

# Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Asheville, North Carolina

[www.gcpcusa.org](http://www.gcpcusa.org)

January 21, 2024

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

*Ordination and Installation of New Officers*



*Your whole self is welcomed here. Please feel free to take care of your body during worship in ways that work for you.*

## Centering Music

**Call to Worship** *(Inspired by the full acknowledgment found at [www.gcpcusa.org](http://www.gcpcusa.org))*

**Sung Congregational Response: We will walk and not grow weary as we seek to heal these wounds.**

One: As we gather to worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we acknowledge our complicated history on this land, this land called “Togiyasdi,” by the Fire People, the Cherokee ancestors.

**We will walk and not grow weary as we seek to heal these wounds.**

One: As we gather, trusting Spirit to abide with us, we open our hearts to hard truths about the lasting impacts of the Doctrine of Discovery and the seizing of land from non-Christians by Christians.

**We will walk and not grow weary as we seek to heal these wounds.**

One: As we gather, trusting our Redeemer to transform us, we open our hearts to the truth of the lasting impacts of the harmful history of the Presbyterian church and the ways this denomination has normalized white supremacy in its worship forms and values.

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One: As we gather we also bring gratitude to the Creator for these ancient mountains and the mystery and majesty of all the wildlife and trees and plants that thrive here. We celebrate signs of resilience and resolve in the way this land grows food and community.

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One: As we gather, we share our intention to honor the legacy Spirit is calling us to remember and practice: to let go, to lean in, to believe we can change and that the world can change, too. Let us be present on this Holy Ground together.

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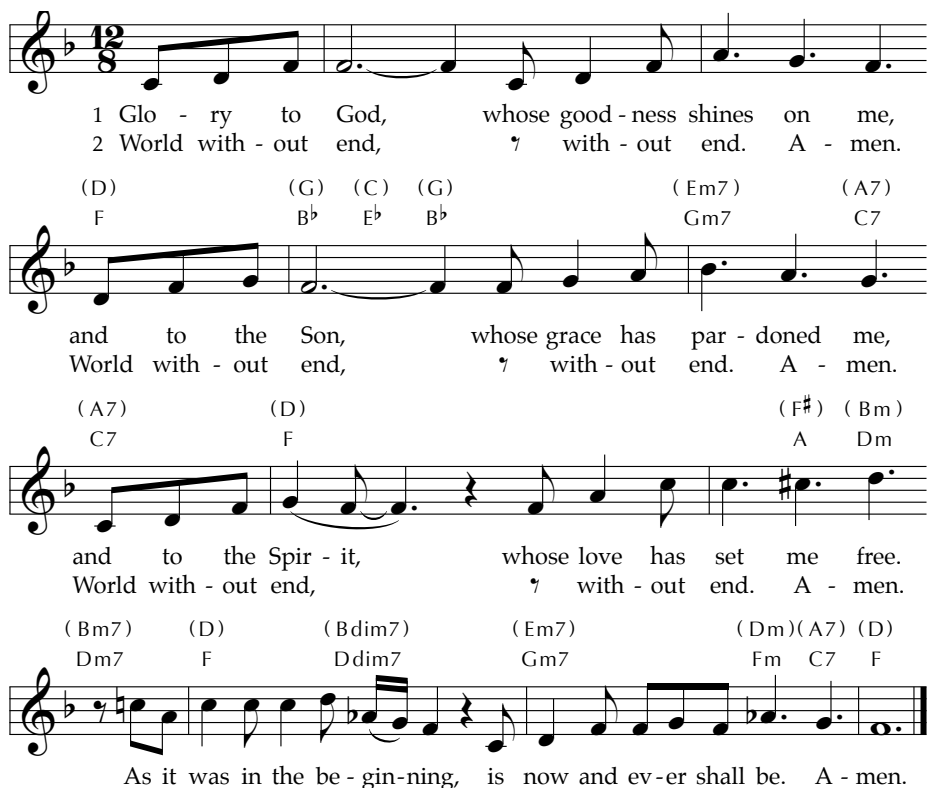
**\* Hymn 183**

