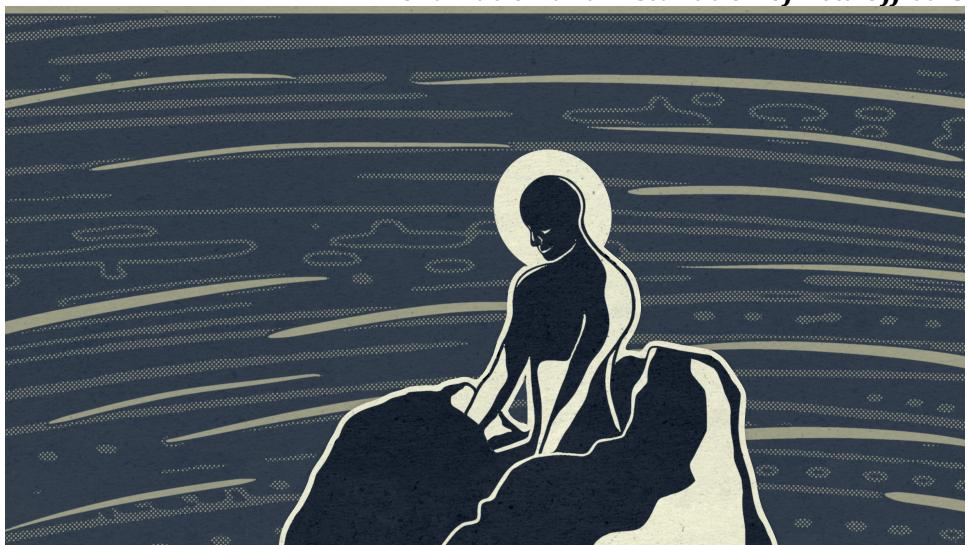


Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

Asheville, North Carolina
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*)

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.

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

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.

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

* **Hymn 183**

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

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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♭ E♭ B♭ 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) (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**

GCPG 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 3rd grade and under may leave for worship enrichment or childcare for 0-4 years.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Psalm 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

Blake Bradley (Youth Elder, 1 year)

"MC" Carla Ellis

Cathy Froehlich

Malachi Gasaway

Jackie Kiger

Mesheala Sundblade

John Legerton

Deacons: Robin Gaiser

Bob Giduz

Margie Groves

Susan Meade

John Singleton

Kaola Smallwood

Patty Thompson

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

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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 GCPC

Hearing Aid T-Coil Loop -- listen in. The GCPC 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.

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Bill Neeriemer
Anne Rautost
Laurel Seddon
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Libby Kyles
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Melissa Shook
Class of 2025
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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.

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