



**October 27, 2024**  
**The Ultimate Yankee Swap**  
*Free Grace Presbyterian Church*

## SOME THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:

May each strive and toil not in his own strength but in the strength which God supplies. He will not fail.

John Calvin  
16<sup>th</sup> century French theologian  
and pastor in Geneva

But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.  
**2 Samuel 24:24**

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
**2 Corinthians 9:7**

Christian giving is to be marked by self-sacrifice and self-forgetfulness, not by self-congratulation.

John Stott  
British Anglican pastor and theologian

What a mercy it is that it is not your hold of Christ that saves you, but his hold of you.

Charles Spurgeon  
19<sup>th</sup> century English Baptist pastor  
known as the Prince of Preachers

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.  
**Proverbs 3:9**

And when anyone offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock, to be accepted it must be perfect; there shall be no blemish in it. Animals blind or disabled or mutilated or having a discharge or an itch or scabs you shall not offer to the LORD or give them to the LORD as a food offering on the altar.  
**Leviticus 22:21-22**

The nearer you take anything to the light, the darker its spots will appear; and the nearer you live to God, the more you will see your utter vileness.

Robert Murray M'Cheyne  
18<sup>th</sup> century Scottish Presbyterian pastor

# GOD SUMMONS US BY HIS GRACE

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Psalm 99

People: **The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!**

Leader: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: **Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!**

## We exalt the Lord our God, worshipping at his footstool

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

1. Holy, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y! Ear - ly in the  
2. Holy, ho-ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee, cast - ing down their  
3. Holy, ho-ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee, though the eye of  
4. Holy, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might - y! All thy works shall

morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!  
gold - en crowns a-round the glass - y sea; cher-u - bim and ser-a-phem  
sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see, on-ly thou art ho - ly;  
praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
fall - ing down be - fore thee, who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
there is none be - side thee per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

We do not worship because we feel like worshipping. We worship because God has called us to worship him. Worship is an act that develops our feelings for God, not a feeling that we express in an act.

"Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship"



1. Heaven-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship, "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!" cry;  
2. All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion join to sing the Sa-vior's worth;



"He who is, who was, and will be, God Al-migh-ty, Lord Most High.  
Lamb of God whose blood has bought us, kings and priests to reign on Earth.



Praise and ho-nor, power and glo-ry be to him who reigns a-lone."  
Wealth and wis-dom, power and glo-ry, ho-nor, might, do-min-ion, praise



We, with all his hands have fa-shioned fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.  
now be his from all his crea-tures and to e-ver-last-ing days!

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5

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# GOD SANCTIFIES US BY HIS GRACE

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## **God declares that all we offer him is polluted**

“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, ... who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’ By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the LORD’s table may be despised. When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts.”

Malachi 1

## **We entreat the Lord’s favor, that he would be gracious to us, confessing our sin and resting in his mercy**

*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.*

The only way we can come before God is through Jesus Christ. The amazing love of Christ’s death on the cross was the perfect sacrifice that satisfied the Father’s justice. He gives us this by his free grace, completely unearned and undeserved.

## **God proclaims that he sent another to offer the perfect offering for our sin**

We have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man... Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews 8

Hebrews 10

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
Romans 5

## We wonder at our great high priest, that his offering would be ours

“And Can It Be”

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - trest in the Sav - ior's blood? Died  
 2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove, so free, so in - fin - ite his grace! Hum -  
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spi - rit lay, fast bound in sin and na - ture's night; thine  
 4. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in him, is mine! A -

he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued?  
 bled him - self, so great his love, and bled for A - dam's help - less race.  
 eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light.  
 live in him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine.

A - ma - zing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die  
 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free, for, O my God, it found  
 My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and fol -  
 Bold I ap - proach the e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ,

for me? A - ma - zing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, should die for me? A -  
 out me.  
 - loved thee.  
 my own.

ma - zing love! How can it be, that thou, my God should die for me?

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## GOD SPEAKS WITH US BY HIS GRACE

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<sup>6</sup> “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’ <sup>7</sup> By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the LORD’s table may be despised. <sup>8</sup> When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts. <sup>9</sup> And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts. <sup>10</sup> Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. <sup>11</sup> For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup> But you profane it when you say that the Lord’s table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised. <sup>13</sup> But you say, ‘What a weariness this is,’ and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD. <sup>14</sup> Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> “And now, O priests, this command is for you. <sup>2</sup> If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name, says the LORD of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart. <sup>3</sup> Behold, I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it. <sup>4</sup> So shall you know that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant with Levi may stand, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>5</sup> My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name. <sup>6</sup> True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. <sup>7</sup> For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup> But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts, <sup>9</sup> and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you do not keep my ways but show partiality in your instruction.”

