



Order of Worship

November 25, 2018

9 am



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1300 E Aloha St
First Service 9:00 am
Christian Formation 10:30 am
Second Service 11:30 am

FIRST SERVICE

Nursery
6 months - 2 years

Grace Kids

Toddlers (2&3): Room 117
PreK: Room 119

GRACE KIDS CHRISTIAN FORMATION

10:30 AM
Toddlers: Room 117
PreK: Room 119
Kinder/1st grade: Room 103
2nd grade: Room 120
3rd/4th grade: Room 110
5th/6th grade: Room 102
Adults: Fellowship Hall

SECOND SERVICE

Nursery
6 months - 3 years

GOSPEL OF LUKE: FALL 2018

"Hmmm...I knew I shoulda taken that left turn in Albuquerque."
- Bugs Bunny

Have I made the wrong choice?

We all know what it feels like to ask yourself this question. Whether you're second-guessing a job you took, a relationship you find yourself in the middle of, or what you ordered for lunch, you know the sensation of having the sinking feeling that you might have made a mistake.

Being a disciple of Jesus is no different.

The Gospel of Luke was written to a man named Theophilus. We don't know a lot of details about Theophilus, but he appears to be a Christian who is having second thoughts about the life of discipleship he has embarked upon. This is how Luke addresses him in the book's beginning:

...[I've written this for you], Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Apparently, Theophilus is questioning his decision to become a Christian. Living in a culture that is marked by ruthless power politics, a relatively weak and often hidden church, and an almost incessant questioning and dismissal of the Christian faith, it is easy to envision Theophilus asking questions like:

Is this Jesus story really true?

Is God really faithful to his promises?

What does true discipleship look like?

Luke went to great lengths researching and crafting his gospel to answer questions like these. He wrote it so that people like Theophilus, and us, might have confidence that God is at work in the world and in our lives through Jesus Christ. To be a disciple of Jesus is to be on the right path—the path of salvation, which to Luke and his original audience meant healing or wholeness.

So, whether you're a new Christian, a seasoned saint, or someone investigating Jesus for the first time, Luke is a great book for you to dive into.

Let us worship.

REFLECTION QUOTES

You exist because God wants you to exist. There are lots of implications from that.

Dr. Dan Zink

At the root of [faith and repentance] lies an act seen by God alone, and mediated by nothing, a direct creative act of the Spirit, the new birth. This new birth pushes itself into man's own consciousness through the call of the Word, responded to under the persuasive movements of the Spirit; his [man's] conscious possession of it is thus mediated by the Word.

B.B. Warfield

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

The Apostle Paul, *Ephesians 2:1-6*

Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service.

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

Seated

WELCOME

Matthew Bridges, George Job Elvey, Paul Marino, and Godfrey Thring

PRELUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns



Standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

By Safiyah Fosua

Text in **bold** is read together by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by one of the worship service leaders

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega,
the one who is, who was, and is to come

We come to worship the one who rules justly.

The small symbols you will see throughout these pages correspond to a "Key to Liturgy".

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness
the firstborn of the dead,
the ruler of the kings of the earth!

Bread of Heaven, God with us!

Our worship begins each week with a call to worship. We are gathered here today because God, our Creator, desires to have a relationship with us. Whether we realize it or not, he is the one calling us to himself—today and every day.

Good Shepherd, True Vine!

Eternal Word, Great I AM.

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!

We come to worship Jesus Christ,

King of kings and Lord of lords!

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.

Fairest Lord Jesus

Alton H. Howard and Joseph August Seiss
1993 Alton H. Howard

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord of all the na - tions!

O thou of God and man the Son,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
 and all the twin - kling star - ry host:
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I che - rish, Thee will I ho - nor, thou,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pu - rer who
 Je - sus shines brigh - ter, Je - sus shines pu - rer than
 Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, a - do - ra - tion, now

my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 and for - e - ver - more be thine.



LECTIO SACRA

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David:
 The oracle of David, the son of Jesse,
 the oracle of the man who was raised on high,
 the anointed of the God of Jacob,
 the sweet psalmist of Israel:
 "The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me;
 his word is on my tongue.
 The God of Israel has spoken;
 the Rock of Israel has said to me:
 When one rules justly over men,
 ruling in the fear of God,
 he dawns on them like the morning light,
 like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning,
 like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.
 "For does not my house stand so with God?
 For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
 ordered in all things and secure.
 For will he not cause to prosper
 all my help and my desire?
 But worthless men are all like thorns that are thrown away,
 for they cannot be taken with the hand;
 but the man who touches them
 arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear,
 and they are utterly consumed with fire."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

"Lectio Sacra" means "sacred reading." It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

INTERLUDE

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

*Edward Perronet, 1779;
 alt. John Rippon 1787
 Music: Oliver Holden, 1792*



Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

Standing

CONFESSION OF SIN

From The Calvin Institute for Christian Worship

Sovereign God,

**we confess that although we willingly say that "Jesus is King,"
we often fail to bow our knees before him.**

**Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships
and material goods of this world.**

In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession.

