

## Grace Christian Church (PCA)

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

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2/05/2012 **Order for Worship on the Lord's Day** 11:00 AM

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### Preparation

Steve Rogers

#### PRAISE

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

### Call to Worship

Psalm 27 (NIV)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek, that I may dwell  
in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

All: To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Leader: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

All: Your face, Lord, I will seek.

### Song of Approach

*Praise Him Praise Him*

### Prayer of Adoration

Steve Rogers

### Songs of Praise

*Glory  
When I Think About the Lord  
With All I Am*

#### RENEWAL

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

### Call to Renewal

Matthew 6:25-34

### Corporate Prayer of Confession (Printed in your bulletin insert)

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Word of Comfort

Proverbs 18:10 (NIV)

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

### Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

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#### Serving Us This Morning

Pianist: Danny Wang Ushers: Ken Debbie Pan & Grace Hwang Nursery: Jennie Xie & Elaine Li

#### Next Week: February 05

Pianist: Danny Wang Ushers: Debbie Pan & Grace Hwang Nursery: Huey Tsao & May Edwards

*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

*Jesus Lover Of My Soul*

### Scripture Reading/Prayer for Illumination/Sermon

Esther 4:1-17

**Exposition of God's Word "Esther: One Defining Moment"** Rev. Rickett  
(The Hidden King Delivers: The Sovereign God Guides Ordinary Believers Living  
Between Two Kingdoms)

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### 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

Hebrews 13:20-21

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

<sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory 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

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*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. **Combined Sunday School Class** - Youth and Adult Sunday School Class will combine for a 6 week series called Bridges: Learning Ways to Love Muslims with the gospel. Class starts at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.
3. **Super Bowl Party at the Rickett's** - All are invited to our home for a Super Bowl party. The game starts at 6:30 pm but you are welcome to come earlier at 5:30 for a time of snacks and fellowship. Please bring a food item to share. Let me know if you can make it.
4. **February Lunch Service.** The English Congregation is scheduled to serve lunch in February 19 and February 26. Please contact LiFang (lifang.yang@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer for this service opportunity. We will devise a rotation of servers.

### **English Congregation Regular Schedule**

**Adult Christian Education** Sundays, 9:30 am  
 Adult & Sr. High      Bridges-Christians Connecting with Muslims  
led by Pastor Rickett @ Fellowship hall

**Men in Grace (MIG)**      Men lunch and fellowship      Wednesdays, 12:30PM, Rm. 1

**Small Group Bible Studies**  
**Thursday** small group at Rickett.      Gospel-Centered Life.      Study at 7 pm

**Youth Fellowship (grades 6-8)**      Fridays 8:00 pm, "Studio 3:16"  
**(grades 9-12)**      Fridays 8:00 pm @ GCC  
 Leaders: Steve Rogers and Grace Hwang

### **Offering**

1/29	CM	\$10556.00	Food Pantry Cash	6	*Special- \$145 for Pastor Yeo's mission
	EM	\$2154.02	Lunch	\$310	
	Children's	3.56	Total offering:	\$ 13174.58*	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



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## Sermon Notes

The Hidden King Delivers: The Sovereign God Guides Ordinary Believers Living between  
Two Kingdoms  
Esther 4:1-17

Esther: One Defining Moment  
February 5, 2012

All of us at times are faced with defining moments in our lives. Will we show forth our Christian identity or will we not? Will we love and live like Jesus or will we live like every other person in our community? Will Jesus influence us or will the ways of the world influence us as we face our defining moments?

Esther is faced with a defining moment when confronted with the upcoming destruction of her people. What will she do? Will her identity as Jew, as part of God's covenant community, make any difference in what she does or will her many years of living like a Persian hiding her true identity ultimately influence her?

So as we look at Esther this week much like how we looked at Mordecai last week, let's break down her story in this way:

- Esther faces a defining moment (vv.1-9).

We all face defining moments in our lives, and much like Esther, we must consider many things as we face them. In vv. 10-17, we see Esther contemplating her defining moment.

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Esther, part of the covenant community of God but also deeply flawed and struggled to live faithfully before her God, faced a defining moment in her life and by God's grace decided to mediate for God's people. Esther reminds us of our true Mediator, Jesus Christ!

- Esther's defining moment points us to Jesus Christ.

***Who will come to bring relief and deliverance for us?*** “The answer is Jesus Christ. The true mediator between God and man, in the fullness of time he took flesh and appeared in this world. Far from being comfortably isolated from his community, as Esther was, Jesus identified with us fully. He took the form of a servant and lived as one of us in this fallen and sin-sick world. Then, after he had completed his life of perfect obedience, he went in before the Father, knowing that he was not just risking his life but laying it down. For him, ‘If I perish, I perish’ meant not just the potential probability of death, but the absolute certainty of the cross...it was the full torment of hell...Through his death, we have received life.” (Iain Duguid)