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Evangelism: Loving Enough to Tell of Christ
Free Grace Presbyterian Church

SOME THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:

Our mission is to love our friends
into the kingdom of heaven.

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Presbyterian pastor and church planter

When our hearts are filled with Christ's presence,
evangelism is as inevitable as it is contagious.

Bryan Green
20th century Anglican priest and evangelist
known as the Anglican Billy Graham

In your hearts
honor Christ the Lord as
holy, always being prepared
to make a defense to anyone
who asks you for a reason for
the hope that is in you; yet
do it with gentleness and
respect.

1 Peter 3:15

How then
will they call on him in
whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in him of
whom they have never heard? And how
are they to hear without someone
preaching? And how are they to preach unless
they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are
the feet of those who preach the good news!"
But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For
Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he
has heard from us?" So faith comes from
hearing, and hearing through the
word of Christ.

Romans 10:14-17

And Jesus went
throughout all the cities
and villages, teaching in their
synagogues and proclaiming the
gospel of the kingdom and healing every
disease and every affliction. When he saw
the crowds, he had compassion for them,
because they were harassed and helpless, like
sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to
his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but
the laborers are few; therefore pray
earnestly to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into his
harvest."

Matthew 9:35-38

Whoever
is not with me is
against me, and
whoever does not
gather with me
scatters.

Matthew 12:30

If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell
over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them
perish with our arms around their knees, imploring
them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be
filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go
there unwarned and unprayed for.

Charles Spurgeon
19th century British preacher
known as the Prince of Preachers

GOD SUMMONS US BY HIS GRACE

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Psalms 96

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

We sing to the Lord, declaring his glory among the nations

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth,
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

7
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth.
Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
All that have life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

13
All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near;
Hast thou not seen how all thy long - ings have been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - migh - ty can do,
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;

18
praise him in glad ad - or - a - tion.
grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
if with his love he be - friend thee.
glad - ly, for, aye, we a - dore him.

The call to worship is a jolt back to reality. It is a reminder that in the midst of the tragic reality of our sin and brokenness, there is a glorious and gracious God. It confronts us with the fact that God is the central truth of reality.

"O for a Thousand Tongues"

1.O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise, the
 2.My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim, to
 3.Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease; 'tis
 4.He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-ner free; his

6.glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
 spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
 mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

10.5.He speaks and, list-'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-
 6.Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loos-en'd tongues em-

ceive; the mourn-ful bro-ken hearts re-joyce; the hum-ble poor be-lieve.
 play; ye blind, be-hold your Sav-ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Sing praises to the
 LORD, who sits
 enthroned in Zion!
 Tell among the
 peoples his
 deeds!
 Psalm 9

GOD SANCTIFIES US BY HIS GRACE

God declares that we come to him as sinners, unrighteous people who fall short of his glory

"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3

We confess our sin, our lack of righteousness before God

We use this time in God's presence to confess our sins and our need for God's grace, silently, personally before him alone. We invite you to join us in sorrow over your sin and joy in his grace and mercy in Jesus Christ.

God proclaims his mercy, the mystery of Christ—that he takes our sin that we might become his righteousness

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time...For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Peter 1
2 Corinthians 5

The majesty of
God's forgiveness
is lost entirely
when we lose what
has to be forgiven.
What has to be
forgiven is not just
what we do but
who we are, not
just our sinning
but our sinfulness,
not just our
choices but what
we have chosen in
place of God.
David Wells

We rejoice and rest in the mystery of Christ

“A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

GOD SPEAKS WITH US BY HIS GRACE

²Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—⁴that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. ⁵Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Colossians 4:2-6

Sermon

Rev. Per Almquist

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50¢ Words: The Vocabulary of Faith

epiphany

God revealed

love

Christ died for us

hope

assured confidence

grace

love undeserved

sin

not the way it's supposed to be

redemption

ransomed

atonement

setting things right

propitiation

wrath lovingly satisfied

reconciliation

enemies no longer

forgiveness

sin's double cure

resurrection

life victorious

church

the fullness of Christ

heaven

dwelling place of God

hell

depart from me

We sing and tell of Christ until the earth and heavens are filled with his glory

"Lift High the Name of Jesus"



1. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our King. Make
 2. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Lord. His
 3. Lift high the name of Je - sus, of Je - sus our Light. No



5 known the pow - er of his grace, the beau - ty of his peace. Re -
 pow'r in us is great - er than, is great - er than this world. To
 oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He



9 mem - ber how his mer - cy reached and we cried out to him. He
 share the rea - son for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that
 o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest he has grown. We



13 lift - ed us to so - lid ground, to free - dom from our sin. Oh
 all who see him shine through us might bring the Fa - ther praise.
 la - bor in his fields of grace as he leads sin - ners home.



17 sing my soul and tell all he's done 'till the earth and heavens are filled with his glo - ry.

Blessed be the
 LORD, the God of
 Israel, who alone
 does wondrous
 things. Blessed be
 his glorious name
 forever; may the
 whole earth be
 filled with his
 glory! Amen and
 Amen!
 Psalm 72

GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS GRACE

We declare the mystery of Christ with our lives, giving our tithes and offerings to God as a reflection of giving ourselves to him

We give our offerings to God as a public demonstration of our faith, putting our money where our mouths are. In this action we show what we claim, that our lives are organized around God and lived for him instead of ourselves.

