

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.
- Ministry Team Sunday: Our Elders and GPC staff will be on the patio following worship to provide information regarding each of our ministry teams. You are invited to learn about new ways to be engaged at GPC!
- Christmas Bags for children at LEAP (formerly IVYP): If you have not already sponsored, you are invited to sponsor bags! Today is the final Sunday to sponsor a bag. We need 35 more sponsorships. Youth will collect sponsorships during fellowship.
- Poinsettias which will decorate the sanctuary during Advent will be available for dedication. A sign up table will be on the Patio November 19th following worship. Please contact Jeannie Cavender for more information
- Today's flowers were donated by Marilyn Metzner in honor of her grand daughter, Sarah Marie Maxwell, who passed away recently.
- Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Jim. Tuesday at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in Jim's office. All are welcome to come.
- Pledge Sunday, November 26th
- Christmas Eve Worship Services:
 - 9:30 a.m., Traditional Worship Service, including special music and children's programming
 - 5:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols
- Haven – Bible Stories Reimagined: Youth Bible Study, Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the Youth Room. Starting November 26th during off season LOG.

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GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

PRELUDE “Partita on “Now Thank We All Our God” Kenneth T. Kosche

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jim Pazan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *From Psalm 90*

Elder Janet Votaw

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: You turn us back to dust and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

People: For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.

Leader: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

People: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Leader: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #260** “A Mighty Fortress”

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

body or spirit

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His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

Verse 3

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

Verse 4

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Janet Votaw

Almighty God, how awesome are the ways in which you have revealed yourself to us. Your creation, your Word in Scripture, and your Spirit all testify to your ongoing work in our midst. Even so, we confess that we see many things but do not observe them, our ears are open and yet we

do not hear. Have mercy on us, Lord. Open our eyes, restore our hearing, that we might proclaim your grace and salvation as ambassadors for Christ in this community.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Hear these words from Scripture: if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" When we repent of our sins and trust in God's mercy through his son, we are assured of the good news of the gospel that together we proclaim:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia, Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Give Me a Grateful Heart" Joseph R. Martin

Give me a grateful heart that moves in humble praise.

Lord, give a heart that beats your goodness and your grace.

Lord, let me show your love and faithfulness each day.

Give me a grateful heart, give me a grateful heart,

Give me a grateful heart, O God.

In the time of storm, in the shadows of the night,

There flows a perfect peace sent from your throne above.

When the morning breaks, when your blessings I can see,

In a never ending stream, more than I could ever dream,

I find the fullness of your love. Yet I ask for one thing more,

Give me a grateful heart, O Lord, give me a grateful heart.

Give me a grateful heart that moves in humble praise.

Lord, give a heart that beats your goodness and your grace.

Lord, let me show your love and faithfulness each day.

Give me a grateful heart, give me a grateful heart,

Give me a grateful heart, O God.

Give me a grateful heart, O God

PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

HYMN OF PREPARATION #361 "How Firm a Foundation"

Verse 1

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!

What more can be said than to you God hath said,

To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Verse 2

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,

For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,

Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

Verse 3

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,

The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;

For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,

And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

Verse 4

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,

My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;

The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Verse 5

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, help us now to hear your Word, and give us grace to respond in faithful obedience, that our lives might be signs of the new life given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:18-30

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.' " ²¹ He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²³ But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of

God.”²⁶ Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ He replied, “What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.”²⁸ Then Peter said, “Look, we have left our homes and followed you.”²⁹ And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,³⁰ who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”

MESSAGE

“Very Much More”

Rev. Jim Pazan

HYMN OF RESPONSE #388 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Verse 1

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide.

Verse 2

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin.

Verse 3

O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self will;
O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

Verse 4

O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee

That where Thou art in glory There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD“Let All Things Now Living”Karen Langlois

DOXOLOGYPraise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYERElder Janet Votaw

*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 SONG** “The Blessing”

Verse

The Lord bless you And keep you

Make his face shine upon you And be gracious to you

The Lord turn his Face toward you And give you peace

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,

Verse

The Lord bless you And keep you

Make his face shine upon you And be gracious to you

The Lord turn his Face toward you And give you peace

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,

May his favor, Be upon you And a thousand generations

And your family, And your children, And their children, And their children

May his favor, Be upon you And a thousand generations

And your family, And your children, And their children, And their children

May his presence

Go before you, And behind you

And beside you, All around you

And within you, He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, In the evening

In your coming, And your going

In your weeping, And rejoicing

He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you

Verse

The Lord bless you And keep you

Make his face shine upon you

And be gracious to you The Lord turn his

Face toward you And give you peace

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Paul Manz

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