Trembling before Thee we fall down to adore Thee,

Shamefaced and trembling we lift our eyes to Thee:

O First and with the last! annul our ruined past,

Rebuild us to Thy glory, set us free

From sin and from sorrow to fall down and worship Thee.

Full of pity view us, stretch Thy sceptre to us,

Bid us live that we may give ourselves to Thee:

O faithful Lord and True! stand up for us and do,

Make us lovely, make us new, set us free —

Heart and soul and spirit — to bring all and worship Thee.

Epiphanytide, Christina Rossetti



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1300 E Aloha St First Service 9:00 am Second Service 10:45 am Grace Kids Open House 10:45

FIRST SERVICE 9:00 AM Nursery 6 months - 2 years Toddlers (2&3): Room 117 PreK: Room 119

SECOND SERVICE 10:45 AM Nursery 6 months - 2 years

GRACE KIDS OPEN HOUSE 10:45 AM

EPIPHANY

The word "epiphany" originates from the Greek word *epiphaneia* which translates to an appearance, a manifestation, or a discovery. The holiday itself is traditionally celebrated on the 6th day of January and commemorates the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ to the world. The season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. Along with Christmas and Easter, Epiphany is one of the three oldest Christian festivals and was celebrated as early as the latter half of the second century.

One of the major events associated with the Epiphany season is the wise men's (or, Magi's) visit to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2). The Magi were the least likely people to recognize Jesus as Savior. They were astrologers who were immersed in an entirely different religion. In fact, according to the Old Testament, the wise men were individuals who led people astray from the true God (Isaiah 47).

But, nonetheless, the Magi come to Bethlehem and bow before Jesus. And, what do they find there? They do not find condemnation. Rather, they find a king who is gracious and kind to them. They are received by this king and their faith has been celebrated throughout the centuries.

So what is Epiphany all about? Epiphany is about discovering the God of all grace. The God who is not just present and gracious to those who are near Him, but, who is also is present and gracious to those who are far off. So, no matter where you are with God, Epiphany is a time to come near to him and discover his grace.

Let us worship!

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REFLECTION QUOTES

There was a time when the church was very powerful. It was during that period that the early Christians rejoiced when they were deemed worthy to suffer for what they believed. In those days the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was the thermostat that transformed the mores of society. Wherever the early Christians entered a town the power structure got disturbed and immediately sought to convict them for being "disturbers of the peace" and "outside agitators." But they went on with the conviction that they were "a colony of heaven" and had to obey God rather than man. They were small in number but big in commitment. They were too God-intoxicated to be "astronomically intimidated." They brought an end to such ancient evils as infanticide and gladiatorial contest.

Things are different now. The contemporary church is so often a weak ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the church's often vocal sanction of things as they are.

But the judgment of God is upon the church as never before. If the church of today does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authentic ring, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. I meet young people every day whose disappointment with the church has risen to outright disgust.

MLK, "Letter from Birmingham Jail"

Gradually, that which had become the basic thought form of modern people became the almost totally accepted viewpoint, an almost monolithic consensus. And as it came to the majority of people through art, music, drama, theology, and the mass media, values died. As the more Christian-dominated consensus weakened, the majority of people adopted two impoverished values: personal peace and affluence.

Personal peace means just to be let alone, not to be troubled by the troubles of other people, whether across the world or across the city - to live one's life with minimal possibilities of being personally disturbed. Personal peace means wanting to have my personal life pattern undisturbed in my lifetime, regardless of what the result will be in the lifetimes of my children and grandchildren.

Affluence means an overwhelming and increasing prosperity - a life made up of things, things, and more things - a success judged by an ever higher level of material abundance.

Francis Schaeffer, "How Should We Then Live"

Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service. SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Standing

WELCOME



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

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

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138:1-6

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.



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I Kings 19:9-21

There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

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 Rock of Ages Cleft For Me

1763 Musical interludes are included

Musical interludes are included in our service in order to provide space for reflection and worship.

by Augustus Montague Toplady

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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.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from Matthew 22:37-40

Our Lord Jesus said:

"'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and first commandment.'

