

Announcements

- Children and youth are invited to Faith Formation class following the Passing of the Peace. We also have a hugging room at the back of the sanctuary for parents with young children to use as desired.
- All Church Campout – September 22-24th at Cachuma Lake. Please talk to Janet Votaw to register and for more information.
- Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Jim. Tuesdays at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in Jim’s office. All are welcome to come.
- Wednesday Bible Study: Led by Pastor Jim at 12:00 p.m. Join us in person or virtually each week.
- Toddler Time: Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Infants – age 5 and a caregiver. Join us for connection, activities, sensory play, music and movement, and open play on the GPC Hill! Email cyf@goletapres.org for more information.
- LOG #67: First Leadership Team Meeting meets on Sept. 24th at GPC.

GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

PRELUDE Variations on an American Hymn” Gordon Young

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *From Psalm 119:33-40* Elder Chris Grant

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

People: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

People: Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain.

Leader: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; be gracious to me according to your word.

People: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

Leader: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

People: See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #430 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Elder Chris Grant

Almighty God, in song we proclaim your glory, your power, and your love. In our prayers, we lay before you our hopes and needs. We know you are sovereign over all things, including being Lord over us. We confess your sovereignty frustrates us because we want to find security in things we can

*please rise in body or spirit

control. Lord, forgive us for not trusting you fully, empowering and equipping us to be the people you have called us to be.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE *1 Timothy 1:15, 1 Peter 2:24*

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

People: The good news of the gospel is this: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Sanctus" Franz Schubert

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

HYMN OF PREPARATION #370 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 14:1-7

¹ The same thing occurred in Iconium, where Paul and Barnabas went into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks became believers. ² But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who testified to the word of his grace by granting signs and wonders to

be done through them. ⁴ But the residents of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, and some with the apostles. ⁵ And when an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, ⁶ the apostles learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country; ⁷ and there they continued proclaiming the good news.

MESSAGE "No Absence of Opinion" Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #322 "Spirit of the Living God"

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD Meditation on "Beach Spring" Gilbert Martin

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Elder Chris Grant

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

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

***CLOSING HYMN #467** "How Great Thou Art"

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Jim Pazan

Postlude Voluntary on "Ellacombe" Jason D. Payne

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