



Blessed to Be a Blessing to the World Near and Far

SEPTEMBER 21-24

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Grace Presbyterian Church, September 21, 2025 @ 10:30 am

†The congregation should stand if able.

When the Gathering Music begins, please assume a quiet and reverent attitude of worship.

Please silence your cell phones.

GATHERING MUSIC

Beth McEwen— "Shine into Our Night," "Shine, Jesus, Shine,"
"There Is a Higher Throne"

PRELUDE / PROCESSIONAL

Judy Redeker—"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
Diane Bish, arr.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

(Congregation reads bold print)

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

**For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

Praise the Lord!

—*Psalm 135:1-4*

†INVOCATION

Christian Brewer

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"For All the Saints"

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who
 2. Thou wast their Rock, their For - tress and their Might; Thou,
 3. O blessed com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; The
 5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

Thee, by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
 Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The
 Through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, And

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true Light.
 All are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on His way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: William W. How
 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams; arr. Mark Rice

**†PROFESSION OF FAITH
THE APOSTLES' CREED**

(Congregation reads bold print)

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(*catholic = universal)*

†HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

The Congregation will be seated.

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Congregation reads bold print)

The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Come now to Christ, that living stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious. Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be Your people.

**You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
to our lonely and confused world.**

**Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.**

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.

**Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being Your representatives to a broken world. Awaken
our hearts to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit.**

This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

Silent Confession

PASTORAL PRAYER

Christian Brewer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Congregation reads bold print)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**THE GOSPEL'S ASSURANCE
OF GRACE**

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will He keep His anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.*

—Psalm 103:8-12

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“The Solid Rock”

THE SOLID ROCK



1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness;
2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face, I rest on His un-chang-ing grace;
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood, Sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood;
4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found;



I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
In ev-'ry high and storm-y gale, My an-chor holds with - in the veil.
When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
Dressed in His right-eous - ness a - lone, Fault-less to stand be - fore the throne.



On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



Please Remain Standing

**READING AND PREACHING OF
GOD’S WORD**

Rev. Dan Iverson III — “Jesus on Mission for us, and with Us”
(Luke 19:1-10)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

For Application of the Word

†BENEDICTION / RESPONSE

(Doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†POSTLUDE

*If you have questions about today’s message, salvation through
Jesus Christ, or our church, several of our Elders will be at the
front of the Sanctuary following the Benediction.*

Bible Studies

Men’s — Each Thursday at 6:30 am at
Cabin Coffee and 10:00 am at Grace

Young Men’s — Every Other Monday at 7 pm
at the Brewers’ Home

Women’s — 1st, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of
each month at 10 am at Grace

Member Care

If you have special needs, contact your assigned
elder. Last names beginning with

A-B Williams; C-G Pedine; H-M Schoeffler;

N-R Tallman; S-V Matthews; W-Z Saunders.

Deacons are Kurt Spangenberg, Leonard Celaya,
Mike Fann, Nate Johnson, Steve Rothkopf,
Jacob Wallace, Mike Ziegenbein.

Assisted Hearing Devices

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of the Sanctuary

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Adult Continuing Education (9:15 am)

Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12) (9:15 am)

Children and Nursery (9:15 am)

Nursery (ages 3-24 months)

Childcare is provided in the nursery.

Pre-School (ages 2-4 years)

Elementary School (ages 5-11)

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Adult Bible Study — (6:00 pm)

Youth Bible Study — (6:00 pm)

Covenant Kids (ages 5-11) — (6:00 pm)

Sanctuary Choir — (6:00 pm)

Sermon Archive

All sermons and teachings are available at
www.sermonaudio.com/solo/jonjacobs/sermons/

Coffee

Served prior to Sunday School and the Worship
Service each week.



Blessed to Be a Blessing

Psalm 67 begins as a prayer to God for blessing.
It is not a selfish prayer. It is a missions prayer.