And a second is like it:

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

RECEIVING OF GRACE

Adapted from Psalm 32

Brothers and sisters, hear the good news:

Blessed is the one

whose transgressions are forgiven,

whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one

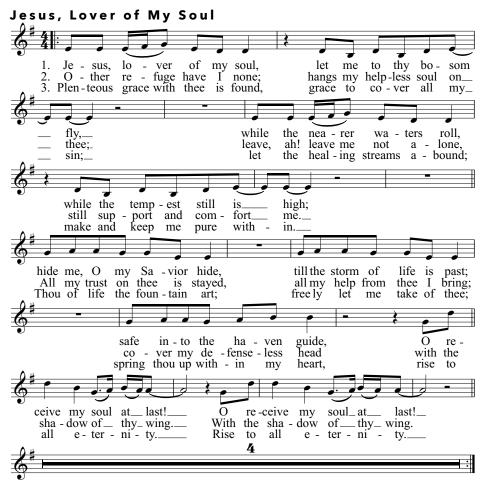
whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!



Words: Charles Wesley (1740) Music: Jess Alldredge





PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all
the worlds thy hand hath made
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed

[Chorus]
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to thee
How great thou art,
how great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to thee
How great thou art,
how great thou art,

And when I think
that God, his son not sparing
Sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
to take away my sin!

[Chorus]

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, my God, how great you are!

[Chorus]

Seated

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

Jesus-Assistant or Lord? Luke 9:57-62 Rev. John Haralson

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

INTERLUDE

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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.

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.



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.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

What do we believe?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Adopted in the 4th Century, the Nicene Creed is the most universally affirmed creed among Christian churches.

"Catholic" refers to the true Christian church at all times and in all places.

Gloria Patri



Words: Gloria Patri, 2nd Century Music: Karl Digerness © 2009 Karl Digerness Music

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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.

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:



Prayer for Receiving Communion

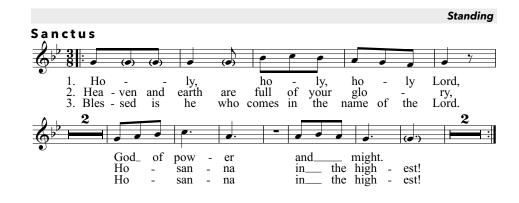
Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely 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 (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).



Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

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The Words of Institution

The Ministration of Communion

Standing

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter; bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

Robert Robinson, 1758 John Wyeth, 1813

"Ebenezer" means Stone of Help and is a reference to 1 Samuel 7:12, when Samuel set up a stone to remind Israel of God's help and protection.

BENEDICTION

Peter 5:10-11



The God of all grace,

who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while,

will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

To him be the power for ever and ever. **Amen**.

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.

Sunday Night Dinner Brad and Kirstin McAuley's Home

Come join us for food and fellowship every Sunday night at 5:30pm at Brad and Kirstin McAuley's home in Shoreline! An RSVP is helpful for food prep but last minute drop-ins are always welcome! Brad's Cell: 925-759-1697; Kirstin's Cell: 925-768-6110

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 Ifland 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

Money Management Begins January 23rd, 2019

Planning for the future is hard when you're living paycheck to paycheck! There's a better way! Join the Financial Peace University group to learn how to eliminate debt, reduce expenses, and make a plan for the future together! Join us at the SDA Volunteer Park Church (1300 E Aloha St, Seattle) starting January 23, 2019. Feel free to call or message Charles Grenard with any questions at (206) 427-2601 or sign up at https://fpu.com/1076740.

Note: This class is not a Grace Adult Christian Formation class, but it is being led by a regular Grace attendee.

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

Parish Number Key

Parish #	Neighborhood	Parish #	Neighborhood
1	Ballard, Fremont, Greenwood, Bitterlake, Broadview	9	Arbor Heights, Burien, Delridge, Fauntleroy, Highland
			Park, South Park, West Seattle, Westwood
4	Lake City, Maple Leaf, Northgate,	10	Beacon Hill, Columbia City, Hillman City, Kent, Mt.
	Pinehurst, Lake Forest Park, N. View		Baker, Rainier Valley, Renton, Seward Park, Tacoma
	Ridge, Woodinville, Wedgwood		
8	Eastlake, Lower Capitol Hill, South Lake		
	Union		

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

See our full calendar at **graceseattle.org/events/calendar**Sign up for our email list by emailing office@graceseattle.org

Grace Kids Open House TODAY 10:45 to 11:30 AM Fellowship Hall

This morning, we have a wonderful opportunity for an intergenerational "family meeting" during Christian Formation Hour. Everyone is invited to hear from Grace Kids teachers about what is happening in classes each week. There will also be an opportunity for Q&A along with classroom observation during the last portion of the session. (The Toddler class will present a short video in place of an actual class visit, in order to minimize disruption for the little ones.)