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

**Truth Telling Together**

\* Glory to God



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

**\* Passing of the Peace**

**GCPC Connects**

**Faith Sharing**

I have love to share with the whole wide world And I start by loving myself  
When I take good care of my heart and soul I have room for everyone else  
I love me, so I can love you God loves me, so I can love you

## Faith Sharing Recessional

*(Children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and under may leave for worship enrichment or childcare for 0-4 years.)*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture

Psalms 62:5-12

### Sermon

"Resting in Resistance"

Luke Harkema

### Anthem

"Standing Stone"

Melanie DeMore

**I will be your standing stone; I will stand by you.**

## Service of Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

### Words on Ordered Ministry

### Questions to Elders and Deacons

Elders: Marta Alcalá

Deacons: Robin Gaiser

Blake Bradley (Youth Elder, 1 year)

Bob Giduz

"MC" Carla Ellis

Margie Groves

Cathy Froehlich

Susan Meade

Malachi Gasaway

John Singleton

Jackie Kiger

Kaola Smallwood

Mesheala Sundblade

Patty Thompson

John Legerton

Linda Van Sciver

Dawna Williams-Landis

### Questions to Congregation

### Prayer of Ordination and Installation & Intercession

**The Lord's Prayer** *(by Manny Santiago)*

**Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.**

**May your reign be a reality here on earth.**

**May we become more interested in building  
your kin-dom here and now than in waiting  
for it to come down from above.**

**Let us share our bread with those who hunger.**

**Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.**

**Help us through the time of temptation,  
delivering us from all evil.**

**For ours are the eternal blessings  
that you pour upon the earth. Amen.**

### Statement of Installation

\* **Closing Song**

"Standing Stone"

Melanie DeMore

**I will be your standing stone; I will stand by you.**

\* **Charge and Benediction**

*\* Stand in Body or Spirit.*

**Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.**

**Worship Leader:** Kapila Dean McNary  
**Musicians:** MC Ellis, Robin Gaiser, Blake Bradley, Bell Choir, Choir  
**Head Usher:** Liz Huesemann  
**Deacon of the Week:** Pam Baker | **email:** pam.dunkin56@gmail.com

***Large print bulletins are available from an usher.***

**Childcare** is available for children, birth to 4 years of age.  
Check-in is by the Welcome Desk in the narthex.



Announcement Info



2024 Pledge Card



To give to GPCP

**Hearing Aid T-Coil Loop -- listen in.** The GPCP sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Aid Loop. This loop sends a magnetic signal directly to personal hearing aids equipped with T-Coil. Most hearing aids require you to select the Telephone or T-Coil program on your hearing aid to take advantage of the signal.

**SESSION**

**Class of 2023**

Keaton Hill  
Tim Moe  
Bill Neeriemer  
Anne Raustol  
Laurel Seddon

**Class of 2024**

Margaret Belk  
Susan Curtis  
Russell Kominski  
Libby Kyles  
Denise Lockett  
Melissa Shook

**Class of 2025**

Mary Berg  
Ben Kees  
Bob Lane  
Hans Rosario-Singer  
Kate Shem

**MODERATOR:**

Marcia Mount Shoop

**CLERK:**

Kelley Griffith

**TREASURER:**

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**BOARD OF DEACONS**

**Class of 2023**

Pam Baker  
Jerry Bleckley  
Cathy Byers  
Bill McNeff  
Ellen Sizemore

**Class of 2024**

Pat Cheffins  
Kimo Hyatt  
Justin Kyremes-Parks  
Emma Maney  
Paul Tierney

**Class of 2025**

Frank Chapman  
Carolyn Haag  
Liz Huesemann  
John Huie  
Robin Mallernee  
Sarah Merrill  
Larry Stern

**WELCOME STATEMENT**

*Trusting that God's grace embraces and desires covenant with all people, Grace Covenant seeks to be an inclusive and hospitable place of spiritual growth. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of age, sexual orientation, ethnic, racial, or gender identity, economic position, residency status, or political affiliation.*

*We trust that God is always at work transforming each life and our life together, helping us to better follow Christ's example of love and courageous welcome.*

**STAFF**

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