



GOOD SAMARITAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 2, 2025

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Love Lifted Me"

arr. Park

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24: 7-10

One: Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ancient doors;

ALL: AND THE KING OF GLORY SHALL COME IN.

One: Who is this King of Glory?

ALL: THE LORD, STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD, MIGHTY IN BATTLE.

One: Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;

ALL: AND THE KING OF GLORY SHALL COME IN.

One: Who is this King of Glory?

ALL: THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.

*HYMN

"Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face"

No. 520

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hebrews 2: 14-18

One: Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself shared the same things,

ALL: SO THAT THROUGH DEATH HE MIGHT DESTROY THE ONE WHO HAS THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL, AND FREE THOSE WHO ALL THEIR LIVES WERE HELD IN SLAVERY BY THE FEAR OF DEATH.

One: For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

ALL: THEREFORE HE HAD TO BECOME LIKE HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN EVERY RESPECT.

One: So that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sin of the people.

ALL: BECAUSE HE HIMSELF WAS TESTED BY WHAT HE SUFFERED, HE IS ABLE TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE BEING TESTED.

Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell. On 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 thence he shall 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Malachi 3: 1-4

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone”

See insert

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 22-40

SERMON

Succession

Reverend Mark Gaskill

THE SACRAMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

No. 513

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“In Joyful Praise”

Lasky

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU!

*Please stand if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the GSPC congregation is today following the worship service. All members are encouraged to attend. The Annual Reports packet are available in the narthex. The call for the meeting is below:

- Call to order with prayer
- Clerk certifies that there is a quorum and that the call was in order.
- Approval of the June 2024 Congregational Meeting Minutes
- Elect three members (Not on current Session) to serve on the Nominating Committee for Calendar Year 2025. Elect one alternate.
- Present the Report on the 2025 Financial Campaign.
- Approve any changes to the Pastor's 2025 Terms of Call as recommended by the Personnel Committee and approved by the Session.
- Present the Calendar Year 2025 Operating / Program Budget.
- Present the Report of Activities of Calendar Year 2024 from the Pastor, Clerk, Program and other Committee Chairs.

Meeting as GSPC, INC.

- Any Business as needed.
- Adjournment with prayer.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Join friends and family today after the Congregational Meeting for the Chili Cook Off.

FIRST READING: MALACHI 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

SECOND READING: LUKE 2: 22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the

Lord”),²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

"Amazing Grace /My Chains are Gone"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I’m found, was blind but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free.
My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good for me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free.
My God my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood, His mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.

My God my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood, His mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.

But God, who called me here below will be forever mine.

Will be forever mine.

You are forever mine.

Today's Volunteers: *Greeter:* Mindy Tracy; *Ushers:* Bill Koennel and Paul Webb; *Scripture Reader:* Sally Brandt

TODAY

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 AM

Worship Service at 10 AM

Congregational Meeting

Chili Cookoff

THIS WEEK

Tues. (Feb. 4): 9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study

COMING SOON

Game Night – Thursday, February 20th