



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

*Equipping People to Develop and
Share a Faith that Works in Real Life*

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Service of Worship
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012 AD 10:30 a.m.

*"Joy is closer to God than seriousness. Why?
Because when I am serious I tend to be self-centered,
but when I am joyful I tend to forget myself." – Krister Stendhal*

Gathering all People in a Caring Christian Community

WORSHIP CHIMES

GATHERING WORDS Ky Weekley

Calling the Annual Meeting to Order
Recognition of the Clerk
Prayer

GATHERING MUSIC "River Songs" arr. Douglas E. Wagner

(Based on "Deep River" and "Shall We Gather at the River")

Symphony Orchestra

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord.

I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to the gospel feast?

That promised land where all is peace.

Deep river, Lord. I want to cross over into campground.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,

With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;

Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

*OUR GREETING Baird Townsend

God of the ages, God of all our lives:

**We bring You our thanks for the year past,
and look with anticipation to the year just ahead!**

In our singing, in our praying, in our listening,
May we be attentive to Your welcoming Spirit!

*SONG [HYMNAL] 276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

(The children are invited to come forward during the final verse.)

COME AS A CHILD Kimby Young

(Afterwards children should return to worship with their families. Children in Kindergarten or younger may be taken to our Covenant Clubhouse in Room 22 at any time for loving care and play.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, God of grace and covenant, You have called us into community. We are not spiritual tourists who show up when we want something... We are pilgrims called to learn about and love the Lord together!

During this Annual Meeting may our worship be all about You.

In these weeks and days of 2012, may we commit to deepening our worship of You, may we pledge ourselves to welcoming more and more disciples into our fellowship, may our reflections of Your incredible generosity continue to grow in substance!

May You Who do all things well continue to guide us in the way of Jesus, our Lord, our best friend! Amen.

*GREETING EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone!

And also with you and all others!

(Let us greet one another with expressions of Christian love.)

*RESPONSE "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" by J. Newton
Praise Team and Congregation adapted by C. Tomlin

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 61 Caroline Becher
(Old Testament, page 691)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words,
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Within these Walls" by Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir

Within these walls, we assemble. Within these walls, we gather in Your name.

As we join our hearts in a holy union, we come to find communion in Your holiness again.

Within these walls, let there be harmony; a common bond; a Spirit from above.

And as Your children let us love each other as sisters and as brothers united by Your love.

We are the branches, You are the Vine. We are the vessels and You are the Wine.

We are the body, You are the Head. For ev'ry hunger, You are the Bread.

Within these walls, let there be refuge, a place of rest when doubts and trials form.

And let us lift each other as we gather to find Your peace no matter how terrible the storm.

Within these walls, give us Your vision. Within these walls, let us understand

that beyond these walls, there are hurting people who have never felt Your healing hand.

Beyond these walls, send us forward. Beyond these walls, let Your will be done.

We are Your people; You will leave us never, and we shall work together

until Your kingdom comes. Your kingdom come!

Within these walls, let us listen. Within these walls, let us pray.

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2011 Ky Weekley

OFFERING AND OFFERING OF MUSIC

"Hear Our Praises" by R. Morgan

Praise Team and Congregation

(Please sign and pass the Welcome Pads at this time. Create community.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – Christine Hutchins, Amgad Bestawrous, Wendy Biggs, Kim & Andy Davis, Katherine & Ryan Dolan, Andrew Frye & Michelle Gailliez, Merry Ellen Morrissey, Ellin Schoenfeld, Jenny & Matt Stromberg

*WORDS OF THANKS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Remembering the Saints Among Us – Mike Conroy and Lloyd Haney

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.

CORPORATION MEETING

Call to Order Mike Mattix

Recognition of Officers

President – Mike Mattix Secretary – Kevin Mason

Vice-president – Pat Collins Treasurer – David Huston

Acknowledgement of Trustees

Maggie Blankers, Pat Collins, Pat Crockin, Mike Mattix, Matt McBride,

Christine Nance, Jean Nelson, Laura Patton, Rick Randolph, Abby

Slovick, Melanie Townsend, C.C. White, Dee Zak, Dave Zimmermann

Adjournment

CONTINUATION OF CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS

By-Law Changes Kevin Mason

Nominating Committee Report Maggie Blankers/Laura Patton

Finance Report Matt McBride

Pat Crockin

Tim Hayden

Pastor Nominating Committee Bob Bonney/Trey Bures

Personnel Team Linda Bridges

Recommendation re Terms of Call

Other Business

Sending People to Serve Christ in the World

*SONG [Sing the Faith] 2222 "The Servant Song" THE SERVANT SONG

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Through the grace of God we receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity, brief moments of insight.

Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they are and, renewed by their grace, move boldly into the unknown.

*POSTLUDE

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