

A Song of Faith: The Magnificat

Free Grace Presbyterian Church

Now the

LORD said to Abram, "Go

from your country and your
kindred and your father's house to the
land that I will show you. And I will make
of you a great nation, and I will bless you
and make your name great, so that you will
be a blessing. I will bless those who bless
you, and him who dishonors you I will
curse, and in you all the families of
the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3

I firmly believe, nor am I ashamed to assert, that next to theology no art is equal to music; for it is the only one, except theology, which is able to give a quiet and happy mind. This is manifestly proved by the fact that the devil, the author of depressing care and distressing disturbances, almost flees from the sound of music as he does from the word of theology. This is the reason why the prophets practiced music more than any art and did not put their theology into geometry, into arithmetic, or into astronomy, but into music, intimately uniting theology and music, telling the truth in psalms and songs.

Martin Luther

16th Century Lutheran theologian, pastor, author

Christ redeemed
us from the curse of the
law by becoming a curse for
us-for it is written, "Cursed is
everyone who is hanged on a
tree"-so that in Christ Jesus the
blessing of Abraham might come
to the Gentiles, so that we
might receive the promised
Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:13-14

The primary cause of our failure is that we do not take time to reflect upon our spiritual state.

A.W. Pink 19th century English theologian and author

No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God." And God said to Abraham, "As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations."

Genesis 17:5-9

Know then that it is
those of faith who are the sons
of Abraham. And the Scripture,
foreseeing that God would justify the
Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel
beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you
shall all the nations be blessed." So then,
those who are of faith are blessed
along with Abraham, the man of
faith.

Galatians 3:7-9

Praise is the sweetest part of divine worship; it is a short heaven here on earth.

Isaac Watts
18h century Congregational minister
and hymn writer

GOD SUMMONS US BY HIS GRACE

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world People: did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Leader: But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of

the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

People: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...And

from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.



The goal of our worship is to glorify God. Worship is not about an experience or a feeling that I receive, but about proclaiming the mystery of the God who loves his people enough to come to them in the person of

Jesus Christ.

John 1



A low view of God is the cause of a hundred lesser evils. A high view of God is the solution to ten thousand temporal problems.

A.W.Tozer

GOD SANCTIFIES US BY HIS GRACE

God declares what is required of us and our inability to do it

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

Luke 10

God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God... there is none who does good, not even one.

Psalm 53

We confess our sin, our inability to keep his law

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.

When we hear what God requires of us we are faced with the fact that we have not done and can not do what he requires. So for our worship to be honest it must acknowledge our failure. This leaves us no other hope but his grace and mercy.

God declares our salvation, our redemption in Jesus Christ

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2

He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53

We sing out, resting in the assurance, that through Christ it is well with our soul



When God forgives us, we are forgiven. When God cleanses us, we are made clean. That is a cause for great celebration. R.C. Sproul

GOD SPEAKS WITH US BY HIS GRACE

Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

The Bible is God preaching. Charles Spurgeon Sermon Rev. Adam Lee

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That you may be Certain

Because God has been gracious to us, we glorify him in words of:

I. Personal reflection

II. Public declaration

III. particular redemption

We burst out in song, reflecting and declaring the faithfulness of God

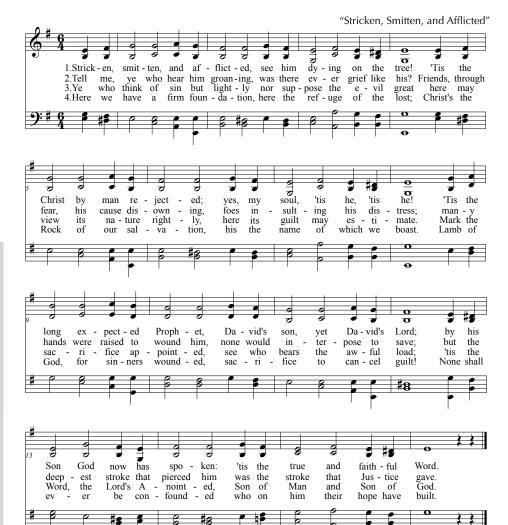


The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." Lamentations 3

GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS GRACE

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 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.



We enjoy Christ only as we embrace Christ clad in his own promises. John Calvin

We join the harmony of Mary's song, declaring the promises fulfilled in Christ

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult

and every garment rolled in blood

will be burned as fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace

there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

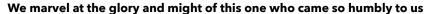
Isaiah 9:2-7

That which we read about in the gospels does not appear out of thin air. It is the fulfillment of God's ancient promises to redeem his people. The New Testament is rooted in Old Testament history.

We magnify the Lord, singing out to him in prayer

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.





"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

GOD SENDS US WITH HIS GRACE

God blesses us with grace upon grace through his Son

Leader: May the Word, which became flesh and dwelt among us, reveal his glory to

you, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. May you

receive from his fullness grace upon grace.

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.

based on John 1



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 Brian Cosgrove Ken Morris Rev. Adam Lee Ben Van Dyke

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My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?
Samuel Crossman,
"My Song is Love Unknown"

broken people bound together in Christ for God's glory