



GRACE

Presbyterian Church

September 29, 2024
39th Lord's Day of 2024

Sunday Morning Divine Service – 9:30am
Sunday Evening Service – 5:00pm

Morning Divine Service

Preparation for Worship

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation. (Exodus 34:6-7)

Please turn off sounds on all phones and non-medical devices and take a few moments to prepare your hearts and minds to worship the Triune God.

— GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM —

Salutation – *from* Psalm 124:8

* Call to Worship – Psalm 118:28-29

Minister: This is the day that the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us worship the Triune God!

* Hymn of Approach – #252 This Is My Father's World

* Prayer of Adoration

— GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST —

Call to Repentance

Confession of Sin: *Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

(Silent Confession)

* Assurance of Pardon – Romans 8:31-39

Minister: Therefore, as Christ's minister and by His authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

* Hymn of Thanksgiving – #434 A Debtor to Mercy Alone

* Affirmation of Faith – Nicene Creed

Trinity Psalter Hymnal p 852

* Grace of God's Law – Romans 13:8-10

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings – Leviticus 27:30

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Old Testament Reading – Exodus 3:14-15

Elder: *The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*
(Isaiah 40:8)

People: Amen

* Sermon Text – Acts 17:16-34

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon – The Independence of God

Rev. Judson Marvel

— GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE —

* Hymn of Preparation - #116A I Love the LORD, for He Has Heard My Voice

The Administration of the Table

Sursum Corda

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks.

The Lord's Supper

— GOD BLESSES & SENDS US OUT —

* Hymn of Response – #374 All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name

* Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

* Congregational Threefold Amen

Notes:

Who may come to the Lord's Table?

- 1) Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?
- 2) Have you publicly professed your faith in Jesus Christ, and do you embrace the Christian faith as summarized in the Apostles' Creed?
- 3) Are you presently a member in good standing of a Bible-believing, gospel-preaching church?

If you can affirm these questions sincerely, the elders welcome you to the Lord's Table! But if you have any hesitation at all, then we would encourage you to refrain from taking the Lord's Supper today. Reflect on the preached Word, Pray for God draw you closer to the Lord Jesus Christ, and come talk to the pastor or an elder.

How do I learn more about joining the church?

The Pastor offers membership classes periodically. This class introduces interested visitors to the beliefs of our church and life together in this church family. Please contact Pastor Jud if you are interested in attending a class.

The Nursery & Training Room

We do not have a staffed nursery or separate children's ministry. Instead, we welcome your children to be in worship with us! Their presence is a joy to us. But we know that not all children can sit quietly through service, so we do have both a nursery and a training room. Our nursery is located in the last room on the left at the end of hallway. This separate space has the audio and video being streamed in for you while you change, nurse, or comfort your baby or toddler up to around 3 years old. Additionally, we have a training room located in the back of the auditorium. This space was designed as a refuge in which to train your young children to both sit quietly and participate as appropriate throughout the service.

Ben Castanada – Edinburgh Theological Seminary

Ben Castaneda is serving in Edinburgh, Scotland as a lecturer in Greek and New Testament at Edinburgh Theological Seminary (ETS). Though Scotland is the birthplace of Presbyterianism, it has grown to be an un-churched and de-churched nation. ETS is committed to raising up and training faithful, evangelical ministers and Bible scholars to reach Scotland, the UK, and Europe with the Gospel. Ben is committed to this cause. Additionally, since Ben is an ordained minister in the PCA, the Castaneda family is committed to supporting the local church in Edinburgh, which includes many church planting efforts.

Here are Ben's current prayer requests:

Please pray for their church, a Free Church of Scotland congregation in Edinburgh.

- 1) The church is without a pastor (and has been for some time), so please pray for God to supply a shepherd to that congregation. Despite this, it is still growing in size, with up to 80 worshippers on a Sunday morning. It is also growing in diversity, with both native Scots and immigrants from India, Nigeria, and South Africa. Please join in praising God for His providence as He grows this congregation!
- 2) Please pray for the spiritual growth of the church. Pray that the church will have an atmosphere of grace amongst those attending, as they welcome new people who come, and in how they use their space during the week.
- 3) Please pray for a deacon at the church who is unsure about his calling to be an elder. (The other elders/members see him as clearly capable of taking on this responsibility, but he is hesitant to do so.)

Please pray for the Castanedas' neighbor, Igor, a retired scientist who defected from the USSR to England during the cold war. He is accepting of other people "being religious" but says it is not for him. Please pray that God will open Igor's eyes to his need for salvation and open his heart to the Gospel of Christ.

The Castaneda family recently received notice that the rent on their house will be going up. They have been happy in this rental house, but feel that this notification is a nudge towards seeking a house they can buy. Please pray that God will lead them to the house He has for them in which they can continue to serve both their church and the ETS students and community.

