

Evident Grace Fellowship



March 22, 2015

Welcome

We want to especially welcome you if you are visiting Evident Grace this morning. We are very grateful that you decided to worship with us. Evident Grace exist because the grace of God made evident in our lives enables us to make the grace of God evident to the world. We hope to do that through community, worship, and service.

- **Community** – Community is essential to what we hope to do at Evident Grace. We seek to grow that community in several practical ways. Our community grows in teaching, which happens in worship, our homes (EG Groups), in our men’s studies (Bushiban), and our women’s studies (Kafasoto). We also hope that our community grows in the practical gatherings of our folks each week as they meet in homes, workplaces, and in the gathering places of our city. You’ll find Evident Grace an incredibly friendly community, and we seek to spend time together and to constantly open our lives to new folks who walk in the door.
- **Worship** – There is no higher or more important thing that we do at Evident Grace than worship. We focus our preaching on books of the Bible, beginning at verse 1 and moving towards the end. If we do tackle a topic, we do it in the context of scripture. Our music is intended to reflect the generations present while honoring the generations prior. We also place a high value on Baptism and the Lord’s Supper hoping and trying to enjoy those graces of God as much as possible.
- **Service** – Our service to one another and our service to the community around us reflects our value of community and worship. What better way to demonstrate our love of community than by serving those in and outside of our community? We hope to serve our area to such an extent that if we ever closed our doors, our neighbors would ask, “What are we going to do now?” Our (eg)Groups engage in service in our community as well as church wide service opportunities.

A few ways to get involved,

- **Kafasoto** - The women of EG get together the last Friday evening of each month in the home of one of the ladies in the church. Check out the calendar of events for specific location.
- **Bushiban** - The men of EG gather on the last Saturday morning of each month in the conference room at Evident Grace.
- **(eg)Groups** – we have four groups that meet for community, study, and support. They meet throughout the area that would love for you to be part of and join. Location and contact information is located on the last page of the bulletin.
- We also have several teams (nursery, setup, and audio/video) that would love your involvement. You can find their contact information on the last page of the bulletin

Check us out at www.evidentgrace.com and on Facebook to find out more about the church & to stay up-to-date on information about the church.

“Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.”

(Psalm 73:25-28)

Call to Worship

A time to ask God to quiet our hearts from the many things that distract us and to rouse our hearts to worship as His church gathers.)

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes **(Chorus)**

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **(Chorus)**

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore **(Chorus)**

Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name

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Lord For Your Glory

David Hampton, Grant Cunningham, Matt Huesmann

Lord, for your glory - We sing your praises. We magnify Your holy name.

All for Your glory, Lord, we bring blessing. We seek to honor You - All of our days
We lift our hands, We lift our praise to You. We worship all You are In spirit and truth.
We give our hearts, We live our lives to You. We offer all we are - For the glory of You.

Almighty Father, We are Your children. You have been faithful to - Your own.

Lord, for Your glory, We have been chosen. We lay down all we have Here at your throne!
And we lift our hands, We lift our praise to You. We worship all You are In spirit and truth.

We give our hearts, We live our lives to You.

We offer all we are, We offer all we have, We offer all our lives For the glory of You.

Lord, for Your glo-ry.

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Time of Repentance

*A time to ask God to
examine our hearts and
show us our sin, so that we
can confess and experience
forgiveness.*

“How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken. But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.”

(Psalm 13:1-6)

Assurance of Pardon

*A time to hear the
promises of God that
affirm in our hearts that we
are forgiven*

“Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

(John 14:6)

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Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him

Ora Rowan, Kevin Twit, Joel Littlepage

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?
Is not thine a captured heart?
Chief among ten thousand own Him,
Joyful choose the better part.

Chorus: Captivated by His beauty, Worthy tribute haste to bring.
Let His peerless worth constrain thee, Crown Him now unrivaled King.

What can strip the seeming beauty,
From the idols of the earth?
Not a sense of right or duty,
But the sight of peerless worth. **(Chorus)**

'Tis that look that melted Peter,
'Tis that face that Stephen saw,
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,
Can alone from idols draw. **(Chorus)**

Crown Him now unrivaled king.

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Psalm 73

Kevin Twit and Mac Purdy

Surely God is good to all the pure in heart
But as for me, my feet had almost slipped
I nearly lost my grip
For I envied, the arrogant
They are free, from my burdens

Surely I, in vain, have kept my, my heart pure
And surely they are strong and free from trials
While I am so confused
Then I entered Your holy place
Then I saw their destiny

Surely, they're cast down as those on slippery ground
As dreams fade when we wake, so they become
Completely swept away
In my heart I was arrogant
Like a beast before You

Yet always You are near You guide me by Your Word
And always, my Lord God, You are my strength
My portion You will be
You're my refuge, my Sovereign Lord
I will sing of Your awesome deeds

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Jesus I Come

William True Sleeper, Greg Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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Prayer for and Giving to the Kingdom of God

A time to ask God to guide and bless the work of EGF and His church worldwide. Our giving to that work is an act of worship and a way in which we partner with God in what He is doing.

