Second Presbyterian Church · January 6, 2019 · 6:00 p.m.

Prelude

†Call to Worship ................................................................. David Bowen
   Assistant Pastor, Middle Adults

†This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

   This is amazing grace; this is unfailing love —
      That You would take my place; that You would bear my cross.
   You laid down Your life, that I would be set free.
   O Jesus, I sing for all that You’ve done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy, worthy, worthy.
†O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar. The Father’s arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today, there’s no reason to wait – Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.
From the ashes a new life is born – Jesus is calling.

Oh, what a Savior! Isn’t He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen!
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all.
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen!

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;
Tell the world of the treasure you found.

†Invocation (please raise hands)

Worship of God with the Gifts of God

Divine Romance

The fullness of Your grace is here with me;
The richness of Your beauty’s all I see.
The brightness of Your glory has arrived;
In Your presence God I’m completely satisfied.

For You I sing, I dance – rejoice in this divine romance –
Lift my heart and my hands to show my love, to show my love.

A deep, deep flood, an ocean flows from You
Of deep, deep love; yeah, it’s filling up the room.
Your innocent blood has washed my guilty life;
In Your presence, God, I’m completely satisfied.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

†Greetings and Announcements

Scripture Reading .................................................. Revelation 21:1-8
(page 1041 in the pew Bible)
Sermon: Destiny’s Children ................................. Irwyn Ince

Invitation to the Table

All who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church are welcomed to receive communion tonight. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. All communion wafers are gluten free.

Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Songs for the Table

Great Are You, Lord

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken – Great are You, Lord!

It’s Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.
It’s Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise;
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing: Great are You, Lord!

Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.
You have been so, so kind to me.

O the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God.
O it chases me down, fights ‘til I’m found, leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn’t earn it, I don’t deserve it, still You give Yourself away.
O the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God.

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me –
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me – You have been so, so kind to me.

There’s no shadow You won’t light up,
Mountain You won’t climb up coming after me;
There’s no wall You won’t kick down, lie You won’t tear down, coming after me.
Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s Name! He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame. He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies, Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down! For the Lord, our strong Salvation, holds in view the conqueror’s crown: He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store; When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more: He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high; Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky: Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

†Benediction (please raise hands)

Postlude

†Indicates standing

Elders are available following the service for prayer and anointing with oil.

Gospel Priorities

Each Sunday in January, a guest pastor will address themes from Martin Luther King’s sermon on Luke 4:18-19 during morning and evening worship.

Our Speaker Today: Irwyn Ince serves as a pastor in the Grace DC Network of churches in Washington, D.C. He also serves as the Director of the Grace D.C. Network Institute for Cross-Cultural Mission. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree from The City College of NY, a Master of Arts degree from Reformed Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Covenant Theological Seminary. He has contributed to the books Heal Us, Emmanuel: A Call for Racial Reconciliation, Representation, and Unity in the Church, and All Are Welcome: Toward a Multi-Everything Church.

Upcoming Speakers
January 13: Juan Sanchez, Pastor of High Pointe Baptist in Austin, TX
January 20: Alex Shipman, Pastor at Village Church in Huntsville, AL
January 27: Stephen Ro, Pastor at Living Faith in Queens, NY