



GRACE

Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2024
41st Lord's Day of 2024

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

Morning Divine Service

Preparation for Worship

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.
(Psalm 145: 7-9)

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 136:1-3

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 – #214 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

* 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 – #508 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

* Affirmation of Faith – Nicene Creed

Trinity Psalter Hymnal p 852

* Grace of God's Law – Jeremiah 9:23-24

* 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 – Psalm 91

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

People: Amen

* Sermon Text – 2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon – The God of All Comfort

Rev. Ken Roth

— GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE —

* Hymn of Preparation - #118A (vs 1-4) O Thank the LORD for All His Goodness

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 – #287 Lift High the Cross

* 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.

Missions of the Month: CareNet & Veritas

CareNet Pregnancy Center of Cochise County in Sierra Vista is committed to helping women, men, children, and families make good decisions and thrive, even in the face of unexpected pregnancies and financial difficulties. They offer pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, education, referrals, support groups, and men's services. Here are some specific prayer requests:

- Please pray for the upcoming **Loving Them Both** annual fundraising banquet on Friday, November 8th.
- Pray for the *It Goes Too Far* initiative to reach people all over the state of AZ with information about the effects of the Arizona Abortion Access Act if it passes in November elections. (For more information go to www.itgoestoofar.com)
- Additional funding for their highly-anticipated mobile unit which is about 50% funded. As soon as it is fully funded they can take mobile services to Douglas and other rural areas of Cochise County.
- Pray for the staff and volunteers who work with clients, that they may minister to them and lead them to life-affirming decisions about their pregnancies.
- Pray for mothers who come to CareNet for help and guidance, that they may find hope and confidence to carry their babies to birth. (For more information on joining their prayer team, go to www.prayforbabies.com/carenetsv)

CareNet is currently in need of diapers sizes 4 and larger, pull-ups, and wipes. Donations may be taken to CareNet at 1197 E Fry Blvd.

Veritas Christian Community School in Sierra Vista has provided a classical Christian education to students grades K-12 since opening in 2000. Here are some specific prayer requests:

- Pray for continued growth in Christ of the students
- Pray for wisdom for the school board as they prepare for the upcoming ACCS accreditation.
- And pray that Christ would be the center of the education at every level within the school and God would be glorified through the students, staff, and families.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Today

9:30am – Morning Service
 11:15am – Congregational Meeting
 5:00pm – Evening Service

Wednesday, 10/16

6:30pm – Weekly Prayer Meeting

Thursday, 10/17

4:30pm – Joint Session & Deacon Meeting

Sunday, 10/20

9:30am – Morning Service
 11:15am – Congregational Meeting followed by Sunday School
 5:00pm – Evening Service

Music for Next Lord's Day, 10/20/2024

Morning

Approach: 404 – The Church's One Foundation
 Thanksgiving: 457 – Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness
 Preparation: 196 – At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
 Response: 281 – Rejoice, the Lord is King

Evening

Opening Hymn: 162 – Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
 Psalter Hymn: 25B – LORD, to You I Lift My Soul
 Closing Hymn: 405 – I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Attendance & Giving Updates

<i>As of 10/13/2024</i>	10/6/2024:	2024 Totals:	2024 Budget Deficit <i>As of 9/30/2024</i>
General Offering	\$6348.29	\$230,646.89	(\$1488.90)
Deacons' Benevolence	\$0.00	\$3,330.47	

Attendance 10/6: AM Worship – 109 PM Worship – 33

Announcements

Congregational Meetings on October 13th AND October 20th

Our Session has called a congregational meeting today, **Sunday, October 13th at 11:15am**. The purpose of this meeting is to receive reports from the elders and the Project Lead (Deacon Phillip McCluskey) about the potential purchase of the church property located at 815 El Camino Real, Sierra Vista. There will be time for questions following the reports. *There is no Sunday school scheduled.*

As we are prayerfully considering this purchase, there will be an **open house of the new property on Monday, Oct. 14**. Deacon Phillip McCluskey plans to provide details about the open house and other matters during his Oct. 13 congregational meeting report. We hope you will all take the opportunity to visit a potential new church home.

The session is calling another congregational meeting on **Sunday, October 20 following the morning service**. The stated purpose of this meeting is to vote on the session recommendation to purchase the property located at 815 El Camino Real, Sierra Vista, for \$750,000. All communicant members in attendance at the October 20 meeting are entitled to vote. According to the representative from the PCA Stated Clerk's office, approval of the recommendation requires a majority vote. *Sunday school will begin after the meeting.*

Friday Family Bible Study and Potluck dinner

Family bible studies will meet on Friday, October 18th 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 2:1-12.

Young Adult Book Study (ages 18-30)

Join Pastor Jud at the church on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:30pm for a continuing discussion on Herman Bavinck's *The Wonderful Works of God*. Bring friends! Please let Pastor Jud know if you are interested.

Baby Shower on October 26th

Ladies, let us show our covenant love to our military and their families. The baby shower for Marie Vedders is October 26 at 10:00 at the church. Watch for an invitation via EVite in your email. (If you have not received one, check your spam folder.) RSVP first, then sign up to bring something to share. A large group gift option is again available. A contribution of any amount is welcome! Please contact Karena Christman.

Shared Reformation Evening Service on October 27th

We will have a joint evening service at the Korean PCA church (2230 E Choctaw Drive) on Sunday, October 27th at 4pm . Please plan to attend.

Evening Service

Welcome & Silent Prayer

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

* Opening Hymn– #212 Give Praise to God

* Prayer of Adoration and Confession

* Scripture Reading – Esther 5 (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– #24B The Earth and Its Riches

* Sermon Text – John 3:16-21

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon – Where Love and Justice Meet

Rev. Ken Roth

* Closing Hymn– #544 Lead On, O King Eternal

* 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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Presbyterian Church

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.

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