

Order of Worship
November Presbytery Assembly 2022

Pre-worship: Remote participants, please get your communion elements ready.

Congregational Hymn “Gather Us In” Joel Jackle-Hugh, guitar

Commissioning of Grace Church PC(USA)

The Call to Celebrate for Grace Church

The Presbytery of Great Rivers gathers here today in part, to celebrate a new beginning.

May God Bless and empower the ministry and worship of Grace Church, PCUSA.

Today we gather as a connected church to ask God’s blessing on the people of Grace Church who come together seeking a place within the Body of Christ.

Our hearts are filled with thankfulness that God is present when people of God gather in faith. We join together to sing God’s praise.

Prayer

Reverend Tim Snart

Litany of Commission for Grace Church PCUSA

The Session: Today we faithfully bring before God and the people who gather here in this place Bread. We bring the bread to proclaim that Grace Church PCUSA is now an important part of the Body of Christ.

We the people who gather at this commissioning witness with Joy in our hearts that Grace Church has stepped forward faithfully to proclaim its identity as a part of the Body of Christ.

The Session: Today we place on the table before the people the fruit of the vine. These grapes are a rich symbol of the precious blood of the lamb that was willingly shed for us all, echoing the promise of salvation to eternal life.

We the people witness with joy in our hearts that the Grace Church has stepped forward faithfully to proclaim that they have embraced the saving power of our savior’s willing sacrifice.

The Session: Today we place on the table this water as a symbol of each one our baptisms. By our baptisms we proclaim that as individual members of Grace Church, and as a congregation, that we have been sealed by the Holy Spirit’s blessing and marked as Christ’s own forever.

We rejoice and celebrate with Grace Church today. The water brought forward reminds us of the cleansing power of Jesus’ love that enables us all to stand blameless before our great God.

The Session: Today we bring forward the symbol of the Fish. In the early years of Christianity, when proclaiming your faith was dangerous, the symbol of a fish was used for groups and individuals to confess their allegiance to Jesus Christ. That is what we, Grace Church, are here to do today. We officially proclaim to the Presbytery of Great Rivers, and to the community of Rock Island, and to the world around us, and in God's presence, that Jesus Christ, our risen Lord will be our light and our salvation.

It is with joy in our hearts, and with praise to our Lord Jesus Christ that we recognize the Grace Church, PC(USA) and all of its members as a part of this Presbytery, and as friend in the Ministry in the Presbyterian Church USA.

Chuck Goodman: It is with Joy in my heart and praise on my lips, and God's presence in this place that I Commission the congregation of Grace Church, PCUSA to go out from this place as witness as the Lord has called you to witness; serve as the Lord has called you to serve; worship as the Lord has called you to worship, and love as the Lord has called you to love.

Prayer	Julio Garcia	
Special Music	Grace Ensemble, Charla Waite accompanist	
Scripture	Joshua 24:14-19	Katie Styr
Sermon	"Choices"	Katie Styr
Commissioning of Moderator and Moderator-Elect		John Rickard
Statement on the Ministry of the Church		
Constitutional Questions		
Prayer of Installation		
Declaration of Installation and Welcome		
Communion	Chuck Goodman & Katie Styr	

Invitation to Communion: Chuck Goodman

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Almighty God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion: Chuck

Offering Introduction	Schales Nagle, Kemmerer Village
Offertory	Video from Kemmerer Village

Prayer of Dedication

Schales Nagle

Dedication of RIP Medical Debt Campaign

Jessica Hawkinson

Remembering Our Saints

Deb Avery and Denise Maxwell

Benediction

Katie Styr