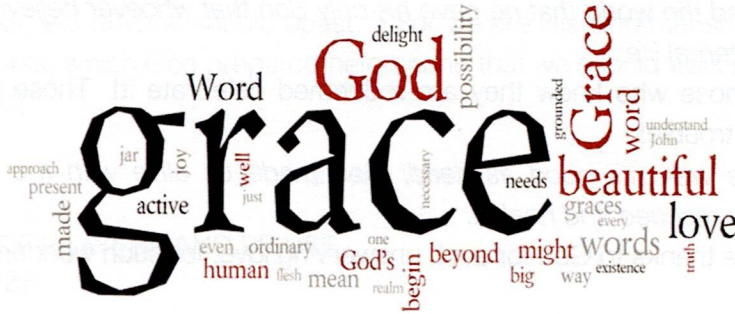




*“A Lighthouse Guiding
People to Christ”*



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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS
WELCOMING OF GUESTS
PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor
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CALL TO WORSHIP / CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Liturgist

(Inspired by John 3:14-21 and Ephesians 2:1-10)

Liturgist: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Congregation: Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it! Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!

Liturgist: Though we were as good as dead, God made us alive with the grace of Christ through whom we are rescued and healed.

Congregation: O give thanks to God for such unswerving love, for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace (Peaceful Easy Feeling)

screen

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Based on Ephesians 2

Liturgist

Liturgist: Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign of Christ:

Congregation: By his mighty power God raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and seated him at his right hand in heaven; far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the age to come. God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything everywhere and always. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

See screen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: (2 Chronicles 30:9 NKJV)

"For if you return to the LORD, your brethren and your children *will be treated* with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful and will not turn *His* face from you if you return to Him."

**Please stand as you are able*

CHILDREN'S SERMON
CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Pastor

Dear God, we thank You for our redemption through the love and crucifixion of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING (Ephesians 2:8 NKJV)

Liturgist

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

MISSION MOMENT

BAPTISM

Donna Jean Wheeler

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PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE
PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor
Pastor

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Amazing Grace (v. 1-6)

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SERMON ANTHEM

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Choir

SERMON

Pastor

Title: How Sweet the Sound

Theme: God's Amazing Grace

Main Idea: Explore and understand the profound truth of God's saving grace, as expressed in Ephesians, emphasizing that salvation is a gift from God, not earned by our works.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord, we thank for Your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in You. You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it we worship You and give our whole selves to You. Please now take it and use it for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

PASSING THE PLATE

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All

See Screen

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* See Screen

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Amazing Grace (House of the Rising Sun)* See Screen

*COMMISSION / BENEDICTION Pastor
Out of great love, God, who is rich in mercy, has made us alive together with Christ. Through Christ, God has shown us the immeasurable riches of grace. Let us go into the world to be open channels of that love and vessels overflowing with that grace. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love and Fellowship* See screen

POSTLUDE



Members

Marion Lollie and her husband, Sammie

Friends and Family

Dan Shaffer and Family (Tiffany Foote's brother-in-law)

Pam (Lance Harrison's mother-in-law)

Family of Karen Galloway (friend of Renee Grubb)

Gary Adams (friend of Chaires Church)

Brenda Gibbs (friend of Gerry Nielsen)

Stevie Hubbard (son of Edie Hubbard)

Terry Tabb (friend of Russ and Amy Clark)

Kay (friend of Pastor Kerry)

Adoption process for Russ and Amy Clark

Johnny Holmes & Dennis Howell (friends of Matthew)

Mary Taylor, former member

DeMarrio Bryant, TPD officer who was killed in an accident.