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The Lord's Day Worship
January 1, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP

Apostolic Greeting

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

*Opening Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #311

*Prayer of Invocation

Word of God Exodus 20:1-17 p. 65; Deuteronomy 10:12-13 p. 165

Pastoral Prayer

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q 11. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

*Hymn "In You, Lord, I Take Refuge" vv. 5-8 #71

Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #567

Word of God Luke 2:21-40 p. 873

Preaching of God's Word

"Looking for the Consolation"

*Hymn of Response "Song of Simeon" #295

Lord's Supper

Deacon's Offering "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" #417

*Word of Blessing

*Please stand if able

EVENING WORSHIP

Apostolic Greeting

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

*Opening Hymn "Another Year Is Dawning!" #555

*Prayer of Invocation

Word of God Psalm 27:1-14 p. 475

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn "Jehovah Is My Light" vv. 1-3 #27B

Tithes and Offerings

Word of God Luke 2:41-52 p. 873

Preaching of God's Word

"Where I Need to Be"

*Hymn of Response

"Abide with Me" #159

*Word of Blessing

*Please stand if able

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 pm Evening Worship

Morning and Evening Worship Services are live streamed at:

www.graceopcfairlawn.org

Nursery Today:

Nursery next week:

Ushers Today:

Ushers next week:

Media Broadcast Today:

Media Broadcast next week:

Maria Ribeiro

Liz Planer

Georgi Kanev and Glenn Crothers

John Hemrick and John Brydon

Tyler Teschon

Georgi Kanev

WELCOME TO GRACE OPC! On behalf of the session of Grace OPC, I want to extend our warmest greetings to you. It is my hope and prayer that as we gather together this Lord's Day to worship our Triune God and Redeemer, you will be encouraged to cast your cares upon the Lord and to draw near to God by faith in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are new here in Fair Lawn, please join us for fellowship following the benediction, and be sure to sign our guestbook. We look forward to personally speaking with you, and if there are any prayer concerns on your heart, don't hesitate to bring them to our attention.

Pastor John Keegan

This morning from Luke 2:21-40, we will see in the life of devotion of Simeon and Anna, examples for us in this new year of hearts that were singularly set on the promises of God of salvation and security in the gospel of the Messiah.

This evening in Luke 2:41-52, we will learn, from the one account we have of the youth of Jesus, that of utmost importance for us as His church gathered and then sent into the week – and into the new year, is to be about the Father's will for us.

Annual Reports Due January 13, 2023

Annual Reports are due Friday, January 13, 2023 in order to give Nancy Hemrick ample time to compile the reports in time for distribution by Sunday, January 22.

The Lord's Supper

All who may participate in the Lord's Supper are those who have publicly confessed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who continue steadfastly in that faith, who are members of good standing in a particular disciplined and Bible believing manifestation of His Church, and who, in accordance with the Scriptures, have duly examined their hearts before the Lord. If you are a visitor unknown to us and wish to participate in the Lord's Supper we ask you, if it is possible, to make yourself known to a member of Session before the beginning of worship. The ushers will happily assist you in so doing.

Elder Candidates have been recognized

The Session of Grace OPC have determined from the early fall season of prayer, teaching and reception of nominations from the members of Grace OPC, that **Mr. Tyler Teschon and Mr. Kevin Vasquez** have been recognized as evidencing the marks of both an internal call and external call to the ordained office of ruling elder (1 Timothy 3;1-7). The Session is in the process of praying for and interacting with a couple of men whose names were received for the ordained office of deacon.

What's next? Tyler and Kevin have embarked on a comprehensive training course covering Biblical Shepherding, the theology of the Westminster Standards, and a workable

Calendar Events and Notes

knowledge of the OPC Book of Church Order (w/ Pastor John leading). What is our congregation's part in this process? This extended training period is a probationary / evaluation period for the candidates. We need to pray for the Holy Spirit's blessing and confirmation of the calling of Tyler and Kevin (Acts 20:28). We need to actively participate in the process, particularly, by attending the Adult Sunday School class where Tyler and Kevin (the latter starting in mid-January) are being given opportunities to teach through the Westminster Confession of Faith.

At the end of this training process, the Session will examine the candidates and determine from the examination and the period of probation / "testing", whether to certify the candidates and present them to membership of Grace OPC for an election. If then, the membership will then vote on whether to have these candidates serve as ordained ruling elders. If the candidate or candidates are elected, an ordination and installation service will be scheduled, Lord willing, in the new year. The Session welcomes your prayers, inputs and observations!

This Week:		
Monday, 01/02/2023, 7 PM	Session Meeting at the manse	The Elders will meet for their monthly Session meeting.
Tuesday, 01/03/23, 7:30 PM	Home groups: Dinaros in Montvale See Elder Leo Baratta	Prayer & Study in the book of Hebrews
Wednesday, 01/04/23, 7 PM	Home groups: Keegans in Fair Lawn See Pastor John	Prayer & Study in the book of Romans
Thursday, 01/05/23, 6:30 PM	Home groups: Macks in Wyckoff See Elder John Hemrick	Prayer & Study in the book of 1 John
Saturday, 01/07/2023 9:30 AM	Women's Prayer Breakfast Meeting At the Church RSVP to HaeSung Keegan	Light Breakfast w/tea and coffee and prayer for the lost and found

Next Week:		
Monday, 01/09/2023 7 PM	Trustee Meeting	The Elders and Trustees of Grace OPC will meet, via zoom
Tuesday, 01/10/23, 7:30 PM	Home groups: Dinaros in Montvale See Elder Leo Baratta	Prayer & Study in the book of Hebrews
Friday, 01/13/2023, 7 PM	Vos Group At the Manse (Keegans) See Pastor John for more info	Monthly fellowship involving interaction with and discussion of Volume One of Geerhardus Vos' <i>Reformed Dogmatics</i>