


**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024  
NEW TO GREAT VALLEY?**

We are delighted that you have joined us today! We would welcome the opportunity to contact you to connect personally and answer any questions. Be assured that the info you provide will be used only to make personal contact with you. Please consider completing a visitor card and placing it in the offering plate or scanning the code below to complete your card online.



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by enabling all people to become fully devoted  
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through the Holy Spirit, to fulfill our purpose by worship,  
Biblical teaching, service, fellowship, and active involvement  
in world evangelization.



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*Joining God on His Mission*

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Welcome and Announcements

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Offertory The Question

Prayers of the People Rev. Keith Fink

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**ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE**

It is a joy and a privilege to gather together to praise our God. May you sense His presence here today in worship and fellowship (Heb. 10:25).

**Families with Children** – We are glad to have you with us! Children are always welcome in the sanctuary. Activity bags, including a special bulletin for guiding worship are available in the Welcome Center to help children participate. Additionally, we offer childcare in the Nursery for infants and in the Preschool wing for toddlers and preschoolers.

**Public and Private Prayer** – The yellow cards in the pew racks are for praise or prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People. Fill one out and pass it to the center aisle for the prayer leader to collect during the opening song. If you prefer to pray with someone privately, a prayer leader will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service. Today’s prayer leader is Susan Keene.

**Sanctuary Flowers** – The flowers this morning are given by Deb Clark and Dan, Wendy and Donna Herbst in loving memory of their parents, Raymond and Anne Herbst.

**Deacons on Call** – In January our deacons Gwen McDonald and Kay Schaul are on call for assistance.

**Following the Service** – Please join us in the chapel after the service for Coffee Fellowship.

**Bearing One Another’s Burdens** (Gal. 6:2) – If you have or know of special needs, concerns, or illnesses among our church family, please call the church office at 610-644-1995.

**Offering** – We will be receiving an offering during this morning’s service. You can also give at [gvpres.org](http://gvpres.org) or by scanning this code with your smart device.



## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### Calendar of Events

### Week of January 28

Sun 28	6:00 pm	G3 Youth Group
Mon 29	2:30 pm	Worship Planning
	7:00 pm	Kitchen Committee Meeting
	7:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tue 30	6:00 am	Young Men's Life Group
	10:30 am	Women in Community
	12:30 pm	Men's Lunch Life Group
	7:30 pm	Book Club
Wed 31	9:00 am	ACEH Planning Meeting
Thu 1	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Moms in Prayer
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat 3	9:00 am	Saturday Morning Prayer
Sun 4	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Christian Education Hour for All Ages
	10:15 am	Worship with Communion

A variety of Life Groups meet for prayer, Bible study and fellowship. Please contact Paul Reader for more info.

### G3 Youth Group

### Tonight

G3 Youth Group (reflecting on the **Great Grace of God**) is an active, relational, and reflective group of Middle School and High School students. Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to the church on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm for a time of games, prayer, worship and Bible study. This winter/spring, we will get to know the Lord more through learning of His mighty power and faithfulness to rescue His people in the book of Exodus. With questions about youth ministry, please contact Brian Hilton at [bhilton@gvpres.org](mailto:bhilton@gvpres.org).

### Book Club Rescheduled

### January 30

The Book Club meeting that was snowed out earlier this month has been rescheduled. Please take advantage of the extra time to read *American Rambles* by Neil King, then discuss it with the club at 7:30 pm in the chapel on **Tuesday, January 30**. Questions? Contact Carol Jones: [carolannejones@gmail.com](mailto:carolannejones@gmail.com).

### Cookie Decorating Class

### February 10

Aimee Steel, a former G3 Youth Group participant, will teach a Valentine's Day cookie decorating class on **February 10 at 1:00 pm!** Tickets are available for purchase by scanning the QR code or clicking the link at [gvpres.org](http://gvpres.org). Contact Rhonda Schuck ([rhondaschuck@gmail.com](mailto:rhondaschuck@gmail.com)) with questions.



### College Student of the Week

This week's college student is **Erik Elken**, a sophomore at the University of South Carolina. Please pray that the Lord aids Erik in all that he does such that he may "do it all to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31)."

