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Welcome

Announcements

Prayer of Approach

Call to Worship: 1 John 1:1-5

Pastor: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—

Congregation: the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—

Pastor: that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Congregation: And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Unison: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Prayer of Adoration & the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: New Trinity #265 “In Christ Alone”

Old Testament: Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, 3 “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

New Testament: John 15:18-16:4a

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

¹⁶ “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

Morning Prayer

Hymn #320 “Rejoice, All Ye Believers”

Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter III, Paragraph I

1. God from all eternity did, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:23-31

When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

““Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Message: “A Prayer to the Sovereign God for Boldness”

Introduction:

We Recognize that We Live in a Hostile World that is Opposed to the Kingdom of God

v.23

v.13-22

We Trust in the Sovereign Lord

v.24-28

We Pray for Boldness to Speak His Word

v.24-30

The Lord Fills His People with His Spirit

v.31

Conclusion

Hymn: #642 “Be Thou My Vision”

Benediction

NOTES:

Attendance for 9/6 - 9am – 16 10:30am – 79 Streaming count - 21

Offering: \$ 6,799.00 Missions: \$712.00

TONIGHT – 5pm – Outdoor Hymn Sing – bring your own chairs and/or blankets and hymnals (if you wish) -
hymnals will be available as well

Wednesday, September 16 – 7pm Zoom Prayer meeting (link will be sent out Monday)

Sunday, September 27 – 5pm Outdoor Hymn Sing – bring your own chairs or blankets – hymnals will be available

Wheeler Mission Update

The Outreach committee is trying to organize an event to help our friends at the Wheeler Mission. They are in need of volunteers to sort donations at the Wheeler Thrift Store downtown at (2730 Madison Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46225).

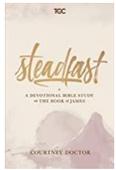
Grace PCA is trying to organize 6 to 8 volunteers who can commit working 2 to 4 hrs. one day a week for 4 weeks. Jim Glasheen is heading up the team. There is flexibility if you can only commit helping out one or two weeks. The program is scheduled to begin the first week of October. Children age 8 or older are welcome to participate with the adults.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jim via email at Jkglasheen@gmail.com to discuss more details. This is a great opportunity to make a tangible impact serving others in need and putting your faith into action. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Outreach Committee

Women's Bible Study



Ladies, please join us as we begin our once a month Bible study of James using the book Steadfast by Courtney Doctor. We will be discussing the Introduction & Chapter 1 at this month's meetings. Meeting times are **THIS Tuesday, September 15** at 1PM at Barb Cull's home (dessert provided) or **Friday, September 18** at 10AM at the church (with brunch, children are welcome). Contact Barb Cull or Laura DeMasie with any questions.

Given the challenges of virtual worship and multiple services it is hard to remember who is who. Please help the rest of the church body at Grace by adding a picture to the church directory. If you can't, please ask someone else to take your picture and help you. It only takes a few minutes. Thank you!

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