

## THE LORD'S DAY

February 8, 2026 at 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Piano Wendy Baldwin

John VanderMey

Prayer

Scripture Psalm 83 page 915 in Pew Bible

Hymn 815

Doxology

Announcements

Hymn 117

His Name Is Life

Hymn 118

His Name Is Wonderful

Pastoral Prayer

Meditation

The Beatitudes

Dawn Fraser

Message

Jesus Opened His Mouth and Taught

Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Cal VanderMey

Hymn 342

Rock of Ages

Benediction

Postlude

### WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, His ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation. Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:41-42

### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Tuesday – Precept on Zoom 6:30

Wednesday – Men's Bible Study 10 AM

Wednesday – Prayer and Bible Study 6:30 PM

Thursday – Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:45

Friday – 20's & 30's Bible Study 7-8 PM

### LOOKING AHEAD

February 21 – Ladies' Luncheon

February 28 – Men's Breakfast 9-10 AM

### MISSIONARY CORNER

Each week we focus on Missionaries and Organizations we support as a local church.

An update from Grace to You:

Dear Friend,

Not long ago, a member of our staff attended the memorial service of a friend named Tom Bisset. Our connection with Tom goes back more than sixty years. He and my dad attended college together briefly, but their most significant connecting point came in the late 1970s. That's when Tom, unbeknown to anyone at Grace Community Church or Grace to You, began airing my dad's sermon cassettes on WRBS, the station Tom founded in Baltimore, Maryland. Those were the wild west days of Christian radio, and Tom's idea was simply to air one full-length, unedited sermon per day.

Word eventually reached my dad and the staff here in California that his teaching was airing on radio, and people were listening. When we tell the story of how the Lord has grown Grace to You, we always think of Tom and his role in planting the idea of entering Christian radio.

Jay Flowers, our staff member who attended Tom's memorial service, returned with a postscript to that story that you'll find encouraging. The seasoned pastor who preached at the memorial briefly mentioned how Tom had put my dad's tapes on WRBS, and went on to describe the effect that being introduced to Dad's preaching years ago had on his own ministry. Even though the pastor had never met my dad in person, he warmly and repeatedly identified him as his mentor.

That not only highlights the power of mass media to bring people the teaching of God's Word, it also shows its exponential effects—by ministering so personally to that pastor those many years ago, Grace to You was indirectly ministering to his entire congregation. Think of it—that story is just one among countless others. Only heaven will reveal the full measure of influence, encouragement, and equipping Grace to You has had by bringing people—including pastors—the teaching of divine truth.

While we all miss my dad profoundly, we are truly as encouraged as ever in the work here. Radio and television partners continue to air us on nearly three thousand outlets. Our booklets, books, blog posts, website, and mobile apps continue the widespread distribution of my dad's sermons. We continue to add languages and expand our reach into prisons. We look to the future with gratitude to the Lord for what He has done, and with excitement for the opportunities before us.

With gratitude in mind, I cannot end this letter without a deeply felt expression of thanks to you. The Lord was extremely gracious to Grace to You as 2025 ended and we entered 2026. Despite the challenges of losing Dad, by God's grace we continued the work and finished strong. And when we returned from our Christmas break, we were greeted by a wonderful outpouring of encouragement. Among the cards and notes were many expressions of support—donations offered not despite the challenging days we live in, but because of the difficulties. Folks see the opportunities and want to provide real, eternal help. We continue to marvel at the Lord's provision, and we marvel at your generosity. Thank you for your part in sustaining what we do.

We now have the joy of putting those gifts to work for kingdom purposes. Those resources, combined with what we receive this month and in months to come, will help Grace to You bring biblical truth, taught verse by verse, to people all over the planet.

From our staff and volunteers, and on behalf of those you have ministered to through your support of Grace to You, thank you again. May the Lord bless you in 2026 as you faithfully serve Him.

Yours for the Master,

Matt MacArthur