



Graduation

**August 4, 2017
2:30 p.m.**

Academic Regalia

The Pageantry accompanying the celebration of commencement in the academic world springs out of the traditions in the 12th century. The regalia presented symbols of responsibility for the teaching guild and those apprenticed to Masters. The regalia of gown, cap, and hood date back to the Middle Ages; current codes for American universities were set in 1960.

The Gown symbolizes scholarship, covering garments that might vary based on status, all in an effort to obviate distinctions of social class. Scholars' robes are typically black. Those persons with Master's degrees have no trimming, while those with a Doctor's degree have velvet facing on the front of the gown with three velvet bars on the sleeves.

The Cap symbolizes freedom, reflecting the custom of granting privilege of wearing a cap to freed slaves. Typical of bachelor's and master's degrees is the square Oxford mortarboard; only those with the doctorate wear the beret-style Cambridge cap.

The Hood signifies the scholar's highest academic degree. The color of the lining of the hood identifies the institution that granted the degree; the color of trim identifies the discipline of the degree. Royal blue signifies a Doctor of Philosophy degree. Scarlet signifies a degree in theology. White signifies history, gold signifies psychology, and beige signifies business.

The Seal has been used for centuries for identification purposes. The GCS seal contains a gold cross of our Lord and Savior, representing eternal life that comes through the grace of the vicarious humanity in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, set in the community of our world.

Purpose Statement: Why Grace Communion Seminary?

Grace Communion Seminary serves the needs of pastors and others engaged in Christian service who want to grow deeper in relationship with our Triune God and to be able to more effectively serve in the Incarnational life of the Church in Jesus Christ.

Grace is the essence of our lives. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ reveals God to us, grants us life in him, leads us in forgiving and being forgiven, and gives us salvation. Our Triune God and his grace and love through Jesus Christ is the center of our theology.

Communion defines the relationship we have with God, Jesus, and one another. The communion of the Holy Spirit binds us with Jesus who is the head of the Church, enlivens God's love in our hearts, and unites us as followers of Jesus Christ. We live in inseparable unity in Christ in the perpetual effects of his Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension, and Pentecost with continual access to our Father.

Seminary describes the scope of our educational goal. We are committed to enabling pastoral ministry in the universal church that effectively shares the love of God with the world. We believe in Trinitarian Incarnational theology.

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen”
(2 Corinthians 13:14).

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Grace Communion Seminary August 2017 Commencement

Two-Thirty in the Afternoon
The Fourth Day of August, Two Thousand and Seventeen

Processional – *Pomp and Circumstance*, by Edward Elgar

Presiding – Gary W. Deddo, Ph.D., President

Invocation – Becky Deuel, Pastor

Hymns of Praise – Dan Rogers accompanied by Celestine Olive
Holy, Holy, Holy!
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Student Address – Jeffrey Broadnax, Pastor
Recapturing True Ministry

Scripture Reading – Debby Bailey, Pastor
Mark 8:27-37

Presidential Address – Gary W. Deddo
The Whole Gospel for All of Life

Presentation of Degree Candidates – Michael D. Morrison,
Ph.D., Dean of Faculty

Awarding of Degrees – Gary W. Deddo, President

Hooding of Graduates – Joseph Tkach, D.Min.,
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– Russell Duke, Ph.D. – Vice Chair of
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Presentation of Diplomas – Gary W. Deddo, President

Commissioning Prayer – Joseph Tkach

Benediction – Joseph Tkach

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
 glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth,
 and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber

Music: John B. Dykes

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me;
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Chorus

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

Songwriter: Aaron Joseph Neville
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Candidates for Degree: Master of Pastoral Studies

Debby Lynn Bailey, 2015

A Personal Journey to Leadership

Lee Raymond Berger, 2015

Unique Shared Journeys

Jeffrey Broadnax, 2016

4 - G.I.V.E.N.: A Four-Point Paradigm for God-Centered Prison Ministry

Jillian Sarah Caranto, 2017

Ministry in the Vine

Rocky Conrad, 2014

Toward a 21st-Century Trinitarian Theology of Gerontology

Melvin Dahlgren, 2017

Vision for the South Bay Christian Church

Martin Eric Davey, 2014

Comparative Values of Scripture and Theology in Fulfilling Ministry

Rebecca A. Deuel, 2014

Women in Church Planting

John Dobritch, 2014

Forgiving Others in the Light of Trinitarian Theology

Lloyd Edwin Elwell, 2017

Inclusion and Discipleship in the Church in View of the Developmentally Delayed: God Hears Us Through Red Headphones

Donald J. Engle, 2014

Peace When Facing Death: How Incarnational Trinitarian Theology Supports My Work as a Chaplain

Frank Gough, 2017

The Joy of God

Michael J. Greider, 2015

A Grace-Based Theology for Setting the Captives Free

Willard High, 2015

Metamorphosis in a Philosophy of Ministry

David Alan Howe, 2017

Keeping Ministry Focused on Jesus

Douglas A. Johannsen, 2015

*The Gospel According to Woodturning:
Hobbies as a Reflection of the Love of God*

Craig Alan Kuhlman, 2016

Building the Congregation Through Teaching

William H. Linge, 2017

All Members Participating in Christ's Ministry

Martin Manuel, 2014

Echo of Jesus' Prayer in Pastoral Ministry

Robert W. T. McKinney Sr., 2017

Theology Points to a Cooperative, Incarnational Ministry

Leslie A. Mieure, 2015

Evangelism as Gratitude

John Andre Novick, 2016

Helping in the Faith Journey of Others

Samuel R. O'Dell, 2014

Spiritual Gift Mixtures Can Help Determine Outreach

Carrie Elizabeth Osborne, 2015

Participation with God: Pastoral Care and Shared Belonging

Mark Edward Queener, 2014

A Case for Bivocational Pastors

Michael Darren Rasmussen, 2016

Loving Your Community

Linda Arlene Rex, 2013

*Ministering Wholeness and Healing in Christ:
The Essential Role of Relationships in Ministry*

Keith Murray Roberts, 2015

*Effective Change Management in the Congregation:
Pastor, People, and Process*

Andrew Michael Rooney, 2017

Discipling the Next Generation of Leaders

Jon Douglas Rummel, 2015

Paul's Doctrine of Law as Expressed in the Epistle of Romans

Judah Dwight Jaron Sanders, 2017

*A Mind, a Heart, and a Church Renewed:
The Courage of a Transitioning Community*

Mark Wade Stapleton, 2015

Serving in, and out, of Giftedness

Charles Quinton Taylor, 2015

*Theological Application in Ministry That Is
Participated in with the Triune God*

Glen Andrew Weber, 2014

Prophecy – When God Speaks to His People

Warren D. Wilson, 2015

A Shepherd and Servant in the Ministry of Jesus Christ

Tracy Lamonte Winborne, 2014

Eternal Life as a Personal Relationship

William Griffin Winn Jr., 2015

*A Study in Trinitarian Liberation: Imago Dei and the Transformation
of the Senior Pastor at Richmond Grace Fellowship*

Jacqueem Winston, 2017

A Focus on Youth

**Candidates for Degree:
Master of Theological Studies**

Lance M. McKinnon, 2017

*What Difference Does the World Tomorrow Make in the World Today?
A Christ-Centered Eschatology*

Curtis D. Ray, 2017

*The Eucharistic Controversy Within Christianity
From Its Inception to Modern Times*