

Grace Baptist Church
Lord's Day Worship Service
November 23, 2008 – 10:30 a.m.



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The symbol on the front of the worship folder is the *Triquetra* ["three-cornered"], an early Christian symbol of the Trinity. Three equal arcs express eternity in their continuous form and indivisibility in their interweaving. In its center is a triangle, an ancient Trinitarian symbol. Encircling the Triquetra are the five solas ["alones"] of the 16th century Protestant Reformation. These slogans came to summarize the exclusive truth claims of the Christian gospel: Christians are saved by grace alone / through faith alone / in Christ alone / in the Word of God alone / to the glory of God alone.

After the morning service on December 7, we'll share a fellowship meal together, which will be followed by a brief presentation from Jeremy Berrus on his recently completed short-term missions trip to Papua New Guinea.

If you would like to participate in a volunteer choir for our upcoming Christmas Eve service, please contact Pastor Harris.

GBC Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday, November 23 John 13:12-17; Jude 1-7
Monday, November 24 John 13:18-30; Jude 8-16
Tuesday, November 25 John 13:31-38; Jude 17-25
November 26 through November 30 are days to catch up or study other Scripture passages.

On Wednesday night, November 26, we'll sing, briefly study, and read Psalm 12. What type of Psalm do you think it is? A. Royal Psalm B. Lament C. Wisdom Psalm D. Historical Psalm

Opening Welcome Pastor Ben Rust

Call to Worship Psalm 100

Our call to worship is from the Geneva Bible [1599], the Bible the Pilgrims brought from England to the New World. The Geneva Bible study note on verse 4 reads, “The Psalmist showeth that God will not be worshipped, but by that means which he hath appointed.” This underscores our philosophy of corporate worship at Grace Baptist Church that Scripture, not human tradition or culture or the preferences of worshippers, should regulate the corporate worship of our Triune God. The only way to free ourselves from human doctrines and commandments in corporate worship is to direct our corporate worship according to the Word of God alone [Sola Scriptura].

1Sing ye loud unto the Lord, all the earth. **2**Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyfulness. **3**Know ye even that the Lord is God; he hath made us and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. **4**Enter into his gates with praise, and into his courts with rejoicing: praise him and bless his Name. **5**For the Lord is good: his mercy is everlasting, and his truth is from generation to generation.

“Psalm 100” Hymn No. 1
William Kethe [1561] OLD HUNDREDTH

“William Kethe [?-1594] was a Scotch clergyman who spent a great deal of time in exile for his faith. He lived in both Frankfurt, Germany, and Geneva, Switzerland, and helped translate the *Geneva Bible*

in 1560 [the second edition that we read from in our call to worship today was published in 1599]. Two dozen of his hymns appeared in the *Anglo-Genevan Psalter* of 1561. He returned to England and served as vicar at Childe Okeford, Dorsetshire [1561-1593], and as a military chaplain under the Earl of Warwick at Havre.” *Cyberhymnal*

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come” . . Hymn No. 715
Henry Alford [1810-1871] George J. Elvey [1859]

Public Reading of the Scripture Acts 20
Pastor David Harris

Public Pastoral Prayer

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” Hymn No. 716
John Monsell [1811-1875] Johann Steurlein [1575]

Offering

Public Preaching Pastor Ben Rust
Hebrews 2:1-4

Notes on Paul’s Third Missionary Journey
circa “around” A.D. 52-57 Acts 18:22-21:17

“Paul’s third missionary journey traversed much the same ground as his second. Passing through Galatia and Phrygia, he proceeded directly to the great port of Ephesus. After at least two years of preaching and teaching there, Paul traveled again through Macedonia and Achaia, and then finished with a visit to Jerusalem.” ESV Study Bible [2008]