

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Whether we are old or young,  
whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers,  
whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow,  
**All in this place we are all family,  
because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.**  
Leader To all who are called, to all who are beloved  
in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ:  
May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance now and always.  
**All Let us worship and be glad!**

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

**O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES** / C. WESLEY; B. CHADWICK  
1. O, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer’s praise;  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of His grace!  
2. My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of Thy name!  
**REFRAIN**  
*Hallelujah,  
I will sing my great Redeemer’s praise!*  
3. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
’tis music in the sinner’s ears,  
’tis life, and health, and peace.  
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean,  
his blood availed for me. *(REFRAIN)*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

**All:** God of the past, who has created and nurtured us, we are here to thank you.  
God of the future, who is always ahead of us, we are here to thank you.  
God of the present, who is here in the midst of us, we are here to thank you.  
God of life and resurrection, who is beyond us and within us,  
and to whom we are united by faith, we praise and adore you! **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS** / T. CHISHOLM  
1. Great is Thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions they fail not;  
as Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.  
**CHORUS**  
*Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided,  
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*  
2. Summer and winter  
and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars  
in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness,  
mercy and love.

HOLY FOREVER / CHRIS TOMLIN

1. A thousand generations  
falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who’ve gone before us  
and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
**PRE-CHORUS 1**  
Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all  
**HALF-CHORUS**  
And the angels cry, Holy  
All creation cries, Holy  
You are lifted high, Holy  
Holy forever  
2. If you’ve been forgiven  
and if you’ve been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom  
and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We’ll sing the song forever and amen  
**CHORUS**  
Hear your people sing, Holy  
To the King of Kings, Holy  
You will always be, Holy  
Holy forever

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All:** God of relentless grace,  
you have revealed yourself to us in your Word;  
you call us to worship you in spirit and in truth.  
But we confess that we often worship  
not your true self but who we wish you to be.  
We too often ask you to bless what we do  
rather than seeking to do what you bless.  
Forgive us for seeking concessions  
when we should be seeking guidance.  
Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want  
instead of shaping us into what you want.  
Help us to meet you here, that we might bow  
before your unspeakable majesty  
and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. **Amen.**

Community Silence

SONG OF ASSURANCE

**BUILD MY LIFE** / M. REDMAN; P. BARRETT  
1. Worthy of every song  
we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise  
we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath  
we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
2. Jesus, the Name above  
every other name  
Jesus, the only One  
who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath  
we could ever breathe  
We live for You, oh, we live for You  
**CHORUS**  
*Holy, there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder  
Show me who You are and fill me  
With Your heart and lead me  
In Your love to those around me*  
**BRIDGE**  
*I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken*

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE

Leader Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden  
from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God’s  
forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and  
new life. Believe and be at peace!  
**All Thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY MOMENT

**HANDS OFFERING HOPE - Erisa Stilley**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**Together And also with you!**

*\* Children ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to participate in our Children’s program during the sermon. (Children return for Communion.)*

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

*\*During the offertory, we consider all that we have and all that God may be asking us to give. Please take this time to ask God how you might give of your financial gifts, personal time and even vocational calling. There are different ways to give. You may mail your offering to our office address: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA 91101; or give via our website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

**Colossians 1:2; 3:3 (ESV)**

<sup>1:2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3:3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE

**Brannin Pitre**

**Sermon Series: “Hidden With Christ”**  
**Sermon Title: “The Apostle’s Heart”**

COMMUNION

**GUIDELINES:** The sacrament of Communion is also called the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist. It is the family meal for those who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. The invitation is from Jesus Christ alone, not from this church or any minister. If you are baptized and can call yourself a Christian, come to the table.  
**DIRECTIONS:** When instructed, please come forward to receive Communion. Receive the bread and juice from the servers. Pre-packaged elements, which are gluten-free are available in the line closest to the band. Participate as you feel comfortable.  
**CHILDREN:** Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropriate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

