

**Worship at First Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 10 am**

*"Grace and peace be yours in abundance." (1 Peter 1:2)*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

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***I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES OF THE LORD***

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I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing. I will sing.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness.  
With my mouth will I make known,  
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing. I will sing.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

*"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" by James Henry Fillmore Sr.,  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

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Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!  
Honor and majesty surround him;  
strength and beauty fill his sanctuary.

**O nations of the world, recognize the LORD;  
recognize that the LORD is glorious and strong.**

Give to the LORD the glory he deserves!  
Bring your offering and come into his courts.

**Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor.  
Let all the earth tremble before him.  
Tell everyone, "The LORD reigns!"**

Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!  
Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!

**Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!  
Let the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the LORD, for he is coming!**

Let's worship our God who came to bring us grace and peace!

*Based on Psalm 96:4-13.*

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**HYMN #482: PRAISE YE THE LORD**

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Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
 All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
 Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
 Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
 Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
 Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
 Gladly for aye we adore Him.

**PASSING THE PEACE**

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**HYMN #379: MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS**

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My hope is built on nothing less  
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;  
 All other ground is sinking sand,  
 All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
 I rest on His unchanging grace;  
 In every high and stormy gale,  
 My anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
 Support me in the whelming flood;  
 When all around my soul gives way,  
 He then is all my hope and stay. *[Refrain]*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
 Oh may I then in Him be found,  
 Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
 Faultless to stand before the throne. *[Refrain]*

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## READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

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Sermon: *"Grace and Peace"*

### **1 Peter 1:1-9 (NRSV)**

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,<sup>2</sup> who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:

May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.<sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,<sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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## RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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### **DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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### **AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)**

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

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

*My chains are gone I've been set free;  
My God my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains,  
Unending love amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me;  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine,  
You are forever mine.

*"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, and Louie Giglio;  
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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **CALENDAR**

- TODAY** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)  
Potluck (after the service)  
Youth Group (3:00 in the Youth Parlor Upstairs)
- Tuesday, Feb. 11** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
- Wednesday, Feb. 12** Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
- Sunday, Feb. 16** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
- Thursday, Feb 20** Deacons Meeting (2:00 in the Parlor)  
Session Meeting (7:00)

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