**Grant us the humility to bow before you,
the Ruler of all nations,**

so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom.

Through your son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Amen.

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)



RECEIVING OF GRACE

Colossians 1:13-14

God the Father has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence,
proclaiming Jesus as Lord of all.**

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

HYMN OF REDEMPTION

Redeemed

1. All saints, dis - miss your fear; let hope and joy suc -
2. The pro - mise is ful - filled; sal - va - tion's work is

ceed; the great good news with glad - ness hear, the Lord is ris'n in -
done; the law with mer - cy re - con - ciled, and God has raised his

deed. The shades of death with - drawn, the ri - sing Vic - tor
Son. His death pro - cured thy peace, his res - sur - rect - ion's

sings; so wakes the sun, when ro - sy dawn with loud ho - san - na
thine; be - lieve; re - ceive the full re - lease; 'tis signed with blood di -

rings, with loud ho - san - na rings.
vine; 'tis signed with blood di - vine.

Al - le - lu - ia, the Lord is ri - sen in - deed!

Al - le - lu - ia, in Christ we've been re - deemed! In

Christ we've been re - deemed!

Words: Joseph Hart,
Refrain & Music: Jess Alldredge
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ANTIPHON

Be Exalted

Leader/Cantor 1st time through - congregation 2nd time

Be ex - alt - ed, Lord, in your strength!

5 Leader/Cantor 1st time through - congregation 2nd time

8 We will sing and praise your pow - er!

Adapted from Psalm 21:13
Jess Alldredge
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Praying through the Psalms each week teaches us how to pray, using the prayer book of ancient Israel. As we pray, there will be pauses for reflection.

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 132 (NIV)

Lord, remember David
and all his self-denial.
He swore an oath to the Lord,
he made a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

**"I will not enter my house
or go to my bed,
I will allow no sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
till I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."**

We heard it in Ephrathah,
we came upon it in the fields of Jaar:

**"Let us go to his dwelling place,
let us worship at his footstool, saying,
'Arise, Lord, and come to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.
May your priests be clothed with your righteousness;
may your faithful people sing for joy.'"**

For the sake of your servant David,
do not reject your anointed one.

The Lord swore an oath to David,
a sure oath he will not revoke:

**"One of your own descendants
I will place on your throne.
If your sons keep my covenant
and the statutes I teach them,
then their sons will sit
on your throne for ever and ever."**

For the Lord has chosen Zion,
he has desired it for his dwelling, saying,

**"This is my resting place for ever and ever;
here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it.
I will bless her with abundant provisions;
her poor I will satisfy with food.
I will clothe her priests with salvation,
and her faithful people will ever sing for joy.**

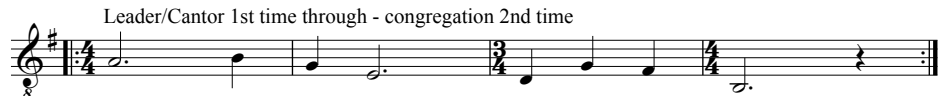
"Here I will make a horn grow for David
and set up a lamp for my anointed one.

**I will clothe his enemies with shame,
but his head will be adorned with a radiant crown."**

ANTIPHON

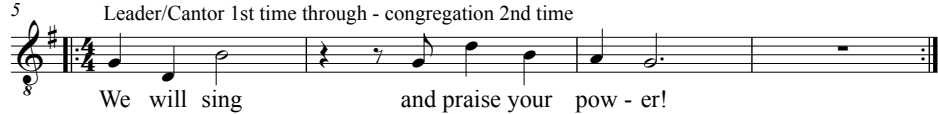
Be Exalted

Leader/Cantor 1st time through - congregation 2nd time



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HYMN OF HOPE

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re-stored. He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther.



We will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - ery vow we've



burned by the fire, he is the Lord our
night be - fore the dawn, my soul be not a -
bro - ken and be - trayed. You are the faith - ful



God. We are not con - sumed by the
fraid for the pro - mised mor - - ning, o how
one, and from the gar - - den to the



flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.
long. O God of Ja - cob be my strength.
grave, bind us to - ge - ther bring sha - lom.

