

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

### WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation  
Pastor – Mark Chow

#### GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

WORSHIP CHIMES

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVOCATION

PRELUDE "Andantino"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Tony Merry  
Pastor Chow  
C. Collin

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

\*HYMN 549 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ANTHEM "Softly and Tenderly" W. Thompson / J. Raney  
*Grace Chancel Choir*

*As the children come forward, the congregation may sing: "10,000 Reasons"*

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Sarah Burris  
*(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)*

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:38-48

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION 560 [vs. 1, 2] "Help Us Accept Each Other"

MESSAGE Pastor Mark Chow

LOVE AS GOD LOVES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Cindy Lawyer

(After each prayer, the leader may conclude – *Let us pray to our God* —  
and all may respond – **O God, let your rains fall!**)

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Pastor – New every morning are God's mercies. Abundant is God's grace. Perfect is God's love for us, one and all. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People – In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All – Glory to God! Amen!**

Pastor – The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People – And also with you.**

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR TITHES TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Meditation" F.

Peeters

\*DOXOLOGY 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING Cindy Lawyer

#### GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

\*CLOSING HYMN 402 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" J. Coe

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ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 36      Worship – 38, 111

#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

February 20 Dan Arter, Kerry Haddox

February 22 Brayden Dunn, Nick Flarey, Emily Hubbard

February 24 Barbara Hardesty, Stephanie Neff

February 25 Leigh Ann Lewis, Libby Short

A Comedy Club benefit for Rolling Plains UMC will be held on February 24 at Bryan Place. Dr. Jan Elston will be one of the participants. For more information call Rolling Plains – 740-453-4192.

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, February 19		
Monday, February 20		
Tuesday, February 21	7:00 p.m.	Yoga
Wednesday, February 22	NO	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 23	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study – Classroom
Friday, February 24	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, February 25		
Sunday, February 26	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

### VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

**Grief Share** is a seminar and support group at Grace Church for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. The next Grief Share series begins on Monday, **February 27**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. It is open to anyone in the community. For more information and/or to register, please contact the church office (740-452-9317).

### Thanks to Our Worship Leaders this Morning —

Hospitality Team – Kevin & Tracy Miller  
Usher Coordinator – Dana Swope  
Elevator Attendants – Bev Dunworth  
Liturgist – Cindy Lawyer  
Pianist – Marcie Butterfield  
Children's Ministry – (Grace Space, KidsOwnWorship, Nursery) Julie McAllister, Sarah Burris,  
Cindy Lawyer, Julie Sands, Dana Swope  
Sound Technician – Craig Hill

THANK YOU to all those who helped make the annual lock-in a great success last weekend – 17 youth attended the event! They enjoyed helping create the new Prayer Room and having worship and communion in that room [across from Fellowship Hall], touring the church, playing games, and eating, eating, eating!

THANK YOU to Bill Cochran and Walls of Books for the generous donation of new toys for our Grace Space kids to play with! Awesome!



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### *The Great Invitation*

Today is the seventh Sunday after the Epiphany. During this season, the focus will be on sharing our faith with others. This is a time for us to invite others to “come and see” Who Jesus is, what following Him means, and what He teaches about life. By following the life and ministry of Jesus, we grow as His disciples as we invite others to join us on the journey. Today we focus on Jesus' teachings about how to treat others, including our enemies.

*Thank you to Marcie Butterfield and the Praise Team for leading the music.*

### 8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

#### **Gathering for Celebration**

#### **Celebration Through Praise**

#### **Celebration Through God's Word**

Scripture – Matthew 5:38-48

The Word of God for the People of God.

#### **Thanks be to God.**

Message – *Love As God Loves* — Pastor Mark Chow

#### **Celebration Through Our Gifts**

Prayers of the People

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

#### **Going Forth to Celebrate**

### **FOOD DRIVE (through 2/12/17) = \$2,850**

*Welcome to Jamie Trout – Executive Director of Eastside Community Ministries*