Finally, please pray for the Castaneda family: Ben, his wife, Bethel, and their 5 children.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Today

9:30am – Morning Service
 11:15am – Sunday School for all ages
 5:00pm – Evening Service

Friday, 10/4

5:30pm – Potluck meals followed by
 6:30pm – Bible study

Wednesday, 10/2

5:30pm – Hospitality Team Meeting
 6:30pm – Weekly Prayer Meeting

Sunday, 10/6

9:30am – Morning Service
 11:15am – First Sunday Fellowship
 Lunch
 5:00pm – Evening Service

Thursday – Friday, 10/3/10/4

Office closed

Music for Next Lord’s Day, 10/6/2024

Morning

Approach: 216 – Praise to the Lord
 Thanksgiving: 337 – Ah, Holy Jesus
 Preparation: 117B – Praise the LORD God, All You Nations
 Response: 378 – Look Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

Evening Service of Scriptures and Songs

Hymn #1: 170 – God, in the Gospel of His Son
 Hymn #2: 425 – How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place
 Hymn #3: 533 – Have Thine Own Way, Lord
 Hymn #4: 535 – Go, Labor On

Attendance & Giving Updates

<i>As of 9/29/2024</i>	9/22/2024:	2024 Totals:	2024 Budget Deficit <i>As of 8/31/2024</i>
General Offering	\$6048.35	\$220,599.10	(\$252.36)
Deacons’ Benevolence	\$200.00	\$3,330.47	
Attendance 9/22: AM Worship – 125 Sunday School – 71 PM Worship – 37			

Announcements

Congregational Meeting

Our Session is calling a congregational meeting on **Sunday, October 13th at 11:15am** to provide additional information on the ongoing process of finding/securing a new church campus. We encourage everyone to attend.

Hospitality Team Invitation and Meeting

As part of your ministry, would you like to utilize your gift of Hospitality within God's family at Grace? **Then join us for the Hospitality Team's 1st organizational meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:30 pm!** The Grace Hospitality Team's mission is to develop ways to encourage hospitality toward not only the family of Grace, but also to the stranger (visitors and guests). While we currently accomplish that through greeting members and visitors prior to Divine Service, and through our regular fellowship meals, perhaps there are other ways we could encourage the spirit of Hospitality. **We need your help and your ideas.** If you have any questions, please contact our Hospitality Team Leaders, Deacons Ryan Ellison and Paul Northcutt. Please plan to join us prior to the weekly prayer meeting on October 2, 2024.

Friday Family Bible Study and Potluck dinner

Family bible studies will meet on Friday, October 4th with potluck meals start at 5:30pm and bible studies begin at 6:30pm. There are three host families around Sierra Vista and one in Hereford. Please feel free to contact hosts with any questions you may have. (i.e. Do they have pets? Are there steps/stairs to get into the home? Accommodations for food allergies? etc.) We will be going over 2 Thessalonians 1:10-12.

Doug & Tami Kremer

Bible study lead by TE Ken Roth
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Tami - tamrakremer@gmail.com

Kevin & Karena Christman

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Max & Mindy Ellis

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John & Susi Childress

Bible study lead by RE Larry Walker
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First Sunday Fellowship Meal

Our next First Sunday Fellowship Meal will be on October 6th after the morning service. We ask each family to consider bringing a main dish. Additionally if your last name begins with A through J, we ask that you also bring a side dish or salad of your choice; if K through Z, we ask you to also bring a dessert. Please contact Deacon Ryan Ellison or Deacon Paul Northcutt if you have any questions.

New Bible Study

A monthly bible study on the book of Ephesians lead by Doug and Tami Kremer will begin on Thursday, October 10th at 10:30am here at the church. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. Please contact Doug or Tami with any questions.

Evening Service

Welcome & Silent Prayer

* Call to Worship – Zephaniah 3:14-15, 17

* Opening Hymn– #212 Come, Thou Almighty King

* Prayer of Adoration and Confession

* Scripture Reading – Esther 4 (ESV)

Minister: *The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

(Isaiah 40:8)

People: Amen!

Congregational Prayers

* Psalter Hymn– #23A The Lord's My Shepherd

* Sermon Text – Matthew 6:5-15

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Heidelberg Catechism – Lord's Day 47

Trinity Psalter Hymnal pp 894-895

Sermon – Hallowed Be Thy Name

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* Closing Hymn– #251 All Things Bright and Beautiful

* Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14

* Psalm of Blessing – Psalm 72:18-19

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, for he alone doth wondrous works in glory that excel. And blessed be his glorious Name to all eternity: the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be. A-men.

Notes:



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WELCOME

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church! We are honored that you chose to worship with us today. We would like to get to know you better, so please fill out the Connection Card (found in the pockets on the back of each pew) and place in the box on the wall in the foyer.

Grace Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The PCA was founded in 1973 in order to uphold the truth of God's Word. Our denominational motto is "Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed faith, Obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ." This is the driving heartbeat of our congregation.

We call our worship services "Divine Service" because we believe that our Triune God meets with us and satisfies our deepest needs when we come to give him the reverent worship which he is due. Whether this is your first time visiting or if you have been here many times before, we pray that the Lord would minister to you richly in Word, in Prayer, and in Sacrament, and that the Lord Jesus Christ would be increasingly exalted in your heart as we worship him together this Lord's Day.

Pastors

Judson Marvel, *Pastor*
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Women's Ministry Team

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