Sandra McCracken
© 2015 Drink Your Tea Music

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

**Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth**

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

**Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**PASSING THE PEACE**

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."

GOSPEL LESSON***The Sovereignty of the Spirit*****Luke 9:37-45****Rev. John Haralson**

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at graceseattle.org/resources.

INTERLUDE**OFFERING**

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church Seattle to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please let us know you've joined us today, as well as any comments or prayer requests, by placing your welcome card in the offering basket.

For online giving options, please go to graceseattle.org/giving

To give via text message, text **GODISLOVE** to 206.859.9405

To give via the Grace app, look up "Grace Church Seattle" on the App Store or Google Play, click download, and click the giving tab within the app to give.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

Sovereign King,

we praise you for your just and righteous reign over the cosmos:

**for the order you give to creation,
for your sovereign rule over the nations.
for your faithfulness to your church,
for your lordship in our lives.**

You are at once King and servant, willing to give your life
and caring even for what we might count as insignificant.

**So we approach your throne
knowing you will listen to our prayers:**

for creation and its care . . .

(Silent prayer for wise and careful use of the resources God has granted us in this world.)

for the nations of the world . . .

(Silent prayer for all nations, especially those suffering from drought, famine, and war.)

for our nation and its leaders . . .

(Silent prayer President Trump and others who lead and govern our country.)

for this community and those who are in authority . . .

(Silent prayer Mayor Durkan, Governor Inslee, and others who lead and govern our city, county, and state.)

for the church universal as it works on your behalf . . .

(Silent prayer for all Christian denominations across the world.)

for this local church in its ministry . . .

(Silent prayer for Grace Seattle: for its ministry to this congregation and city.)

for persons with particular needs . . .

(Silent prayer for those you know who are in need.)

We pray all these things in your name,

O Christ, our sovereign servant King. Amen.

Be Thou My Vision

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art**

**High king of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

If you would like prayer during communion, intercessors will be available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you.

*Traditional Celtic Hymn
8th Century*

**Prayer for Receiving
Communion**

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

Allergen-free communion elements (wafer ingredients: organic brown rice flour, organic white rice flour) are available at the center of the communion table. To partake, please dip in the wine cup on the table, then proceed through the line.

The Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right to do so.

It is right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Seated

The Words of Institution

The Ministration of Communion

The *Sursum Corda* (Latin: "Lift up your hearts") is an opening dialogue in the Eucharistic liturgy of the Christian Church and dates back (at least) to the third century. This text encourages the church to come with thankfulness and joy to the Lord's table.

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The *Sanctus* (Latin: "Holy") is a Christian hymn text, typically sung in response to *The Sursum Corda*. It is an invitation to join the voices of the church with the heavenly host, who are continually proclaiming the Father's glory (Isaiah 6:1-3; Matthew 21:9).



Standing

BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

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5 The grace of the Lord Je - sus Christ

9 and the love of God and the

13 fel - low - ship of the Ho - ly Spir - it be with
1. you all. A - men.

17 2. A - men, A - men, A - men.

21 A - men, A - men, A - men.



SENDING

Let us go forth and serve the world
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Members of the prayer team will be available to pray for you at the front of the sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

ONGOING EVENTS & GROUPS

Moms In Prayer Group - South Seattle

Moms In Prayer is an international group with the sole purpose of praying for our kids while they attend school. This is a structured hour of prayer that focuses on a different attribute of God every week with time dedicated to intercessory prayer for our children. Open to all moms and all school structures including homeschool. One Moms in Prayer group meets in South Seattle (Hillman City) every Thursday starting September 20th from 1 pm to 2 pm at Rainier Avenue Church. This group is led by Heidi Slater and Lisa Konick. Childcare is available and is a shared cost. To join, please contact Heidi Slater at hydijo@gmail.com. To find a Moms in Prayer group that meets in your area, please go to momsinprayer.org

Women's Gatherings

Contact: Jo Taniguchi at taniguchijo@gmail.com.

Grace Kids Facebook Page

For the latest news, messages and resources, check out the Grace Kids Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/Grace-Kids-at-Grace-Church-Seattle-940257476071589/>

GraceLifeSeattle ListServ

The GraceLifeSeattle Listserv is an email group designed to foster spontaneous generosity and hospitality among anyone and everyone who regularly attends Grace. The Listserv will allow anyone who signs up to send out an email to the larger group. It is designed to be used to let others know about a party you'd like to invite others to join, a game night you'd like to host, a request to borrow something, a post to give goods away, a need you'd like to ask for help from the larger group, etc.
Contact: Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceseattle.org.

