

GRACE REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Order of Service

Prelude

Announcements

Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-3.

*Salutation – Opening Blessing

*Invocation – Opening Prayer

*OPENING HYMN #693: Blessed Assurance

Scripture Reading: Psalm 97.

The Apostles Creed

Congregational prayer

*HYMN #629: What A Friend We Have in Jesus.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 67.

Scripture text: Psalm 67.

Sermon Title: Missions Begins with Prayer.

*Prayer of application

*CLOSING HYMN #672: Trust and Obey.

*Benediction – Closing Blessing

*Doxology [Hymn #731]

*Postlude

*Congregation Stands

We believe the worship service as service unto God is the primary way that God's people grow in faith and love, as God's Word is read, preached, sung, prayed and visibly administered in the sacraments.

WELCOME: The following precautions are being implemented to allow for church attendance: (1) Please maintain social distancing by remaining at least 6 feet away from others at all times; (2) Please sit together as a family during service. (3) Please do not attend if you have an unexplained cough, are having difficulty breathing, or are running a temperature. (4) Anyone who has contracted COVID-19, has been tested and is awaiting results, has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 or with someone who has been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting results should stay home for 14 days after exposure. “Close Contact” has been defined by the CDC as: Closer than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more. (5) We encourage wearing a face mask if you have one, but this is not required. This is to protect others. Children under 2 years of age should not wear masks (6) Clorox wipes are available at certain locations within the church, in particular in the bathrooms. Please wipe down areas that you touch (door handles, etc.) as you use the facilities.

Schedule

1. **Next Sunday:** Sunday School at 9:00 am. Grades pre-K: taught by Bonnie Fagrey. Grades 1-3: taught by Stephen Kilber. Grades 4-6: taught by Elder Don Oliver. Grades 7-9: Pastor Fagrey’s class will meet in the fellowship hall. Post-confirmation/ adult class taught by an elder Roger Gallimore.
2. **Next Sunday:** Sunday evening Bible study at 6:00 pm. *Topic:* John.
3. **Next Sunday:** Day of Prayer for mission works. This year’s missions offering will be divided evenly between Calvary Reformed in Stockton, CA, and Grace Reformed in Dickinson, ND.
4. **Tues. Sept. 15:** Consistory meeting 6:30 pm. Spiritual Council at 8:00. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall.
5. **Wed. Sept. 16:** Prayer meeting in the fellowship hall at 6:30 pm.
6. **Wed. Sept. 16:** Men’s Bible Study 6:45 – 8:00 pm. *Topic:* Revelation.
7. **Sunday, Sept. 20:** Lord’s Supper.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Today is John and Susan’s last Sunday with us as they are moving to Jackson, Mississippi.
- Shawn and Dawn Hodges are in the process of moving to North Carolina.
- Pastor Fagrey’s aunt Bonnie is undergoing chemo.
- Stephen’s aunt Kay & husband, Jonathan, who has cancer on his left tonsil.
- Darrell Bentz has Parkinson’s disease.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there 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.

2020 BACK TO BASICS: COMMON GRACE

(Summary of R.C. Sproul, *Everyone's a Theologian*, Chapter 38)

GRACE DEFINED

“The classic definition of grace is ‘unmerited favor.’” We “must distinguish between grace and justice. Justice is something that is earned or merited by our works.... In contrast, grace is undeserved; ... it is not earned or merited.” It “is given freely by God. He is not obligated or required to give it. The Apostle Paul quotes what God said to Moses: ‘I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion’ (Rom. 9:15).”

COMMON GRACE

“Special grace involves the redemption that God gives to the saved.... Common grace is the mercy and kindness that God extends to the human race. The Bible says that in His providence God sends rain on the just and on the unjust (Matt. 5:45) ... Neither farmer deserves the rain to nurture his crops, but God’s rain falls upon both, not just the devout man.”

“People who are not in fellowship with God enjoy many favors from Him. Changes in the human standard of living over time – quality of life, improved health, and better safety – trace the progress of God’s grace through history.”

“We are called to be imitators of God, which is what it means to be made in the image of God. So, if God is concerned about the general welfare of the human race,” Christians should also be. “The parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) indicates Jesus’ priority that the church be concerned not only with the special-grace realm of evangelism but also with the general welfare of the human race. James tells us that the essence of true religion is the care of orphans and widows (James 1:27).”

“No one is qualified to receive the ministry or the mercy of God. If someone with AIDS is not qualified to be helped by the mercy of the church, then neither am I, and neither are you.”

“Francis Schaeffer once said that when it comes to matters of common grace, the Christian must work together with all kinds of people who are not Christians. When I march for the rights of the unborn, I will stand next to anyone, if they share the same concern.... However, I will not ... sit at a prayer breakfast with Muslims, because such events fall in the realm of special grace.”

SPECIAL GRACE

“God does not love everyone unconditionally [Romans 9:13: ‘Jacob I have loved, but Esau I hated’];” God loves everyone in the sense “that he is benevolent toward everyone,” and has a “general concern for the welfare of human beings.”

But His redemptive love is “focused chiefly on His beloved Son, yet spills out to those who are in Christ. God has a special love for the redeemed that He does not have for the rest of the world.”

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Lord's Day, Sunday, September 6

WELCOME

Sunday School – 9:00 am (Sept. – May)

Worship Service – 10:30 am

Bible Study – 6:00 pm (Sept. – May)

Pastor Fagrey's weekly sermons are on 88.3 KLMP Sundays at 8:30 am

The Lord Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life" (John 6:47).