

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader As we are called into worship today,
it is sobering to remember
that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus,
most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.
Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes
to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.
People of God, behold and see your God who is here!

All We open our eyes to see his glory.
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hearts to receive his love.
We open our hands to offer him our gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise. He is Lord!

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING / C. BATEMAN

1. Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!	3. Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven’s blissful shore, His goodness we’ll adore, singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us He’ll condescend; His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!	

SING TO THE LORD (PSALM 96) / MUSIC: B. CHADWICK

Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth
Sing to the Lord a new song
Sing to the Lord, all the earth

For great is the Lord
Most worthy of praise
For great is our God
Most worthy of praise

Let the whole earth sing
To the Name above all names

BE THOU MY VISION / TRANS. MARY E. BYRNE

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night; Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my Light.	3. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart; High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true Son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.	4. High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heaven’s sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you
and for ignoring your greatness and your kindness.
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives.
Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts.
We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God,
has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and mild repentance.
O triune God, show yourself to us again,
so that we may be filled afresh with knowledge of your great love. Amen.

Silence is kept together.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

MY SOUL FINDS REST / S. TOWNEND & A. KEYES

My soul finds rest in God alone
He only is my foundation
My rock, my peace
My fortress strong
I will ever love and adore Him

Great God of love, Jesus His name
He only is my salvation
And on the cross, he bled and died
And He took my sorrows forever

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE

Leader	Hear and receive these good words: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. —from John 3:16-17
All	Thanks be to God!

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

New Members: Kristi Hazama, Emily & Nathaniel Hsieh, Luke Franklin, Karissa Lee, Trey Jonathan Kirschner

- Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Leader	Let us all remember our own baptisms and confess our faith. Brothers and sisters, in whom do you believe?
All	I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Baptizand: Trey Jonathan Kirschner

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. For more information about our Children’s Ministry, please see our director, Caroline, or email her at families@gracepasadena.org.

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

Exodus 3:1-14 (ESV)

¹ Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Mid-ian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.”⁴ When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”⁶ And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their suffer-ings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” ¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

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

MORNING MESSAGE

Brannin Pitre

“Chasing After God”
Sermon Series: When All You Want Isn’t Enough

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 stage. Participate as you feel comfortable.

CHILDREN: Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropri-ate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

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

YOU'RE NOT ALONE / J. TWEEDY & M. STAPLES

You're not alone
I'm with you, I'm lonely too
What's that song
Can't be sung by two
A broken home, a broken heart
Isolated and afraid
Open up this is a raid
I wanna get it through to you
You're not alone
You're not alone, every night
I stand in your place
Every tear on every face
Tastes the same

A broken dream, a broken heart
Isolated and afraid
Open up this is a raid
I wanna get it through to you
You're not alone
An open hand, an open heart
There's no need to be afraid
Open up this is a raid
I wanna get it through to you
You're not alone
I wanna get it through to you
You're not alone
I'm gonna get it through to you
You're not alone

TAKE MY LIFE / F. HAVERGAL

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, for Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my will and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne.
5. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee.

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader

May the love of the Father enfold us,
the wisdom of the Son enlighten us,
the fire of the Spirit kindle us;
and may the blessing of the Lord God
come down upon us and remain with us always.
Go in peace to love and serve the world. God is with you!

All

Thanks be to God! Amen!

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

Epiphany follows Christ’s birth and points us out from that moment to the world. The Magi traveled from afar to worship Jesus, and their eyes were opened to who God is and what he is doing. The Light is dawning in the darkness, drawing in all peoples. As Philip Reinders says: “Epiphany calls us to live God’s mission, announcing the good news of Christ’s arrival to every culture and to those who live across the street, bearing the light of Jesus to the nations and to those who share a home with us. We, the church, are sent out as the manifestation of Jesus to a watching world.” May we, with eyes wide open, see and celebrate the fact that Jesus is the light of the world—and of our lives too.

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Week of 1/22:** City Groups + Weekly Women’s Group Resume
- **2/10:** Monthly Women’s Bible Study @ 6PM
- **2/12:** Super Cereal Bowl Family Event @ 9:15AM
- **2/22:** Ash Wednesday Service @ 7PM
- **2/24 - 2/25 :** Men’s Retreat. Contact Pastor Marc for details.

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

	IAN-DEC ‘22	DEC ‘22*	IAN ‘23*
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	\$546,803	\$132,759	\$16,164
BUDGETED GIVING _____	501,000	78,000	--
DIFFERENCE _____	+45,803	+54,759	--

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“Revelation does not mean man finding God, but God finding man, God sharing His secrets with us, God showing us Himself. In revelation, God is the agent as well as the object.”

J. I. PACKER

“We need to find God and God cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature—trees and flowers and grass—grow in silence. See the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life.”

ST. TERESA OF KOLKOTTA

“To know this God, who both condescends to share all that we are and makes us share in all that He is in Jesus Christ, is to be lifted up in His Spirit to share in God’s own self-knowing and self-loving until we are enabled to apprehend Him in some real measure in Himself beyond anything that we are capable of in ourselves. It is to be lifted out of ourselves, as it were, into God, until we know Him and love Him and enjoy Him in His eternal Reality as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in such a way that the Trinity enters into the fundamental fabric of our thinking of Him and constitutes the basic grammar of our worship and knowledge of the One God.”

T.F. TORRANCE

3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 22, 2023