Lifelong

Grace Seattle delivers pre-made meals once a week to individuals living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS and/or other chronic diseases. If you would like more information or would like to be part of the delivery team, email Paige Lively at paigelively@gmail.com.

Meals Ministry

We serve Grace community members with food delivery in case of short-term needs, such as injuries, illnesses, and new children. Volunteers are added to an email list and asked to serve as they are able when needs arise. Currently additional volunteers are needed to help serve the community in this practical way.
Contact: Rebecca Iland rebecca@graceseattle.org

Prayer Ministry

We are looking for people who are feeling called to our prayer ministry team. Each Sunday, intercessors from the prayer team will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you during communion time and immediately after the service. The prayer team also meets quarterly to pray together for the needs of our church, city, and world.
Contact: Heather Andrews prayer@graceseattle.org

Grief and Loss Support Group

**First Sunday of each month at 11:30 AM-12:45 PM
Classroom 103**

You've kept track of my every toss and turn through the sleepless nights, each tear entered in your ledger, each ache written in your book. -Psalm 56:8 from The Message

This is a new ministry with the purpose of sharing our grief and loss with one another so that we can be consoled in knowing that we are not alone in our suffering. If you are experiencing the death of a loved one, infertility, the loss of health, the loss of a job, or another loss, join us. We meet on the first Sunday of the month from 11:30 - 12:45; please come as often or seldom as you need. If you have questions please contact Lisa Behringer at cozycottage@mac.com.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are places of care and community where we learn more about living the Christian life together. Each group is unique and has its own "personality," and yet all groups are focused on growing in relationship with God and with each other. Groups meet on different nights in various neighborhoods around the city, and include time for fellowship, study and reflection, and prayer together. If you have any questions about community groups, contact Debbie (Smith) Tacke at debbie@graceseattle.org.

Parish #	Contact	Time	Meeting Information
1	Bennett Sorbo bsorbo@gmail.com	6:30 pm Tuesdays	Mixed group of adults & kids. Potluck dinner.
4	Daniel Rogers graddy462@gmail.com	7:30 pm Every other Wednesday	Mixed group of adults & kids. Potluck dinner.
4	Danielle Taniguchi danielle@graceseattle.org	7:00 pm Thursdays	Mixed group of adults. Light Snacks.
4	Erika Schuyler erikaschuyler@gmail.com	7 pm - 8:30 pm 2nd & 4th Thursdays	Mixed group of adults & kids.
8	Jessica Youtzy bjyoutzy@gmail.com	7:30 pm Wednesdays	Mixed group of adults.
9	Susan Rose susanguppy@gmail.com	6:30 pm 2nd & 4th Wednesdays	Mixed group of adults & kids. Light dinner.
10	Gwen St. John gwenstjohn@hotmail.com	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Tuesdays	Mixed group of adults & kids. Potluck dinner.

Parish Number Key

Parish #	Neighborhood
1	Ballard, Fremont, Greenwood, Bitterlake, Broadview
4	Lake City, Maple Leaf, Northgate, Pinehurst, Lake Forest Park, N. View Ridge, Woodinville, Wedgwood
8	Eastlake, Lower Capitol Hill, South Lake Union

Parish #	Neighborhood
9	Arbor Heights, Burien, Delridge, Fauntleroy, Highland Park, South Park, West Seattle, Westwood
10	Beacon Hill, Columbia City, Hillman City, Kent, Mt. Baker, Rainier Valley, Renton, Seward Park, Tacoma

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

See our full calendar at graceseattle.org/events/calendar

Sign up for our email list by emailing office@graceseattle.org

DEADLINE IS TODAY: Christmas Pageant Registration

Grace's 2018 Christmas Pageant will be held December 16th at 10:30am. Registration is closing at the end of the day today! Children ages 5 and up are invited to join the fun and adventure of putting on the pageant this year. Please note, rehearsals will be held December 2nd and 9th during Christian Formation Hour. Register by visiting www.graceseattle.org and clicking on the Pageant Registration link. Registration Deadline: TODAY Nov. 25th. Questions? Want to help? Please contact Nicole Herring at nicole@graceseattle.org.

No Christian Formation Classes Today

Due to the holiday weekend, we will not have Christian Formation Classes after the service today.

