

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 22, 2024  
Proper 20

*\*Those who are able, please stand.  
Please silence cell phones.  
Please sign the blue friendship pad at the end of the pew.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

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Chiming Of The Hour (Prepare your hearts for worship)

Welcome

One: "The Lord be with you."  
All: **"And also with you."**

Introit

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 1)

One: Happy are the people

All: **who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow, or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.**

One: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

All: **and they meditate on God's law day and night.**

One: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

All: **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

\*Hymn 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"  
NATIONAL HYMN

Prayer of Confession (James 3, Proverbs 31)

All: **God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray.**

(silent confession)

One: Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but the people who fear the Lord are to be praised. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can live in peace.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

\*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

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Anthem "God of Heaven" Katie Dial directing

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 1 p. 463  
Epistle: James 3:13-4:8 p. 216  
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 p. 42

Sermon Rev. J. David Jordan

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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Invitation to Discipleship

Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

Prayers of The People 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.**

Offertory

\*Doxology Hymn #606

Prayer of Dedication (Psalm 1)

All: **Our great Gardener, we are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season and prosper in you. We are grateful for all that you have provided, and we dedicate our first fruits to you and to the work of your church, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 462 "I Love to Tell the Story"  
HANKEY

## SENT FORTH TO SERVE

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Announcements

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Chorus

**"Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love. There is only one God, there is only one King, and there is only one body; that is why we sing. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love."**

Please greet each other as you leave with these words:  
"Grace to you."

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Wednesday, September 25**

No Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, October 6**

**11:00 a.m.** Peacemaking Offering will be received.

**12:30 p.m.** Join us for a church picnic at Veteran's Memorial Park. If you would like to bring a dish, the sign-up sheet is posted near the bulletin board.

**Sunday, October 20**

**12:00 p.m.** Grace Shepherd/Deacon meeting

**Sundays**

**9:30 a.m.** Bob Thornton's Class: 12-week study of 1 Corinthians.

**Tuesdays**

**10:00 a.m.** Ladies Bible Study

**Liturgist:** Peggy Thornton

**Ushers:** Jerry and Susan Atkins, Bob Thornton

**Refreshments:** Margie O'Byrne

**Elders :** Chuck Achuff, Joe Fortune, Kristie Myers, Andrew Permenter  
Betty Powell, and Lynette Steritz

**Deacons:** Jerry Atkins, Joey Homans, Nancy McCue, Barbara Quintrell,  
Christine Seese, and Dan Scott

**Nominating Committee:** Andy Clemons, Bonnie Fry, Kristie Myers,  
Margie O'Byrne, Dan Scott, Mary Ann Sheehy, Peggy Thornton

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**Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!**  
**Grace is a church for the community, and all of God's people  
are welcome here.**

**In Our Prayers:** John and Susan Adams (Marsha Loftin),  
Connie Alford (Shirley), Susan Atkins, Frank Ball, Ruth Ann Ball,  
Baron Barnes (Mary Ann Sheehy), Bo Barnes (Mary Ann Sheehy),  
Bill and Sandy (Dan Scott), Thos Blackstock (Mary Ann Sheehy'  
Nephew), Gretchen Blackwell, Shyheim Carter (Margie O'Byrne),  
Tyler Chadwick, Keith Chastain, Lisa Conn, Patricia Crain (Ruth  
Ann Ball), Nick Curry (Marsha Loftin), Darren (Chris Yarbrough),  
Mike Eason (Joey), Lisa France (Margie), Grace (Chuck), Jim  
Hambricht, Kevin Herrit and Family, Clara, Hogan (Shirley),  
Margaret Hunt (Jim Hambricht), Irena (Gretchen Blackwell),  
Doug Jones (Margie O'Byrne), Julia (Kristi Deutz), Cynthia Kodua,  
Shelby Lee, Linda (Jaycey), Marsha Loftin, Stan Lowrey (Shirley),  
Martha's Family (Dan Scott), Penny McDaniel (Kay), Eric Nelson  
(Katie), Ellen Nordstrom (Margie), Kay Parrish, Mandy Power,  
Brenda Reagans (Kristie), Kathy Silvio (Marsha Loftin), Nancy  
Smiley (Ruth Ann Ball), Susan (Ruth Ann Ball), Viviana Torres,  
the family of John Trammel (Emma Teems), Carol Watkins, Bill  
and Sherry Weeks, Wilma & her husband (Sandy)

**Assisted Living:** Sandy Grimes, Zoe Putnam

**Sympathy:** The family of Frank Duke

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