**“God be gracious to us and bless us
That your way may be known on the earth,
Your salvation among all nations.”**

We are so blessed! Our many blessings are not to be hoarded for ourselves. The blessings of our children, grandchildren, money, homes, healthy churches, gifts, knowledge... and especially the gospel, are given for a great purpose.

As Psalm 67 teaches us, they are given for God’s glory, particularly that the whole world might know the Lord, glorify Him, worship Him, and enjoy Him forever! In our missions conference we will seek to know more of God’s great blessings to us, and learn more about how we can be blessings to this lost world, to those near us, and to those far away.

REV. DAN IVERSON III

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dan and Carol Iverson have served as PCA Mission to the World (MTW) church planting missionaries in the Tokyo/Chiba area of Japan since 1986. The Iversons have 9 children and 38 grandchildren.

Japan is the world's second largest unreached people group (UPG), rich in material possessions, education, and technology, but desperately "poor" in terms of the Gospel.

The vision and goal for MTW Japan is a biblical, indigenous Church Planting Movement (CPM) throughout Japan and the world. This basically means evangelizing and making disciples (Matt 28:19-20), and gathering people into healthy, reproducing biblical (Presbyterian), gospel-centered churches with Japanese leadership that continue the same healthy reproduction.

Dan has had three main roles overlapping during his 36 years in Japan. Dan served as Church Planter and Lead Pastor for 28 years of the Oyumino Presbyterian Church in Chiba (East Tokyo) until 2018. He has also served for over 30 years as the PCA-MTW Tokyo/Chiba Mission Team Leader. For the last 15 years, until 2022, Dan has also served as our PCA-MTW Japan Country Director for our 9 Japan teams. Carol has served for many years as principal for the bilingual hybrid Christian school started by the MTW Chiba team. She continues to teach in the school, serves on the MTW Asia member care team, and mentors younger missionary and Japanese wives.

VICKI TAYLOR

SPEAKER



Vicki Taylor is the U.S. Ambassador for Community House Damaris, a nonprofit in Athens, Greece, that empowers women and their children who have been exploited through sexual trafficking. Since the ministry's initial planning in 2011, she has volunteered annually, and when Damaris opened its doors in 2016, she began teaching in the Recovery Program. In 2024, Vicki stepped into her current full-time missions role, where she develops relationships

with churches, major donors, and grant organizations to build long-term sustainability for the mission. Twice a year, she also travels to Athens to serve as an adjunct teacher in the Recovery Program, investing directly in the lives of the women.

With a background spanning more than three decades in education, ministry, and public speaking, Vicki has taught, directed, and inspired students, congregations, and women's groups across the United States. She is also an accomplished artist, specializing in original mandalas and Ottoman florals through her studio, Suzani Dreams.

Her passion for ministry, teaching, and the arts converge in her work with Damaris, where she continues to invest her gifts in recovery, restoration, and reintegration for survivors.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPT 21

9:15AM » Adult Continuing Education Joint Class: Rev. Dan Iverson

Luke 15 - Loving & Seeking the Lost in Japan

» Youth Sunday School Class: Vicki Taylor of House Damaris

» Children's Sunday School: Carole MacDiarmid CEF Mission Story

10:30AM "Jesus on Mission for Us, and with Us" - Luke 19: 1-10 | Rev. Dan Iverson

5:30PM Homemade Cookies and Brownie Social

6:00PM "Mission Success: Its Certainty, Scope, and Means" - Gen 22:9-18 | Rev. Dan Iverson

MONDAY, SEPT 22

11:30AM Women's Luncheon at Copper Top: Vicki Taylor of House Damaris

TUESDAY, SEPT 23

8:30AM Men's Breakfast at Blairsville Restaurant: Grits & Greens: Joel Iverson of Atlanta

6:30PM Home Fellowship Groups:

» Dan and Bill Iverson at the home of Dr. Keith and Karen Matthews

» Vicki Taylor at the home of Dr. Andre and Piba Schoeffler

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 24

5:30PM Ice Cream Social

6:00PM "In Christ: Loved, Made New, on Mission" - 2 Cor 5:14-21 | Rev. Dan Iverson