



# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Grace Presbyterian Church exists to focus attention on God's grace as He transforms us into a community that delights in his worship, is marked by a selfless care for others, and proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ with gospel-transformed words, relationships, vocations, and lifestyles, resulting in the transformation of the communities of the Triad and the world.*

**GOOD FRIDAY  
APRIL 10, 2009**

## **For Reflection**

God, because in his mercy he willed to forgive sinful men, and, being truly merciful, willed to forgive them righteously, that is, without in any way condoning their sin, purposed to direct against his own very self in the person of his Son the full weight of that righteous wrath which they deserved.

Thomas Crawford, *Doctrine of the Holy Scripture*

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### **Church Staff and Contact Extensions**

*The church office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until Noon.*

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### **Our Church Officers**

**Session:** Wynn Baum, Don Bechtold, John DeBoer, Randy Edwards, Doug Jewell, Jim Plybon.

**Diaconate:** David Collins, Karl Freeman, Jim Dougherty.

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## **CELEBRATE JESUS CHRIST'S RESURRECTION WITH US**

**Good Friday or *Tenebrae*,** Friday, April 10 at 7:30 pm.

**Grace Kids Easter Egg Hunt,** Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 am.

**Resurrection Sunday,** April 12, 10:30 am.

## A FEW WORDS ABOUT HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sundown on **Holy Thursday** begins the *Triduum* (tree do 'em) or "three days." Holy Thursday is oftentimes referred to as *Maundy* which is taken from the Latin: *mandatum* or "commandment". After washing his disciples' feet and instituting the Lord's Supper, Jesus told his disciples, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34). On Holy Thursday, we gather and recount Jesus' last words to his disciples and celebrate the Lord's Supper. Holy Thursday concludes with recalling the betrayal of Judas Iscariot.

**Good Friday** or *Tenebrae* (which is Latin for "shadows") recounts the last words of Jesus Christ which are represented by the ten candles. During the Good Friday service as each word is read, a candle is extinguished to represent the darkness which covered the earth at Jesus' crucifixion.

**Resurrection** (or Easter) **Sunday** remembers the truth that the tomb was empty because the Lord Jesus had conquered death by rising from the dead. Jesus' resurrection confirms for us that he is the Son of God, that he accomplished the work of saving his own, and that we too share in the hope of the resurrection and the promise of new life by our faith in him.

Regarding childcare, as usual, childcare is provided during our Sunday worship service. However, childcare is not provided for Holy Thursday or Good Friday service. Both Thursday's and Friday's services are quiet and more somber in their mood. Because of this somber mood, it may feel like too much of a challenge for parents to monitor young children. I want to encourage you to try it out. It has been my experience, that children pick up on the unfamiliar feel of the service and respond surprisingly well. How will they learn unless given opportunity? Not only is this a worship experience, but it is a teaching opportunity.

## CORPORATE WORSHIP

### Welcome

**Extinguishing the First Candle:** *"I have come into the world as a light..."*

Scripture Reading: John 12:34-50

### Prayer

*Jesus I Come*

**Extinguishing the Second Candle:** *"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me..."*

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:26-31

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

**Extinguishing the Third Candle:** *"Father forgive them..."*

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:32-34

*God Be Merciful to Me*

**Extinguishing the Fourth Candle:** *"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me..."*

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:38-42

*There is a Fountain*

**Extinguishing the Fifth Candle:** *"Dear woman, here is your son..."*

Scripture Reading: John 19:26-27

**Sermon** "The Second Mary: Mary the Mother of Jesus" John 19:26

### Corporate Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

**Extinguishing the Sixth Candle:** *"I am thirsty..."*

Scripture Reading John 19:28

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

**Extinguishing the Seventh Candle:** *"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"*

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:34-36

*O Sacred Head*

**Extinguishing the Eighth Candle:** *"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit..."*

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:46

*As a Deer, Psalm 42*

**Extinguishing the Ninth Candle:** *"It is finished..."*

Scripture Reading: John 19:30

*When I Survey*

**Extinguishing the Tenth Candle:** *"They will look on the one they have pierced..."*

Scripture Reading: John 19:31-42

*There is no dismissal.*

*After this reading, the congregation quietly leaves the sanctuary.*