**For those searching:** Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Give me not only understanding, but also an experience of your love and presence. Amen.  
**For faith and belief:** Lord Jesus, I am weak and sinful, but you call me beloved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death and offering forgiveness and renewal. I hear you calling, and so I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.  
**For those struggling with sin:** Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, to ask for help, and to follow you faithfully in life. Amen.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

JUST A CLOSER WALK TO THEE

1. I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I’ll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.  
3. When my feeble life is o’er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o’er  
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.  
**REFRAIN**  
*Just a closer walk with Thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to Thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*  
2. Thro’ this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord,  
none but Thee.

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING / R. ROBINSON

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of Thy redeeming love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by Thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood

3. Oh to grace how great a debtor,  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh take and seal it;  
seal it for Thy courts above

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader

May God the Father bless you,  
God the Son heal you,  
God the Holy Spirit give you strength.  
May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body and soul,  
and bring you safely to his heavenly country,  
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Go in peace to love and serve the world!

All

Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **9/11:** “Practicing the Presence” @ 8:45AM
  - **9/14:** Start of midweek Women’s study @ 9AM
  - **9/16:** Start of monthly Women’s study @ 8PM
  - **9/17:** Men’s Prayer Breakfast @ 9 AM
  - **9/18:** Faith & Work Collective - Educators @ 8:45AM  
Taco Lunch & Volunteer Fair @ 11:30AM
  - **9/30:** Book Club (“Housekeeping” by Marilyn Robinson) @ 7:30PM
- Scan the QR code below for more details, other announcements and contact information!



GRACE PASADENA’S VISION STATEMENT

Grace Pasadena exists to ***Experience*** & ***Extend*** the life-giving grace of God

- ***As*** we grow in the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- ***In*** every sphere of life
- ***For*** our neighborhoods, city and the world

GRACE PASADENA’S CORE VALUES

**God-Centered Worship** – We seek to be transformed in worship as we experience the wonder of God and respond appropriately

**Gospel-Driven Identity** – We seek a personal experience of the gospel that both humbles us, and assures us that we are more deeply valued and loved by God than we can possibly imagine

**Outward-Facing Community** – We seek the betterment of our city as we extend God’s grace by loving our neighbors as ourselves

**Kingdom-Minded Movement** – We seek to extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by creating community and global partnerships that can reach and serve those in need

GIVING & BUDGET

	<u>JAN-DEC ‘21</u>	<u>JAN-AUG</u>	<u>SEP ‘22¹</u>
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	<b>488,889</b>	<b>297,063</b>	<b>7,107</b>
BUDGETED GIVING _____	<b>468,000</b>	<b>306,000</b>	<b>39,000</b>
DIFFERENCE _____	<b>+20,889</b>	<b>-8,937</b>	<b>-31,893</b>

¹as of 9/8/2022; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors



“Christians know by experience that true religion is a union of the soul with God, a real participation in the divine nature, the very image of God drawn upon the soul, or, in the apostle’s phrase, ‘it is Christ formed within us.’”

HENRY SCOUGAL | *LIFE OF GOD IN THE SOUL OF MAN*

“Union with Christ is the central doctrine of how God dwells with us. That union is the work of the Holy Spirit, sent from Christ’s throne in glory. We are not only united to Christ as our representative, living, dying and rising for us; we are also united to Christ vitally by the presence of His Spirit. He has not left us as orphans. He comes to us, and He dwells among us in our hearts and in our gatherings as His church.”

EDMUND CLOWNEY | *TABLETALK*

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT  
CHRISTMAS  
EPIPHANY  
LENT  
EASTER  
PENTECOST  
ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost Sunday until the start of Advent. From the Latin “ordus” we look to the Spirit to re-order our lives according to the love of Jesus Christ. As the season of the Spirit, we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus’ followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn’t offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. It is a season in which we learn to recognize the presence of God in the day-to-day. The color of the season is green, symbolizing new life.



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