



GRACE

Presbyterian Church

November 24, 2024

47th Lord's Day of 2024

Sunday Morning Divine Service – 9:30am

Sunday Evening Service – 5:00pm

Morning Divine Service

Preparation for Worship

O give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (1 Chronicles 8-9,31-34)

Please 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 95:1-3, 6-7a

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 – #181 Now Thank We All Our God

* Prayer of Adoration

* Congregation Stands

— GOD RENEWS US IN CHRIST —

Call to Repentance

Confession of Sin:

We, poor sinners, acknowledge before You, our God and Creator, that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against You, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as You, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough deplore. But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and heartily ask You for mercy, for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 2:1-2

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 – #276 Jesus Paid It All

* Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

Trinity Psalter Hymnal p 852

* Grace of God's Law – Matthew 5:21-26

* 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.

* Sermon Text – Revelation 1:9-20

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matt Esswien

— GOD FEEDS US AT HIS BANQUET TABLE —

* Hymn of Preparation - #202 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

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 – #552 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
- * 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.

Missionary of the Month: Matt and Sarah Esswein Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)

Matthew Esswein has been the campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at the University of Arizona (U of A) in Tucson since the fall semester of 2022. The college campus is an important mission field, and RUF ministers engage in various activities to meet, minister to, and disciple young people in conjunction with the local church. In addition to Sarah working beside him, he also has two interns: Page Jackson who is in her 3rd year as an intern, and Russ Witt who is new this year to the RUF team at UofA.

Here is a glimpse at the things Matt and his team are doing this semester:

Weekly Events

Dinner & Discussion:

Every Tuesday @ 7-8pm
Provided dinner at 6:45pm

Small Groups:

Girls Mondays 8-9:30pm
Guys Thursdays 7-8:30pm
Co-Ed Thursdays Noon – 1pm
Book Study Wednesdays 2-3pm
Paige Brown Video Wed 3:30-5pm

Fall Monthly Events

September:

9/13 Brewer Bash 5pm
9/28 Hike and Plunge 8am

October:

10/11-13 Fall Conference
10/18 Movie Night 7pm

November:

11/10 Backyard Bonfire 7pm
11/21 Friendsgiving

December:

12/7 Christmas Party 11:30am

Pray for God to continue to bless these labors and especially for Matt and Sarah, Paige, and Russ to reach and make new connections with students, and for opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. Please continue to pray for the Esswein family: Matthew, his wife, Sarah, and their daughters, Nora, Juniper, and Evangeline.

Matt will be visiting us on November 24th. Please mark your calendars for the Sunday School hour that day to hear Matt talk about the work he and his team are doing.

If you have additional ideas for supporting Matt and his RUF mission (or *any* of our missions), you may contact our Missions team here at Grace which is headed up by Max Ellis and Phillip McCluskey.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Today

9:30am – Morning Service
 11:15am – Sunday School (Matt
 Esswein RUF Report at adult class)
 5:00pm – Evening Service

Thursday-Friday, 11/27-11/28

Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, 12/1

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

Monday, 11/25

5:30pm – Church Decorating Party

Music for Next Lord’s Day, 12/1/2024

Morning

Approach: 320 – As with Gladness Men of Old
 Thanksgiving: 433 – Amazing Grace
 Preparation: 222 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past
 Response: 486 – Rejoice, Believer, in the Lord

Evening

Hymn #1: 291 – O for a Thousand Tongues
 Hymn #2: 272 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
 Hymn #3: 397 – Breathe on Me, Breath of God
 Hymn #4: 435 – Not What My Hands Have Done

Attendance & Giving Updates

<i>As of 11/24/2024</i>	11/10/2024:	11/17/2024:	2024 Totals:	2024 Budget Deficit <i>As of 10/31/2024</i>
General Offering	\$7,935.22	\$6,688.72	\$265,702.94	(\$1,607.66)
Deacons’ Benevolence	\$201.22	\$200.00	\$3,312.91	
Attendance 11/17: AM Worship – 112 Sunday School – 62 PM Worship – 26				

Announcements

Missionary Visit Today

Matt Esswein with RUF at the UofA will be with us today during the Sunday School hour. Even if you do not normally stay for Sunday School, please plan to stay to hear Matt talk about the work he is doing on the college campus, ask any questions, and just support him in his very important mission field!

Decorating the Church for Christmas

We will be decorating the church for Christmas tomorrow, Monday, November 25th at 5:30pm. Pizza will be provided for all workers. Join us for work and fellowship!

Pastor Jud Study Leave

Pastor Jud will be on Study Leave through Sunday, December 1st. Your Elders and Deacons will be available as usual via email, text, and phone calls. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any needs!

Next Prayer meeting will meet on Wednesday, December 4, 2024

We will not have a Wednesday prayer meeting this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will meet again on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:30pm.

Next Friday Bible Study will meet on December 6, 2024

Friday night bible study groups will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. They will all meet again on Friday, December 6th for potluck dinner at 5:30pm followed by bible study starting around 6:30pm.

Next First Sunday Fellowship Meal will be on January 5, 2025

After careful consideration the Hospitality Team has cancelled the First Sunday Fellowship meal planned for Sunday, December 1st. That Sunday immediately follows the busy holiday of Thanksgiving and is also the first Sunday of the Christmas season, so it will be a good day to have a relaxing Sunday afternoon without any additional busy-ness. There will also not be any Sunday School classes that day. Our next First Sunday Fellowship meal will be on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

Christmas Choirs

Those interested in singing with the choir at the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service on December 24th at 6:30pm: this year's *Adult Christmas Choir* (Middle School and older) will begin rehearsing on Sunday, December 1st at 8:30am. We will meet at this time on the first three Sundays of December (1st, 8th, and 15th). We will meet on December 22nd at 11:15am for a final rehearsal. *Children's Christmas Choir* will begin rehearsing on Sunday, December 8th immediately following the morning service. Please have all interested children gather around the piano. We will rehearse at this time on the 8th, 15th, and 22nd of December. Sheet music and rehearsal recordings will be available on Sunday, November 24th.

Prayers for the Session

Please be in prayer for our Elders and Deacons as they continue to work through the schedule for next spring as well as addressing our need for more facilities and additional Elders/Deacons.

Evening Service

Welcome & Silent Prayer

Call to Worship – Psalm 117

* Opening Hymn – #222 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

* Prayer of Adoration and Confession

* Scripture Reading – Esther 9-10 (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 – #28 To You, O LORD, I Cry

* Sermon Text

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

* Closing Hymn– #532 Be Thou My Vision

* 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:



GRACE

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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