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### Heard from the Mission Field

David and Sunisha Henry, Heart Ministries, India - In a recent email, David and Sunisha sent us heartfelt wishes for a blessed Christmas and New Year! They expressed their thanks for hosting their son, Dennis and for providing opportunities for him to talk with church members as well as church youth.

David was able to give a sermon at his home church on the First Sunday in Advent, a special honor for him. On December 17th, the Henrys enjoyed a Christmas tree program with the children that live in the hostel they operate. They ask us to pray for protection for themselves, their staff and the children as the government has become more and more restrictive regarding evangelistic and Christian activities. With the Hindus in power, tolerance for other religions is at an all-time low. Preachers are being jailed and harassment with false allegations are becoming prevalent.

Their ministry continues despite the danger they face. Son Daniel and his wife Tashika are offering free medical and dental care at their new medical center in a small village called Jalalpur. In the Ganyari school started by the Henrys, 250 students are getting an education, 80 children are staying in the hostel, 40 girls are receiving scholarship for their education and 20 ladies are being trained in sewing and tailoring. David and Sunisha offer medical care, sharing the gospel with those who come to them for treatment.

David ends his email in this way, "We trust in our living God and are willing to face all the challenges in our lives. Thanks for your love, prayers and support." Thank you for praying for this dedicated couple, their children and those that serve with them, bringing honor to Jesus.

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### We're Hiring: Facility Manager/Cemetery Coordinator

Great Valley Presbyterian Church is seeking a full-time Facility Manager/Cemetery Coordinator. The position description is summarized below. Those who are interested in applying should respond by email to Larry Gould, ([larry.gould1956@gmail.com](mailto:larry.gould1956@gmail.com)) with a letter of interest and resume providing qualifying experience. We will respond to qualifying candidates with the full position description, summary of compensation package, and a request for an in-person interview.

The Facility Manager/Cemetery Coordinator position is summarized as follows:

1. Cleaning the Church and Pre-school areas.
2. Oversight of skilled sub-contractors for maintenance and repairs.
3. Oversight and maintenance of facilities systems and plant equipment.
4. Oversight of landscaping and snow removal sub-contractors.
5. Providing assistance and coordination in facilities use and event planning e.g. internal or external ministries, weddings, funerals, etc.
6. Oversight of cemetery operations to include:
  - a. Act as primary point-of-contact for families, funeral homes and memorial services companies.
  - b. Location and marking of lots.
  - c. Maintain documentation systems.
  - d. Inform cemetery clients of costs for services and provide billing for same.

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### 2023 Financial Update

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Great Valley ended 2023 strong through the Lord's provision and the faithful generosity of His people.

Our 2023 giving target was \$855,661 and actual contributions toward our goal totaled \$846,963 (99% of target).

In addition, there were \$78,835 in designated contributions, \$13,267 in Welcome to Worship campaign contributions and \$70,000 in previously reported transfers from Preschool operating surplus and the Cemetery.

*Responsive Reading from Psalm 139*

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue,  
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

Leader: Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

Leader: For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

**People: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.**

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!

**People: And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!**

## In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
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## Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy name  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee  
All on earth Thy scepter claim  
All in heav'n above adore Thee  
Infinite Thy vast domain  
Everlasting is Thy reign

Hark the glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising  
Cherubim and seraphim  
In unceasing chorus praising  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord  
Holy, holy, holy Lord

Lo! the apostolic train  
Joins Thy sacred name to hallow  
Prophets swell the glad refrain  
And the white-robed martyrs follow  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the church the song goes on

Holy Father, Holy Son  
Holy Spirit: Three we name Thee  
While in essence only One  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And adoring bend the knee  
While we sing our praise to Thee

Words Attr. Ignace Franz, 1774 ; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1853  
Based on Te Deum, c.4th century  
Music from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c. 1774

## Praise God from Whom All Blessings

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen

Words: *Doxology* by Thomas Ken, 1709  
Music: *Old Hundredth* from Genevan Psalter, 1551

## Exodus 18:17-23

<sup>17</sup> Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup> You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. <sup>19</sup> Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him.

<sup>20</sup> Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. <sup>21</sup> But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. <sup>22</sup> Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. <sup>23</sup> If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."