



# Grace Hill Church

*The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.*

And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. ~ Luke 9:1-2

And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ~ Luke 9:52

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." ~ Luke 9:57-62

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. ~ 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. ~ Colossians 4:6

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ~ 2 Timothy 4:2

**January 9, 2022**

## **Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song**

### **Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #52**

**Question:** What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

**Answer:** It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

## **Welcoming Each Other**

### **Giving Worship to God: Offering**

### **Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading    Luke 10:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>12</sup>I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

## **Understanding God's Word and Our Lives**

**Series:** *Jesus' Mission and Uniqueness Directs Our Calling: Luke 10*

**Sermon:** *Jesus' Commission to Us All*

### Outline

1. We Are Commissioned by Jesus to Go Ahead of Him to All the World, v.1
  - a. We Are Commissioned, v.1
  - b. To Go Ahead of Him, v.1
  - c. Even Now?
2. What Are We to Do?
  - a. First Pray, v.2
- 3.

## **Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin**

### **Public Prayer**

God, we often think mission is only for “the Twelve,” but Jesus, You are commissioning all of us. We can feel thrust out on our own, but You are sending us to go ahead of Yourself. Sometimes we are overwhelmed; sometimes we rush forth unreflectively. Help us to sit prayerfully with You, Jesus, in Your compassion and strength, to better know Your call upon us.

Father, we want to hear Jesus’ voice to understand His commission to us. We long that Jesus’ mission for us would be grounded not primarily in our own need of purpose, but in the goals and desires that You are unfolding in the world. Thank you that Christ came and gave Himself to fulfill Your eternal purpose. Help us to pray for the harvest as Jesus directed.

### **Private Reflection**

#### **The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ**

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. ~ Matthew 28:20

#### **Remembering Jesus with Bread and Cup: Lord’s Supper**

Jesus called those who find their life in His death and resurrection to receive the bread and cup as a tangible sign to remember and be strengthened by His Gospel. It is a spiritual meal for all who believe in Him. While Jesus spent time with everyone, he also shared the bread and cup only with those who followed him. Children who have not yet become *communing members* should not take the bread and cup but talk with our pastor or an elder about their personal faith.

We are currently celebrating the Lord’s Supper by remaining seated, with time to personally remember Jesus’ death and resurrection for us with the bread and cup. Whether you take the elements or not, we encourage you to use the time for personal reflection about your relationship with Jesus.

\*Juice is in the outer ring; wine is in the inner rings.

#### **Prayers for Those Not Taking the Bread and Cup (Prayer for Those Searching for Truth)**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reason for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and let me know the reality of your love and glory. Give me an understanding of you that is captivating, convincing—that leads to You Yourself and the life You promise. Amen.

### **Responding to the Lord with Worship**

#### **Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction (“the good word”)**

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, 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. ~ Hebrews 13:20–21

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#### **Announcements:**

- **Congregational Meeting TODAY** directly after the service, to elect Mike Musser as Elder. (If you’re at home, please attend the meeting via our “Core” Zoom link located on the website (Join Livestream / After Service Discussion CORE / Launch Meeting / Passcode is 989209)
- **Women’s Bible Study** resumes this Wednesday, January 12, continuing with “CASKET EMPTY—Old Testament.” New participants are welcome! Contact Cathy Durham or Mary Erickson for more information.
- **Winter 2022 Grace Hill Directory** is available on a table in the lobby (neon green cover).
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
  - Use your bank’s BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
  - Send a physical check
  - Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
    - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word “Give” to 919 296 1330.



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