

Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. -

Deuteronomy 30:19b-20a



Sunday Service – February 12th, 2022

How can we pray for you? Let us know at prayerrequests@gpcfww.org or in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *The Power of Your Love* by Bullock

Welcome

Pastor Kevin

Call to Worship –

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs?

Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation:

let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

Rev. Mindi on her Rev-olution blog. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/11/contemporary-call-proper-27a.html>.

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

#475

Call to Confession

Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sin that we may choose life and live.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you.

Time of Silent Prayer and Confession.

We pray all this in Jesus' name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Dear siblings of Christ, by the mercy of Christ, our sin is forgiven.
Let us sing praises with upright hearts as we learn the ways of God!

Song of Assurance

Gloria Patri

#581

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Let us take a moment, wave to each other on Zoom, say a quick "Hello!" in person, send a message of peace to each other on Facebook, and invite the peace of Christ into our worship.

Children's Message

Time of Music and Meditation

Prayer for Illumination —

O God, send your Spirit upon us and light our path,
that we may travel the road you have prepared for us.
As we listen to your scriptures proclaimed,
and your word revealed,
enable our hearts and minds to more fully understand
your goodness and your grace.
Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life,
that we may embrace the life-giving work of your Spirit.
Challenge us to forsake paths that ask little of us,
and help us resist the evils and temptations of this world,
that we may truly follow the way of kingdom living. **Amen.**

*Posted on the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com>. Reposted:
https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/prayer-epiphany-6a_31.html.*

Scripture Reading:

Hebrew Reading — Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16 For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **Choir Anthem**

Scripture Reading:

Gospel Reading — *Matthew 5:21-37*

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Jesus Begins to Preach

21 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

25 “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

31 “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Sermon

Hard Sayings?

Hymn of Response

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

#815

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. **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.

Call to Offering

Jesus said, If you remember that a sibling in faith has something against you, first be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift. In peace, let us bring our offerings to God.

Offertory *When I Look into Your Holiness* by Perrin

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606

Prayer of Dedication –

Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn *Kum ba Yah* #472

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* by Holden

All unattributed pieces come from Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, ed. by Kimberly Bracken Long, Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Study Luncheon After Service:

There is a Lenten Study coming in March (each Wednesday evening at 5:30 PM). Order your book for the Lenten Study in the narthex.

Congregational Baseball Life: Join Grace on May 28th for a 1:05 PM Tin Caps game. Tickets are \$29 for a spot in a reserved concourse suite behind home plate. Contact Tammy Menkes if interested.

Ash Wednesday Service - 2.22 @ United Faith: Hosted by North Christian - 7 PM
Meal @ 6 PM – Grace to bring Salads.

Session Meets Next Sunday:

Birthdays

Don Bosse – Feb. 8

Barbara Springer – Feb. 14

Anniversary

Aaron & Cindy Bowers

Feb. 16

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for Dianna Eller recovering from surgery.

Prayers for Vivian Louise, praise for her successful surgery and continuing recovery.

Prayers for Terry Frick, Stacy Monnier’s father, with a recent diagnosis of cancer.

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 ***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

NETTLETON
 B.7.B.7.D

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a dotted quarter note on D5, followed by quarter notes on E5, F5, G5, and A5. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G1, F1, E1, D1, C1, B0, A0, G0.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system features a dotted quarter note on B5, followed by quarter notes on C6, D6, E6, and F6. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: G0, F0, E0, D0, C0, B-1, A-1, G-1.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a dotted quarter note on G6, followed by quarter notes on F6, E6, and D6. The piano accompaniment continues with quarter notes: C-1, B-1, A-1, G-1, F-1, E-1, D-1, C-1. The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. John Wesley, 1737, alt.
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1872

FESTAL SONG
 SM
 (this tune in a higher key, 744)

SERVICE MUSIC

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures
here below; praise *him above, ye heavenly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDRETH
LM

Kum ba Yah

1 *Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba
 2 Some - one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's
 3 Some - one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's
 4 Some - one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's

yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord,
 cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's cry - ing, Lord,
 sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's sing - ing, Lord,
 pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some - one's pray - ing, Lord,

kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

*Come by here

This African American spiritual, first recorded in the 1920s, seems to have originated somewhere in the southern United States. It enjoyed renewed popularity during the folk revival of the 1960s and became a standard campfire song, eventually traveling throughout the world.