We pray for God to make us fit to serve, instruments that declare the mystery of Christ to all

Heavenly Father,
you have given us the riches of the glory of the mystery of Christ —
the wonder of Christ in us, the hope of glory.

We do not deserve this hope and can not earn it,
but, by your grace, it is ours in Christ.

Mold our lives according to this eternal reality
that our every word, our every action flows from it
and pours it out upon everyone around us.

Father, forgive us for our lack of love for those around us,
for not loving them well with this mystery,
for not making the most of the time
for more often than not revealing us, not Christ.

Lord, open doors in the hearts of our family, friends, neighbors, and community
as you call them to know your love in Christ.

Take our lives as your instruments.
Use our love for these people in our lives
to declare the mystery of Christ clearly.

As you open to us doors for your word,
grant us wisdom in our speech and how we live
that by our words and actions
we may answer each person, each life
with your grace in Jesus Christ.

Father, this we ask in the power and the glory,
the grace and the wonder of the mystery of Christ in us.
Amen.

The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.
Søren Kierkegaard

Christ is the Alpha and Omega of the Lord's Supper; it is all Christ and Him crucified. [This] gives a peculiar sweetness to the broken bread and poured-out wine.
Robert Murray M'Cheyne

God makes the mystery of Christ in us visible, inviting us to his table to celebrate the Lord's Supper

We celebrate God's free grace to us in Jesus Christ by observing the Lord's Supper each Sunday. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized followers of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are in covenant with God. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to one of the elders after the service. Wine and bread are the elements of the supper as instituted by Jesus Christ and so we follow his example.

Colossians 1:15–23

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS GRACE

We sing out for the kingdom of God and the name of Christ to be proclaimed by our very lives

"Let Your Kingdom Come"

1. Your glo-rious cause, O God, en - ga - ges our hearts.
2. Give us your strength, O God, and cour-age to speak.

5 May Je - sus Christ be known where - ev - er we are.
Per - form your won - drous deeds through those who are weak.

9 We ask not for our - selves, but for your re - nown.
Lord, use us as you want, what - ev - er the test.

13 The cross has saved us so we pray, "Your king - dom come."
By grace we'll preach your gos - pel 'till our dy - ing breath.

18 Let your king - dom come, _ let your will be done. _ so that ev - 'ry-one

24 _ might know your Name. _ Let your song be heard _ ev - 'ry - where on earth,

30 _ 'till your sov - 'reign work _ on earth is done: _ let your king - dom come! _

Pray then like this:
"Our Father in
heaven, hallowed
be your name. Your
kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in
heaven."
Matthew 6

We tell of Christ by his grace at work in us

Leader: My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever... The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

People: Amen

Please stay and join us for a time of refreshment and enjoying each other's company.

*This is a time to share in life together as the gospel calls us
as we reconnect with those we know and as we meet someone new.*

Philippians 4

50¢ WORDS

THE VOCABULARY OF FAITH

revelation

God spoke

inspiration

God-breathed

trinity

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holiness

separation

righteousness

the way it should be

sovereignty

ultimate kingship

providence

kingship in action

kingdom

living the reign

salvation

ultimate rescue

election

God's choosing

predestination

the love before time

calling

lovingly summoned

regeneration

made alive with Christ

repentance

turning

faith

confident trust

justification

made right

adoption

beloved children

sanctification

making the holy holy

perseverance

held secure

glorification

the full enjoyment of God

advent

coming

Immanuel

God with us

incarnation

veiled in flesh
the Godhead see

Messiah/Christ

appointed, empowered,
sent

Savior

the great rescuer

epiphany

God revealed

love

Christ died for us

hope

assured confidence

grace

love undeserved

sin

not the way
it's supposed to be

redemption

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atonement

setting things right

propitiation

wrath lovingly satisfied

reconciliation

enemies no longer

forgiveness

sin's double cure

resurrection

life victorious

church

the fullness of Christ

heaven

dwelling place of God

hell

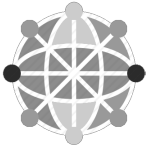
depart from me



Welcome to Free Grace

We are a broken church full of broken people. We know we need God's free grace. Some of us have accepted this grace, some are exploring what it's all about. All of us are still trying to understand it. We are a church that seeks to proclaim this free grace of God with both our words and our lives. Not satisfied with simply talking about it, we want to live it out. We invite you to come, explore, and live God's free grace with us.

Our Connections



Free Grace is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a family of churches that seeks to be faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

Our Leadership

Free Grace is lead by her elders, men called by God and set apart by the church to care and lead her as individual members, families, and as a whole. Our elders are:

Rev. Per Almquist (pastor)
Brian Cosgrove
Ken Morris



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I don't respect people who don't proselytize. I don't respect that at all. If you believe that there's a heaven and hell and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life or whatever, and you think that it's not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward.... How much do you have to hate somebody to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?

Penn Jillette
atheist illusionist and comedian

broken people
bound together in Christ
for God's glory