

## Announcements

- Children and youth are invited to Faith Formation class following the Passing of the Peace. We have a hugging room at the back of the sanctuary for parents with young children to use as desired.
- Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Jim and friends! Meets Tuesdays in the Pastor's study at 10:00 a.m.
- Join our hybrid Bible Study on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Jim if you would like to receive a Zoom link to join virtually.
- Advent poinsettias will be available for dedication during November on the patio following worship or by signing up in the church office.
- Toddler Time, resumes December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. 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](mailto:cyf@goletapres.org) for more information.
- Christmas Gift Bags: This year GPC will provide 105 gift bags to infants and children at the LEAP preschool. Each bag is \$25. Today is the final Sunday to sponsor a bag. A sponsorship table will be in the courtyard.
- 2025 Pledges: Pledge cards are available in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to share of your time, talents and resources with GPC in 2025.

## GOLETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

### PRELUDE

“Let All Things Now Living”

Lloyd Larson

“Give Thanks / Now Thank We All Our God”

Joel Raney

### WELCOME

Rev. Jim Pazan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *From Psalm 93*

Elder Chris Grant

Leader: The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;

**People: the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;**

Leader: indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

**People: Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.**

Leader: The seas have lifted up, Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**People: Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea— the Lord on high is mighty.**

Leader: Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;

**People: holiness adorns your house for endless days.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #155** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

### Verse 1

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

### Verse 2

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!

\*please rise in body or spirit

He is our guide and friend; To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!

### **Verse 3**

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

### **CALL TO CONFESSION 2 Peter 3:8-9**

Elder Chris Grant

Scripture Proclaims: "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." Let us confess our sins before God and in faith receive cleansing.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Leader: When we turn from our sin and trust in the mercy of God through Jesus Christ, 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**

"With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
And let it be heard, Alleluia.*

*Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.*

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands.  
O sing praises to the honor of his name.  
Make his praise to be glorious.*

*With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
And let it be heard, Alleluia.*

### **PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

### **\*SONG OF PREPARATION "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"**

#### **Verse 1**

You call me out upon the waters The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery In oceans deep my faith will stand

#### **Chorus**

And I will call upon Your Name,  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

#### **Verse 2**

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide

\*please rise in body or spirit

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

**Chorus**

**Bridge**

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior

**Chorus**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE READING - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the

sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

**MESSAGE**

"Investing in Faith"

Rev. Jim Pazan

**HYMN OF RESPONSE #552 "Give Thanks, O Christian People"**

**Verse 1**

Give thanks, O Christian people, For workers of our day  
Who heed the call to service And make it their life's way  
To go to feed the hungry, To tend to those in need,  
To work for equal justice, Till all God's folk are freed.

**Verse 2**

Give thanks, O Christian people, For leaders of our years  
Who live to share with others Our joy when Christ appears,  
To teach the ones who seek light, To guide the faltering feet,  
To lead the follower forward Our living Lord to meet.

**Verse 3**

\*please rise in body or spirit

Give thanks, O Christian people, For all who love the Lord,  
Who live each day believing In God's eternal Word:  
To share Christ's love in living, To witness with each deed,  
To use the talents given To plant the gospel seed.

**Verse 4**

Give thanks, O Christian people, For life in fellowship  
With all who trust our Savior Their serving to equip  
To ease another's burdens, To cope in joy and stress,  
To magnify God's message And Christ's great love confess.

**OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD** "We Gather Together" Kenon Renfrow

**\*DOXOLOGY** *Praise 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 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 #155** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

**Verse 1**

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**Verse 2**

God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**Verse 3**

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come  
To glorify the saints For their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jim Pazan

**POSTLUDE**

"We Gather Together"

John Carter