PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 123

Leader I lift up my eyes to you,
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.

All **Our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he shows us his mercy.**

Leader Have mercy on us, LORD,

All **have mercy on us.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

AMAZING GRACE */ John Newton*

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

FATHER OF LIGHT */ Marc Choi, Bernard Chadwick*

1. Father of the Light
May your will be done
Spirit lift our eyes
with visions of your love

PreChorus 1
Jesus, you have called us
the darkness has not overcome

Chorus
Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in one
Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Our God is forever one

2. Father of the Light
May Your kingdom come
Spirit fill our lives
with goodness from above

PreChorus 2
Jesus, you have conquered
by the power of Your blood

CONFESSION OF SIN — from Henry Thornton (1760-1815)

Leader We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before you, on account of the coldness and insensibility of our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives, and the prevalence of worldly affections within us. Too often have we indulged the tempers which we ought to have subdued, and have left our duty unperformed. O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son Jesus Christ's sake. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in that Savior who has died for our sins, and risen again for our justification. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS — Romans 5:6-8

Leader [6] You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. [7] Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. [8] But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

COME THOU FOUNT */ Robert Robinson*

1. 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 Thy unchanging love

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've 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

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now, 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, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you!**

** Children ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to participate in our children's program during the sermon; children return for Communion.*

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — from the Book of Common Prayer (2019)

Leader Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

During the offertory, we consider all that we have and all that God may be asking us to give. Please take this time to ask God how you might give of your financial gifts, personal time and even vocational calling. There are different ways to give. You may place your offering in the blue box at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings; mail your offering to 254 N Lake Ave #287, Pasadena, CA 91101; or scan the QR code to give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

OFFERING SONG

WE LABOR UNTO GLORY */ Craig Harris, Isaac Wardell*

1. My God, my God, where e'er I go, glo-o-ory
Where I reap and where I sow, glo-o-ory
And my hands they grip the thorn, glo-o-ory
In the still and in the storm, glo-o-ory, glo-o-ory

Chorus
Oh, we labor unto glory
'Til Heaven and Earth are one
Oh, we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes

2. The sun it shines and then goes down, glo-o-ory
Rain, it pours and beats the ground, glo-o-ory
Dust, it blows and ends my days, glo-o-ory
Hearts they burn beneath Your gaze, glo-o-ory, glo-o-ory

3. My heart, my hands, they're kingdom bound, glo-o-ory
Where thorns no longer curse the ground, glo-o-ory
Trim the wick, ignite the flame, glo-o-ory
My work, it will not be in vain, glo-o-ory, glo-o-ory

SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1] Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,
[2] for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
[3] While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
[4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. [5] You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. [6] So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. [7] For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9] For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10] He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

MORNING MESSAGE — Nick Locke

"Children of the Light"

Sermon Series: *Faith, Love, and Hope: The Book of I Thessalonians*

MUSICAL REFLECTION

** Parents should pick up their children participating in our children's program during this time.*

COMMUNION

GUIDELINES: *The sacrament of Communion is also called the Lord's Supper or Eucharist. It is the family meal for those who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. The invitation is from Jesus Christ alone, not from this church or any minister. If you are baptized and can call yourself a Christian, come to the table.*

DIRECTIONS: *When instructed, please come forward to receive Communion. Receive the bread and juice from the servers and return to your seat. Communion will be taken together after the Song of Communion.*

CHILDREN: *Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropriate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.*

COMMUNION SONG

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS / *George Bennard*

1. On a hill far away
stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross
where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for
a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross,
so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God
left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.

3. In that old rugged cross,
stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.

4. To that old rugged cross
I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to
my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Leader — Let us declare the great mystery of our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament

All — **Christ has died,**
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!

Leader — These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

CLOSING SONG

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION / *Sandra McCracken*

Chorus
We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will sing together
We will feast and weep no more

1. We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
for the promised morning oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed
you are the faithful one
and from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Leader — May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

All — **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Fall Party | Saturday, November 21, 7-9 pm at Legge Alley Studio

Family Advent Celebration | Sunday, Nov 29, at 9 am | Senior Center patio | Join us for Christmas crafts, donut holes and hot cocoa!

An Evening of Lessons and Carols | Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30 pm (cookies and hot cocoa provided)

Advent Choir | if interested, email Noah at music@gracepasadena.org

Discipleship Classes | Sunday mornings through November 29, at 8:45 am in the library

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-OCT 2026	NOV 2026
GIVING & INCOME* as of 11/12/2026	**$462,566**	**$9,601**
BUDGETED EXPENSE	**591,801**	**61,838**
DIFFERENCE	**-129,235**	**-52,237**

* includes general offerings, ministry specific giving, and interest income
2026 Full Year Budget: $715,228

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"Our coming King is none other than our crucified and risen Saviour. We therefore have absolutely nothing to fear."

JOHN STOTT (1921-2011)

"We cannot, therefore, define Christians simply as those who are awake while the rest sleep, but more cautiously as those who… constantly stand in need of reawakening."

KARL BARTH (1886-1968) | *Church Dogmatics*

ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 28

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