Malachi 1:6–2:9

*What do the  
Scriptures  
principally teach?*  
The Scriptures  
principally teach  
what man is to  
believe concerning  
God, and what duty  
God requires of  
man.  
Westminster Shorter  
Catechism #3

**Sermon**

## **The Ultimate Yankee Swap**

Malachi 1:6-2:9

Rev. Adam Lee

1. The Offensive Offering

2. The Permissive Priests

All Christian preaching and teaching must involve not just the proclamation of Christian doctrine but also the telling of "how much the Lord has done."  
Robert Stein

3. The Quarrel Quelled



## We rejoice and sing the praise of him, the sacrifice offered for us

"Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

1. Praise the Sav-ior, now and ev - er; \_\_\_ praise him, \_\_\_ all be - neath the skies;  
2. Man's work fail-eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; \_\_\_ he is \_\_\_ all our high-teous-ness;  
3. Sin's bond \_\_\_ sev-ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has \_\_\_ bruised the ser - pent's head;  
4. For his \_\_\_ fa - vor, praise for - ev - er, \_\_\_ un - to \_\_\_ God the Fa - ther sing;

5  
pros - trate ly - ing, suf - fring, dy - ing on the cross, a sac - ri - fice.  
he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er set us free from dire dis - tress.  
death no lon - ger is the \_\_\_ stron - ger; hell it - self is cap - tive \_\_\_ led.  
praise the Sav - ior, praise him \_\_\_ ev - er, Son of God, our Lord and \_\_\_ King.

9  
Vic - t'ry \_\_\_ gain - ing, life ob - tain - ing, \_\_\_ now in \_\_\_ glo - ry he doth rise!  
Through his \_\_\_ mer - it we in - her - it \_\_\_ light and \_\_\_ peace and hap - pi - ness.  
Christ has \_\_\_ ris - en from death's pri - son; o'er the \_\_\_ tomb he light has shed.  
Praise the \_\_\_ Spi - rit; through Christ's mer - it \_\_\_ he doth \_\_\_ us sal - va - tion bring.

And by that will we  
have been  
sanctified through  
the offering of the  
body of Jesus  
Christ once for all.  
Hebrews 10

# GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS GRACE

## We proclaim the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ as we 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, you are acknowledging 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.

"Hide Away in the Love of Jesus"

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.  
Galatians 6



1. Come wea - ry saints though tired and weak; hide a - way in the  
2. Come wan - dering souls and find your home; hide a - way in the  
3. Come guilt - y ones weighed down with sin; hide a - way in the



love of Je - sus. Your strength will re - turn by his qui - et  
love of Je - sus. He of - fers the rest that you yearn to  
love of Je - sus. The free - dom you long for is found in



streams; hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.  
know; hide a - way in the love of Je - sus. To CHORUS  
him; hide a - way in the love of Je - sus. To CHORUS

### CHORUS



Hear him call - ing your name; see the



depths of his love in the wounds of his grace. Hide a - way.



4. Come hope - less hearts do not des - pair; hide a - way in the



love of Je - sus, for ten thou - sand joys a - wait you



there; hide a - way in the love of Je - sus.

"Before the Throne of God Above"



1.Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong, a per - fect  
2.When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with-  
3.Be - hold him there! the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less Right - cous-



plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who e - ver lives and pleads for  
in, up - ward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my  
ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glo - ry and of



me. My name is gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
grace! One with him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his



heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -  
free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on him and par - don  
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my

Last time: *DS al fine*



part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
me, to look on him and par - don me.  
God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

For our sake he  
made him to be sin  
who knew no sin,  
so that in him we  
might become the  
righteousness of  
God.

2 Corinthians 5

**We give our tithes, offerings, and lives—meager and polluted by our sin but accepted through the offering of Jesus Christ**

**Elder:** We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

**People:** **Through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me...**

**Elder:** Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

**People:** **But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus we are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of us as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. And if we are Christ's, then we are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.**

**Elder:** I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.

**People:** **But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because we are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So we are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.**

That prayer is most likely to pierce heaven which first pierces one's own heart.  
Thomas Watson

**We come to God in prayer, knowing it will be heard not because of our goodness but because of Christ's offering of himself**

*During this time we live in faith, trusting in the power of his grace,  
placing our lives and our church in his hands.*

*We ask that he would work in us and through us for his glory.*

# GOD SENDS US BY HIS GRACE

## We rest in Christ alone

"In Christ Alone"



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my Light, my Strength, my  
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less  
3. There in the ground his bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness -  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in



Song. This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and  
babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones he came to  
slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave he rose a -  
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
save: 'til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his



12 cease! My Com - for - ter, my all in all: here in the love of Christ I stand.  
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.  
me. For I am his, and he is mine; bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
hand. 'Til he re - turns, or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll \_\_\_\_\_



18 stand. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from his hand. 'Til he re -



23 turns, or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Set your hope fully  
on the grace that  
will be brought to  
you at the  
revelation of Jesus  
Christ.  
1 Peter 1

## We go in the promise of God's acceptance of Christ's offering on our behalf

Leader: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

People: **Amen**

*Please stay and join us for a time of 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.*

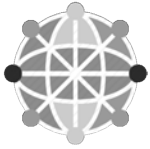
Hebrews 13



## 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. Dr. Per Almquist  
Brian Cosgrove  
Rev. Adam Lee  
Ken Morris  
Ben Van Dyke



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For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, yet so often I struggle to love him enough to give him more than my excess, my not-really-wanted, and my won't-miss-it.

broken people  
bound together in Christ  
for God's glory