourself, restored us to honor, and called us to reign with You in newness of life. Strengthen us by Your Spirit, that we may walk faithfully in Your ways and live in the freedom and joy won for us at the cross. In Jesus Christ, Amen.

# Not What My Hands Have Done



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1 Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y  
2 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of  
3 I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love di -  
4 I praise the God of grace, I trust his truth and



soul, not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can  
sin, thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can  
vine, and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart I  
might. He calls me his, I call him mine, my



make my spir - it whole. Not what I feel or  
give me peace with - in. Thy love to me, O  
call this Sav - ior mine. His cross dis - pels each  
God, my joy, my light. My Lord has saved my



do can give me peace with God, not all my prayers and  
God, not mine, O Lord, to thee can rid me of this  
doubt; I bur - y in his tomb each thought of un - be -  
life. and free - lv par - don gives; I love be - cause he



sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.  
dark un - rest and set my spir - it free.  
lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.  
first loved me, I live be - cause he lives.

George William Martin, Horatius Bonar

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# Benediction and Sending

## Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

## Sending

**Leader :**

Go in the name of Christ, who bore our shame and calls us to honor. Walk in His forgiveness, live in His freedom, and shine with the glory of His redeeming love. Amen.

**People :**

Alleluia, Amen.

*The benediction at the end of worship follows a biblical pattern—God blessing His people as they are sent out to live for His glory.*



## Home Group Relaunching Project



We're excited to share that our Home Group ministry is relaunching! Right now, we have one active location, but we're looking to open more so that more people in our church can be connected to a group. If you and your family would like to host a group—or if you'd like to join one near you, please reach out to Pastor Roman. He would love to talk with you about getting connected. Home Groups provide a space to practice the Word of God, enjoy fellowship, and grow in community together.

## Sunday School for all Ages

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 9:15 a.m. The adults group is studying "Relational Wisdom 360" with Pastor Mike Quillen. Come grow with us as we learn how the gospel shapes our relationships!

## Operation Christmas Child-Shoebbox Collection

It's time to pack a shoebox! Boxes are available at the church. This is the last Sunday for collection, November 16. Postage is already covered—no contribution needed. For more information, please contact Becky Albrecht.

## Men's Brown Bag Lunch Study

Every Wednesday at 12:00 pm.  
Community Center, The Sanatoga  
Ridge. For more information  
contact Tom Albrecht at:  
[tom.albrecht@comcast.net](mailto:tom.albrecht@comcast.net)

## Church's Calendar



Scan the QR code or go to:  
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## Christmas Celebration

Join us on **December 24th** at **6:30 pm** in the sanctuary of Saint James UCC for a joyous time of singing and a special Christmas message. Enjoy beautiful music and light refreshments afterward. Bring your family and friends—this is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together and share the joy of Christmas while introducing others to our church!

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Nov 22, 2025, Saturday, 9 AM,  
St. James UCC Fellowship Hall.  
*Why The Nicene Creed?*  
Celebrating 17 Centuries of Faithful  
Confession. Speaker: Mike Quillen.

## Church's Website



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