

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Come Holy Ghost, Come Holy Spirit* Arr. by Barbara Boertje

Please take this time to quietly meditate on the following Scripture passage as you prepare your heart to worship the Lord.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 7:37-39 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ezekiel 36:22-23, 26-28 (ESV)

As God's Word calls us to worship, let's shout these words to one another recognizing that our worship is a response to God's gracious call.

Leader: Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came.

People: **And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.**

Leader: And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

People: **And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**

ALL: **You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #335

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Paul Earhart

*WORSHIP IN SONG

Holy Is The Lord

Lord I Need You

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

After the public confession below, you are encouraged to confess your sins silently to God.

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. In Jesus' name, Amen!

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 5:1-2, 5 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**For those who are able, please stand.*

***GREETING OF PEACE**

Romans 1:7 (ESV)

Please take this opportunity to greet those around you, offering them the right hand of fellowship and the peace which is only found in Christ.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

[Pray] *at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.*

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please take a moment to sign our "Fellowship Pad" and pass it along to those worshiping with you. Thank you!
The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship.

But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly?

For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:14 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

People Need the Lord

By Phill McHugh & Greg Neslon

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism, Question #53

Pastor: What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit."

People: **First, he, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God.**

Second, he has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.

SCRIPTURE READING (page 909 in blue pew Bible)

Acts 2:1-13

SERMON

"The Church Is Born"

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #355**

We Are God's People

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

The Old Rugged Cross

Arr. by Lorie Line

Spring Hills Presbyterian Church is committed to:

CHANGED HEARTS through the transforming power of the Gospel of Grace,

CHANGED LIVES through Biblical preaching, teaching, fellowship and discipleship, and a

CHANGED COMMUNITY, where the community is so transformed by the power of the Gospel that it becomes predominately Christian and committed to the worship and service of our Triune God.