

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer of Approach

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-8

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**Congregation: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,**

P: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**C: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

P: How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

**C: The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this:**

P: that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever;

**C: but you, O LORD, are on high forever.**

Prayer of Adoration & the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #38 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

"For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>14</sup> But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

New Testament Reading: Acts 17:22-34

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring."

<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

<sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." <sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst. <sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Morning Prayer: Deacon Ryan Clarke (10:30)

Hymn New Trinity Psalm #90A "Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place"

Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 14, 15 & 16

**Q. 14. What is sin?**

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

**Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?**

A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

**Q. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?**

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Anthem

(Children age 4 through K may be dismissed to Children's Church during the 10:30 service)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

<sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

<sup>7</sup> For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

<sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup> The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

<sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

<sup>13</sup> Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup> Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

<sup>16</sup> Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

<sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

yes, establish the work of our hands!

Message: "As We Pray, We Remember..." Rev. John F. Peoples

Introduction:

*What a year!*

*What do you remember?*

*A prayer of Moses, the man of God*

**As We Pray, We Remember that the Lord is our Gracious Eternal Creator**

v.1-2

**As We Pray, We Remember the Desperate Need of All Humanity of His Mercy**

## **As We Pray, We Ask the Lord for His Life-Changing, Powerful Work in Our Lives**

v.12-17

Conclusion

Hymn: #642 "Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction

### **NOTES:**

Attendance for 12/13 - 9am – 26      10:30am – 107      Streaming – 22  
Offering: \$13,150.00                      Missions: \$5,112.00

Wednesday, December 30 – Zoom Prayer Meeting, 7pm (email link will be sent out on Monday)

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Given these times of distance and isolation, help others by uploading your picture, too! If you need help with this or want a quick picture taken by someone else, please email or ask Rebekah Tice.

### **Missionary Update:**

Matt Kimball – Ball State University

### **Pray for our Campus**

*Winter Break / Rest*

Students this year were faced with the challenge of virtual learning, limited social gatherings, and little to no time off during the last semester. They are having to finish their final projects and tests from home, which can be very difficult and stressful. Needless to say, join me in praying for their rest over the holiday break! Pray for their mental and emotional health and for their time spent with family.

*Spring Planning*

Although we have a good grasp on what we can feasibly do together as a church, pray for myself and our staff team as we are planning various events and programs for our students next semester in addition to our regular small groups. A big one is an 8-week discipleship program called "Rooted" where we host weekly classes and teach students practical ways to share and engage with their faith no matter how long they've walked with the Lord.

*Discipleship*

I currently meet with a handful of guys 1-on-1 each week to talk about their person lives, including their walk with the Lord, as well as what it means to be a witness to others with their faith. Pray for those relationships as I pour into

these guys lives so that they can pour into others. Pray that I can challenge them and help them grow while simultaneously learning and growing myself.

Scott & Kathy Craig – Mexico

“As 2020 comes to an end Kathy and I are looking forward to getting back to ministry. We will be joining the CPI Team headquartered in Monterrey, Mx. with us initially settling in on the eastern Tex/Mex Border region. We should be arriving there in early January, we are trusting the Lord for His wisdom going forward in how best to serve Him there!”

Philip & Joy Kirkland, Nora, Everly & Abraham – Athens, Greece

“Here is a song that our worship team recorded in October that you might enjoy- it's us singing the Doxology in 6 different languages! (You'll see me and Joy and Nora singing and Everly playing the piano)

<https://youtu.be/aQFGHWasjTQ>

### **Thank yous from the missionaries for your gifts this year:**

On behalf of the Ebbers family please pass along our thanks for the gift cards. Hannah already bought a new backpack for our trip back to Romania. But the rest of us are trying to figure out what we want or need. You guys are a real blessing to our family and we wish you all the best during this Christmas season. We also wish more churches took missions as seriously as you do.

Thanks again. Blessings, Derek

That you all at Grace PCA so much....Such a blessing and a help this Christmas! Praying that you all have a beautiful and meaningful Christmas - even though it will certainly be different than usual! For His Glory, Jon Pfeil

Thanks to everyone for the thoughtfulness and kindness of the gift card. The cards are beautiful and make the note extra special – Scott Craig

Dear everyone at Grace. Merry Christmas to all of you. May the joy of Christ be yours during this Christmas season. Thank you for the gift you sent. - Emad & Michelle

Thank you,... we were blown away by your kindness & generosity towards our family! Thank you for thinking of us and for your generosity time & again to our family. We're grateful for Grace, your partnership with us in the Gospel, and how you have reminded of Christ's love over these many years. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas & we'll look forward to the next time we get to catch up in person! - Curtis McDaniel

Grace Family, We cannot thank you enough for your generosity, partnership, and care. Thank you! We pray that the Lord blesses your entire church during this Advent and Christmas season. May you all know intimately the love and grace of Jesus who condescended to us by becoming one of us. Merry Christmas, Eric Whitley and Family

Thanks so much for the Christmas gifts and for Grace Church partnership with us in the Gospel. Give our warmest greetings to all. With His Blessing, Tom & Catalina