

## Grace Christian Church (PCA)

13515 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 2, Herndon, VA 20171

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5/20/2012 **Order for Worship on the Lord's Day** 11:00 AM

### Preparation

#### PRAISE

WE EXALT THE TRIUNE GOD—FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT—MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

#### Call to Worship

Psalm 96 (NIV)

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

All: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the nations are but idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

All: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound and all that is in it.

#### Song of Approach

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

#### Prayer of Adoration

Steve Rogers

#### Songs of Praise

*Arms of Love*

*Cry in my heart*

*Draw me Close*

#### RENEWAL

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEED FOR GRACE AS SINNERS BEFORE OUR HOLY GOD

#### Call to Renewal

Acts 6:1-6 (ESV)

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession (Printed in your bulletin insert)

#### Silent Confession of Sin

#### Word of Comfort

1 John 1:8-9 (NIV)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

#### Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

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##### Serving Us This Morning

Pianist: Alice Wang

Ushers: Raymond & April Tsoi

Nursery: Ann Chan, Li-Fang Vanderwill

##### Next Week: May 27

Pianist: Danny Wang

Ushers: Raymond & April Tsoi

Nursery: Ann Chan, Li-Fang Vanderwill

*There is nursery care (infants through age 4) available during this morning's service.*

### COMMITMENT

WE RESPOND WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S REDEEMING GRACE IN JESUS CHRIST

#### Song of Commitment

*Arms of Love*

#### Scripture Reading/Prayer for Illumination/Sermon

1 Timothy 3:8-13

#### Exposition of God's Word "Deacons and Their Qualifications: Tested and Approved"

Rev. Rickett

(1 Timothy Series: Grace-Filled Life of the Church)

#### Song of Thanksgiving

*In Christ Alone*

#### Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give. Please let us know you've joined us today, as well as any comments or prayer requests, by placing your yellow insert in the offering basket.

#### Doxology

#### Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it....

<sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

#### Sending

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

#### Announcements

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*Grace Church exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, and to foster the thoughtful and passionate worship of God for the joy and transformation of individuals, families, neighborhoods and institutions throughout suburban Washington, DC and, from here, the world.*

Grace Christian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

***Our Life Together***

*We aspire to be a vital, biblically faithful worshipping community gathered from diverse cultural backgrounds and united in our common need of God's grace, our common witness to His transforming power in our lives, and our common commitment to glorifying and enjoying Him in our life together.*

**Announcements**

- Welcome to Grace Church!** We're glad you are here! We have a yellow insert for visitors and prayer request, you are welcome to fill in if you are interest. Join us for lunch after the service.
- Youth Lock-in and Community Service weekend -Friday July 13th and Saturday July 14th.**  
The GCC Youth Fellowship is partnering with Reston Interfaith to serve our local community by preparing care packages to help meet the needs of the Embry Rucker Community Shelter. A list of requested items will be published on the Youth bulletin board and via brochure. We are asking you to prayerfully consider making a commitment to assist with the effort by either volunteering to provide one or more items on the needs list or by contacting Church family members, neighbors, friends and asking them to commit to provide some items on the list.

**English Congregation Regular Schedule**

<b>Adult Christian Education</b>		Sundays, 9:30 am	
Adult	A Look at the Main Themes of the Bible	led by Pastor Rickett	Rm 8
Sr. High	"Every Thought Captive"	led by Steve Rogers & Gary Vanderwill	Rm 9
<b>Men in Grace (MIG)</b>	Men lunch and fellowship	Wednesdays, 12:30PM,	Rm. 1
<b>Small Group Bible Studies</b>			
<b>Thursday</b>	small group at Rickett.	Gospel-Centered Life.	Study at 7 pm
<b>Youth Fellowship</b>	<b>(grades 6-8)</b> <b>(grades 9-12)</b> Leaders: Steve Rogers and Grace Hwang	Fridays 8:00 pm, "Studio 3:16" Fridays 8:00 pm @ GCC	

**Offering**

5/13	CM	\$12380.00	Food Pantry Cash	\$5	Mission	\$200
	EM	\$1940.02	Lunch	\$270	*Special- \$245 for Pastor Yeo's mission, and \$50 for Alvin's Mission	
	Children's	4.95	Total offering:	\$ 15095.97*		
			(General fund:	\$ 14600.97	Weekly required for budget: \$12,179)	

**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Zhiyong Wang	Senior Pastor	(703) 437-8430
Rev. Jeffrey Rickett	Associate Pastor (English)	(443) 995-4960
Steve Rogers	Youth Minister	(571) 276-9298



**Presbyterian Church in America**

**Order for  
Public Worship  
On the  
Lord's Day  
Sunday, 20 May 2012  
11:00 am**

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Sermon Notes  
1 Timothy Series: Grace-Filled Life of the Church  
Deacons and Their Qualifications: Tested and Approved  
1 Timothy 3:8-13  
May 20, 2012

Jesus healed the sick, ministered to lepers, the blind, and the socially unacceptable and ultimately in his service gave his life to save many. He gave his life to mercifully save us! Through his example and a relationship with Him, deacons can serve in this radically way.

For many churches, there seems at times confusion between what to expect from deacons. Often deacons feel underappreciated by the elders or others in the congregation. At times elders have overstepped their boundaries with the deacons and yet at other times the deacons have interfered with decisions left only for the elders of the church. At two churches that I have served I have experienced this reality. However, at both places there were positive movements to help the elders, deacons and the congregation understand the role of deacons and the need to change the emphasis from just overseeing mercy work to actually doing the work of mercy and compassion.

Grace Christian Church's leadership is taking proactive steps in developing deacons and a diaconate ministry. So with this in mind, we want to make certain that we communicate what a deacon does and what qualifications God expects.

This morning we will discover together:

**1. The Role of a Deacon (Acts 6:1-6)**

- To serve others with mercy
  
- The history of deacons and diaconate ministry
  
- Some examples of service:
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**2. The Qualifications of a Deacon (3:8-12)**

- To be well-respected within the church and by the community at large
  - Worthy of respect -
  
  - Sincere -
  
  - Sober minded -
  
- Sound in the gospel
  - Deacons must hold to orthodox teachings.
  
  - Unlike the false teachers threatening this church, deacons must hold on to the gospel with sincerity and strong convictions.
  
  - Deacons must be tested and approved.
  
- Cultivating a stable family life
  - A deep love for wife
  
  
  - A nurturing spirit to his children

- A caring spirit to those who work for him

- *Can women serve as Deacons?*

B.B. Warfield: "A living church cannot do without Deaconesses as its organ for doing good. Deaconesses cannot do without the church as the appointed organization for doing good in the world."

*It is only in this Jesus that we learn what diakonia (deacon) really is, the loving service in mercy that looks for no reward beyond the knowledge that we do what is commanded of us and looks for no thanks from those whom mercy is extended, but it is only because this Jesus has made our cause His very own, sharing our existence in servitude and sharing with us His own life of love, that we may and can engage in this kind of diakonia in Him (T.F. Torrance, "Service in Jesus Christ.")*

Wherever we fall on this particular issue, this fact remains: The ministry of women to serve is vital to the health of the church. Whether we call them deacons, deaconesses or assistants, women should exercise mercy/service ministry to the glory of God.

### **3. The Rewards of a Deacon (v. 13)**

- Good reputation in the community
  
- Strong confidence in the faith
  
- *Who is our ultimate example and power in serving in a deaconate way?*
  - Jesus – The diaconate is the office within the church that most closely resembles the servanthood of Jesus.
  
  - Mark 10:35-44 – Jesus came to serve!