

Grace Christian Church (PCA)

13515 Dulles Technology Dr., Suite 2, Herndon, VA 20171

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1/29/2012 **Order for Worship on the Lord's Day** 11:00 AM

Preparation

Steve Rogers

PRAISE

WE EXALT THE TRIUNE GOD—FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT—MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalms 9 and 124

Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

All: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds. We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Song of Approach

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Prayer of Adoration

Steve Rogers

Songs of Praise

Salvation is Here
Desert Song
Lead Me To The Cross

RENEWAL

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR NEED FOR GRACE AS SINNERS BEFORE OUR HOLY GOD

Call to Renewal

Matthew 6:19-24

Corporate Prayer of Confession (Printed in your bulletin insert)

Silent Confession of Sin

Word of Comfort

Jeremiah 31:34b (NIV)

Because of Jesus Christ: "...I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Serving Us This Morning

Pianist: Danny Wang

Ushers: Ken Thornton & Brian Mann

Nursery: Jennie Xie & Elaine Li

Next Week: February 05

Pianist: Danny Wang

Ushers: Debbie Pan & Grace Hwang

Nursery: Jennie Xie & Elaine Li

There is nursery care (infants through age 4) available during this morning's service.

COMMITMENT

WE RESPOND WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S REDEEMING GRACE IN JESUS CHRIST

Song of Commitment

I Can Only Imagine

Scripture Reading/Prayer for Illumination/Sermon

Esther 2:19-3:15

Exposition of God's Word

"Mordecai: The Ironic Last Stand"

Rev. Rickett

(The Hidden King Delivers: The Sovereign God Guides Ordinary Believers Living Between Two Kingdoms)

Song of Thanksgiving

Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give. Please let us know you've joined us today, as well as any comments or prayer requests, by placing your yellow insert in the offering basket.

Doxology

Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,
²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

Grace Church exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, and to foster the thoughtful and passionate worship of God for the joy and transformation of individuals, families, neighborhoods and institutions throughout suburban Washington, DC and, from here, the world.

Grace Christian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Our Life Together

We aspire to be a vital, biblically faithful worshipping community gathered from diverse cultural backgrounds and united in our common need of God's grace, our common witness to His transforming power in our lives, and our common commitment to glorifying and enjoying Him in our life together.

Announcements

1. **Welcome to Grace Church!** We're glad you are here! We have a yellow insert for visitors and prayer request, you are welcome to fill in if you are interest. Join us for lunch after the service.
2. **Communion Next Sunday.** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper next Sunday, February 05. The Communion Sunday is also our Food Offering day for the Food Pantry. Please bring your food donation next Sunday if you want to participate.
3. **Loving Muslims:** Beginning, Sunday, Feb. 5, EM will combine Adult, High and Middle School Sunday School for a 6 week series called Bridges. "Christians have responded to Muslims in many ways, but all too often, without the compassion that characterized Jesus. Bridges seeks to replace fear and intimidation with love and gentle boldness, reshaping the way Christians view and respond to their Muslim neighbors." All are welcome!
4. **February Lunch Service.** The English Congregation is scheduled to serve lunch in February. Please contact LiFang (lifang.yang@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer for this service opportunity. We will devise a rotation of servers.
5. Town Hall Meeting to continue our discussion on the EM at 1 PM.

English Congregation Regular Schedule

Adult Christian Education		Sundays, 9:30 am	
Adult	A Look at the Main Themes of the Bible	led by Pastor Rickett	Rm 8
Sr. High	The God Who is Here	led by Ken Thornton	Rm 9
Men in Grace (MIG)	Men lunch and fellowship	Wednesdays, 12:30PM,	Rrm. 1
Small Group Bible Studies			
Thursday	small group at Rickett. Gospel-Centered Life.		Study at 7 pm
Youth Fellowship	(grades 6-8) (grades 9-12) Leaders: Steve Rogers and Grace Hwang	Fridays 8:00 pm, "Studio 3:16" Fridays 8:00 pm @ GCC	

Offering

1/22	CM	\$6669.00	Food Pantry Cash	0	*Special- \$145 for Pastor Yeo's mission, \$40 for Alvin's mission
	EM	\$931.04	Lunch	\$207	
	Children's	0.75	Total offering:	\$ 7992.79*	Weekly required for budget: \$12,179

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Zhiyong Wang	Senior Pastor	(703) 437-8430
Rev. Jeffrey Rickett	Associate Pastor (English)	(443) 995-4960
Steve Rogers	Youth Minister	(571) 276-9298



Presbyterian Church in America

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Public Worship
On the
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Sunday, 29 January 2012

11:00 am

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Sermon Notes
Esther Series
The Hidden King Delivers:
The Sovereign God Guides Ordinary Believers
Living between Two Kingdoms
Esther 2:19-3:15
Mordecai: The Ironic Last Stand
January 29, 2012

Today's passage focuses specifically on Mordecai. He is a man of contradictions, a man figuring out how to live in a pagan world, a man who has lived in exile so long that it seems he has went all in and completely assimilated in the culture without showing his true identity as a follower of God.

Much like Mordecai, who is flawed but a follower of God, we are making decisions and responding to what life brings us in a world that often challenges us to compromise, assimilate or despair.

As we look at the actions of Mordecai, I want to divide it in three parts:

- Mordecai Saves the King

Yet, the king's forgetfulness in rewarding Mordecai does come into play until the future. God works behind the scenes and his timing brings about what is needed to save His people. God accomplishes his plan!

- Mordecai Disobeys the King

If I think about it too much, I wonder what would have happened if he bowed: he or the Jews may not have faced the possibility of distinction. But he doesn't, so a better way to look at it: **God uses sometimes our mixed motives to accomplish his plan.**

- The True King at Work

Because Jesus arose never to die again, we are safe in Christ even when Satan and his cohorts threaten to devour us. (1) God intends to save and protect his people in Christ; (2) There is no power, no enemy that can thwart God's electing purpose; (3) If you belong to Jesus by faith in his saving work on the cross, our lot is secure no matter what we face in this life.