

Worship

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[Money] can build a house, not a home; it can put food on a table, but not fellowship around it; it can give a woman fur and jewelry, but not the love she really wants. Wisdom however gives both material well-being and spiritual life. Waltke.

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. 1 Tim 6.9,10.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. 1 Tim 6.17,18.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. 2 Cor 8.9.

Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: Confession of Faith

Welcoming Each Other (Kids may go to Sunday School)

Giving Back to God: Offering

Please use the tear-off on the back so we can let you know about up coming events. Gifts to Grace Hill support the life and work of our community; our budget maintains for twenty percent of gifts to go to works of local and global mission.

Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading Proverbs and Ecclesiastes

13.7 One pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth.

18.10,11 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

11 A rich man's wealth is his strong city, and like a high wall in his imagination.

11.4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

Ecclesiastes 5.10-14 He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. 11 When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? 12 Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. 13 There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, 14 and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.

11:28 Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

21.17 Whoever loves pleasure will be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not be rich.

23.4-5 Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. 5 When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.

8:18–21 Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. 19 My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. 20 I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, 21 granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries.

13.11 Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it.

21:6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.

24:27 Prepare your work outside; get everything ready for yourself in the field, and after that build your house.

12:9 Better to be lowly and have a servant than to play the great man and lack bread.

3:9–10 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; 10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

11:24–26 One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. 25 Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. 26 The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.

30:8–9 8 Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, 9 lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

Understanding God's Word and Our Lives: Sermon

Useful Treasure

1. Money causes us to pretend.
2. Wisdom gives us great wealth.



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Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Reading

Father, forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Matthew 6.12,13)

Father, we forget that money has a power of its own. There is someplace in our lives where we are tempted to pretend about money or where we are deceived by its claims. But everything you give us, including financial resources, has the power to do good. Forgive us when we forget one or both of these. Help us not to be deceived but to see you and your reality clearly.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

Jesus is rich. There was a time when he had everything: all honor, all possessions, all security, all glory. But just as one gives up something of lesser value to get something greater, he left it all. He came and he was despised and rejected, he had only clothes on his back when he was arrested, stripped naked and hung on a cross, not as an example of glory but of scorn. Why did he come? What “something greater” did he get? Somehow, in some real but unboastable way, we were valuable to him—we were the “something greater.” In Jesus we are forgiven and loved and cherished and won. And one day we will cast our crowns at his feet in joyful worship but now we worship him and serve his purpose in this world with our lives and with all that he gives us.

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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.

On the first and third Sundays of the month, we come forward as families, groups and individuals to receive the bread and cup and for a prayer of blessing. The second, fourth and fifth Sundays, we remain 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 either come forward for prayer or use the time for personal reflection about your relationship with Jesus.

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

Responding with Song

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

“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.” 2 Thess. 2: 16, 17

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 open me to the reality of your identity. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am more wicked and sinful than I ever dared allow, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, to give me complete forgiveness and rightness with God. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, in joy I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.



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Grace Hill is a church that seeks to live by and communicate the grace and truth of Jesus Christ (see John 1.14-18). We are affiliated with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, a denomination with a rich history of Christ’s grace and truth. Our pastor is Ross Durham; he can be reached by email at ross@gracehillchurch.net or by cell phone at 919.593.2169. Our Worship Director is Michael Musser and our Children’s Ministry Co-Directors are Robyn Musser and Kaylyn Fernandez.

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