Advent Silent Retreat

Saturday, December 1st 9AM-Noon

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Queen Anne

In the midst of the holiday season, it's easy to get busy doing a lot of activity and neglect to make space to receive the gift of Jesus. Debbie Tacke will provide guidance for this morning retreat which will provide time to slow down and spend time with Jesus during this Advent season. The retreat will include introduction to a scripture reflection and other reading and time for solitude and reflection. Please RSVP by November 28th to Debbie Tacke debbie@graceseattle.org.

Me, a Seminary Student?

Saturday, December 1st at 9 AM

Grace Church Office (400 E Pine St, #215)

If you belong to Christ, he is calling you to some kind of good work in the world. Maybe your calling is vocational ministry, or maybe you are being called into the marketplace or a stay-at-home parent seeking to disciple children. Would you like to get in-depth training to more faithfully and effectively pursue this calling, but don't want to move out of Seattle?

Covenant Theological Seminary, the denominational seminary of the PCA, has recently launched three new degree programs that you can complete while staying rooting in Seattle and at Grace. On Saturday, December 1st at 9:00am at the Grace Church Office, Dr. Mike Higgins, Dean of Students at Covenant, will be hosting a breakfast for anyone wanting to find out more.

For more information about , go to Covenant's website at covenantseminary.edu or email John Haralson at john@graceseattle.org.

Grace Gallery Art Show

**Figures for the Liturgical Year, artists Ryan and Jenny James
December 13, 5-8pm**

Grace Gallery (400 E Pine St, #215)

Artists Ryan and Jenny James will feature visual works they've made over the years which represent different seasons and holy days in the church calendar. Using sketches, photography, paintings, and graphic design, the James' approach to liturgical art is modern, while nodding to and honoring sacred artistic traditions of the past.

Silent Retreat

January 18-20th, 2019

A silent retreat is an opportunity to take time away from the noise and distraction of everyday life, to rest and listen for God. Dan & Renee Huie will lead this weekend silent retreat at the beginning of 2019 at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center in Federal Way. The retreat will begin on Friday afternoon at 3:30 and will end at 2 pm on Sunday. The retreat provides time to be alone with God and to make space to enjoy conversation and communion with him. During the retreat, each retreatant will meet with a spiritual director (Dan or Renee) to process times of prayer and to mutually discern the movements of the Holy Spirit, what is coming up in prayer and in relationship with God. Cost for the retreat is \$225/person, which includes all meals and private room. Space is limited to the first eight people who register. To register, email danielle@graceseattle.org.

Save The Date: Women's Retreat 2019

March 8-10th

Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center

This year's women's retreat will be held on March 8-10th at the Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center (approximately 45 minutes from Seattle). This is a great chance to get to know other women at Grace and enjoy a weekend of connecting and refreshment. Mark your calendar to join us! Registration will open after the start of the new year. If you have questions, please email Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceseattle.org.

Save The Date: Men's Retreat 2019

May 3rd-5th

Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center

This is a great chance to get to know other men at Grace and enjoy a weekend of connecting and rest. Stay tuned for more details, but for now save the date for this great weekend together! Please email Orion Iffland for more information at orion@ifland.net.

Save the Date: All Church Retreat 2019

September 27-29th

Warm Beach Camp & Conference Center

Save the date! We will be having a church-wide retreat at the Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood. This is a great time to build existing relationships and form new ones. For more information about the retreat, please email Danielle at danielle@graceseattle.org. More details to follow in early 2019.

Year-End Giving to Grace

Grace exists through the generosity of our people. If you would like to give to Grace and have your donation count towards 2018 giving:

- Make a contribution during a worship service on or before December 31st.
- Give online or through the app on or before December 31st.
- Mail your contribution to our office, postmarked by December 31st. Our address is: *Grace Church Seattle, 400 E Pine St, #215, Seattle, WA 98122*

In addition, if you'd like to gift stock to the church, you can give to the church and save Capital Gains taxes. Visit the PCA Foundation website at <https://pcafoundation.com/giving/> and click on the "Stock" tab.

SERMON TEXT

Luke 9:37-45

[37] On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. [38] And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. [39] And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. [40] And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." [41] Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." [42] While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. [43] And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, [44] "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men." [45] But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

11/25 Last Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service 9 AM and 11:30 AM

Adult & Grace Kids Christian Formation 10:30 AM

12/2 First Sunday of Advent

Worship Service 9 AM and 11:30 AM

Mike Higgins Interview 10:30 AM

12/9 Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Service 9 AM and 11:30 AM

Advent Silent Retreat 10:30 AM

12/16 Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Service 9 AM and 11:30 AM

Christmas Pageant 10:30 AM

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