Want to see what the youngest in the congregation are up to? Interested in serving but not sure what to expect? A parent or grandparent curious about what class is like? Please join us! Questions? Please email Pastor Jason at jason@graceseattle.org or Nicole Herring at nicole@graceseattle.org.

Grace Kids Drop Off/Pick Up Logistics

Parents, please note that Grace Kids Christian Formation classes do not start until 10:45. Please keep an eye on your children until their class opens.

For those attending the 10:45 service, Pre-K and up should be picked up in the Fellowship Hall following the sermon. Toddlers will be brought up to the nursery at 11:30 and may remain there until the end of service.

Women's Retreat Registration Open

This year's women's retreat will be held March 8-10 at the Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center (approximately 45 minutes from Seattle). The theme for this year's retreat is "Cultivating Contentment" and our speaker will be Andrea Frankenfeld as well as other women who will be sharing their stories as part of the Friday night panel discussion. This is a great chance to get to know other women at Grace and enjoy a weekend of connecting and refreshment. You can register here until March 3rd. Danielle will be in the lobby between the services to help you register today as well. To learn more about scholarships, please email Danielle at danielle@graceseattle.org.

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, March 6th, 7 PM

Join us in observing the beginning of the season of Lent. Nursery and Grace Kids activities available for ages 6 months-3 years.

Congregational Meeting March 17th, 12:30 PM Sanctuary

Everyone is invited to our congregational meeting where we will provide a 2018 Financial Update and present the 2019 Budget.

Lenten Silent Retreat Saturday, March 23, 9 AM to Noon Bethany Presbyterian, Queen Anne

Lent is a season where we prepare and open our hearts to receive the gift of Jesus' resurrection life. This morning retreat which will be an opportunity to slow down and be with Jesus. The retreat will include introduction to a scripture reflection and other reading and time for solitude and reflection. Register by e-mailing Danielle Taniguchi at <code>danielle@graceseattle.org</code>.

Me, a Seminary Student? Saturday, March 30th at 9 AM Grace Church Office

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.

Volunteers Needed for Grace Kids

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Please help us make Grace a place where all children are welcomed, known, and loved. We are currently in need in the following areas for Grace Kids classes, starting in January:

- Toddlers 1st service: 3 volunteers needed
- Toddlers Christian Formation: 2 volunteers needed

Please prayerfully consider serving in a vital component of Christ's ministry here at Grace (Matt 19:14)! If you have any questions, or would like to start the application process for serving with Grace Kids, please contact Nicole Herring at nicole@graceseattle.org.

Grief and Loss Support Group First Sunday of each month, 9:00-10:20 AM Classroom #218 (down the hallway to the left of the sanctuary)

This ministry provides a time and space to share 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 grief over the death of a loved one, infertility, the loss of health, difficult family dynamics, the loss of a job, or another loss, join us. There is no grief or loss too big or too small. The participants simply listen to, and pray for, each person that shares. A moderator describes the group guidelines at the start of each meeting. We meet on the first Sunday of the month from 9:00 to 10:20 am; please come as often or as seldom as you need. If you have questions please contact Lisa Behringer at cozycottage@mac.com.

SERMON TEXT

Luke 9:57-62

[57] As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." [58] And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." [59] To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." [60] And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." [61] Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." [62] Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

2/24 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM Grace Kids Open House 10:45 AM No Christian Formation Classes

3/3 Eighth Sunday after Epiphany Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM Christian Formation Classes 10:45 AM Grace Kids & Youth 10:45 AM

3/10 First Sunday of Lent One Worship Service 9 AM No Christian Formation Classes No Grace Kids & Youth

3/17 Second Sunday of Lent Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM Christian Formation Classes 10:45 AM Grace Kids & Youth 10:45 AM Congregational Meeting 12:30 PM

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