Big Idea: Zeal

John 3:1-15: 1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Questions:

- How does Nicodemus think of Jesus?
- What truth does Jesus declare in verse 3?
- How can "born of water and spirit" best be explained?
- How does Jesus explain that God is control of this new birth?
- How does Jesus explain that He is the one to help people understand the new birth?
- How was Jesus the one who was lifted up?

Notes:

Did Christ Over Sinners Weep

Henry Lyte, Blake Mundell

Did Christ over sinners weep,
And shall our cheeks be dry?
Let floods of penitential grief,
Burst forth from every eye

Chorus: Behold the Son of God in tears,
The angels wondering see
Hast thou no wonder, O my soul?
He shed those tears for thee!

He wept that we might weep,
Might weep over sin and shame
He wept to show His love for us,
And bid us love the same **(Chorus)**

Then tender be our hearts,
Our eyes in sorrow dim
Til every tear from every eye,
Be wiped away by Him **(Chorus 2X)**

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“The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.”

(1 Corinthians 11:23-29)

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

(1Thessalonians 5:23)

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

A meal given by Jesus to His church to strengthen us in our faith and in our day to day lives. I Corinthians 11 promises the church that it is a gift for them, and provides a warning to any who do not know Christ for them not to take.

(prayers on last page of bulletin)

Benediction

A blessing from scripture where God promises to preserve and protect His people.

Announcements

Good Friday Service: Several local church are gathering to have a combined Good Friday Service. Hope of Christ, New Life in Christ, Bethel OPC, New City Fellowship, and us are gathering April 3rd at 6:00pm at New City Fellowship (200 Prince Edward Street, Fredericksburg VA). Please join us for this Good Friday Service.

(eg)Groups: Gatherings that meet bi-weekly in a home to discuss a study, enjoy food, deepen relationships, and participate in service to the community. If you are not already connected to one, consider joining. They are listed on the last page of the bulletin and on our website (www.evidentgrace.com)

Sunday School: Sunday school for grades 1-5 has begun meeting in the conference room from 9:15-10:00am. Contact Judi Jany with questions.

Home Visits: Gordon begins pastoral visits this month. If you are interested in one, let him know.

Upcoming Events

3/25	Leavells Crossing (eg)Group, 7pm at the Karayianes home (10717 Lotus Ct, Fredericksburg, VA 22407)
3/27	Kafasoto, 7pm at the home of Dana Taormina (11403 Bluffs Ridge, Spotsylvania, VA)
3/28	Bushiban, 7am at Evident Grace, conference room
3/29	Fawn Lake (eg)Group, 6pm at the Pirch home (6837 Towles Mill Rd, Spotsylvania, VA)
3/31	Chick-Fil-A Family Night, Southpointe location (5-7pm)
4/3	Good Friday Service, 6:00pm at New City Fellowship (200 Prince Edward Street, Fredericksburg VA)

Upcoming Nursery Assignments

Today!	Katie Pirch , Colby Hall, Alex and Danny Bowen, Sarah Middleton, Brittleigh Nicholson
3/29	Amanda Murray , Kathrynne Carter, Helen and Ken Blazek, Gabrielle Corbin, Meredith Duncan
4/5	Emily Tosh , Len and Caron Greenberg, Macy Grathwol, Evelyn and Nathan Thomas

Giving Update

	February	Year to Date
Budgeted Need	\$ 12,648.33	\$ 25,296.66
General Fund Giving	\$ 12,364.25	\$ 23,728.31
Variance	\$ (284.07)	\$ (1,568.35)
	February	Year to Date
Mercy Fund Giving	\$ 281.15	\$ 981.15
Mercy Fund Balance		\$ 1006.82

Keeping in Touch

Prayer for those not taking the Supper

Lord Jesus, you declare yourself to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that those here without faith that might be undaunted by the cost of following you as they consider the reasons for doing so. Please guide them, teach them, and open to them to the reality of who you are. Give them an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen

Prayer for the People of God

Dear Lord, the Lord's Supper is a celebration of God's grace, not human achievement. It is a means of grace through which you act to seal the promises of the gospel. The power of the celebration does not lie in our ability to think hard about Jesus' death and our sin, but in the way your Spirit uses the celebration to nourish and sustain us. The Lord's Supper is a gift, may we celebrate it as such. Amen

(adapted from the Worship Resource Handbook)

We you to complete and detach this card and drop it into the offering basket or give it to a pastor, so we can answer your questions, keep in touch, and pray for your specific needs.

Name: _____

Children's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about us? _____

I'd like more information about:

- Evident Grace
- Becoming a Christian
- EG(groups)
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Ways to Serve in the Church

Any Questions that you have for our elders?
