



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Grace Church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Reflections

The fact that repentance is a lifelong activity has some important implications. First, it suggests that we must distinguish between an initial repentance at the beginning of the Christian life and a repentance which continues throughout that life. There is indeed a turning from sin to God that begins a person's Christian pilgrimage, but there is also one that characterizes the entire journey. We should not therefore simply think of repentance as a single step in the process of salvation (as in the older concept of an *ordo salutis*), but, at least in one sense, we must think of repentance as an aspect of the entire process. The Christian life in its totality is a life of repentance.

– Anthony A. Hoekema

Cheer up: You're a worse sinner than you ever dared imagine, and you're more loved than you ever dared hope.

– Jack Miller

+ ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + EASTER + PENTECOST +

LENT SEASON

Ash Wednesday begins the journey of Lent. Its theme is repentance and renewal. Ashes are placed on the forehead as a sign of repentance, remembering that “from dust you came and to dust you shall return.” Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the call that prevails throughout the Lenten journey is to “create and make in us new and contrite hearts.” While it is God who creates that new heart in us through grace, we are called on to receive God's grace in repentance, a turning from our sin, and in faith, a turning toward God. We are assisted in this journey of turning through fasting, prayer, and giving—external disciplines that order and organize the internal experience of our continuing conversion. We walk with Christ toward Good Friday and Easter as we contemplate the sacrifice he will make.

Grace Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, March 15, 2026

4th Sunday in Lent

8:15 am & 10:30 am

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Preparation for Worship¹

Praise

Call to Worship

1 Timothy 1:17

Minister: Let us praise our God and King!

People: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¹ as a courtesy please make sure to silence all communication.

Song of Praise

Your Great Name We Praise

Walter Chalmers Smith and Bob Kauflin

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest us in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Chorus:

Most holy, most glorious
The ancient of days
Almighty, victorious
Your great name we praise

All life comes from You Lord to both great and small,
In all life, You live Lord, the true life of all
We blossom and flourish, but quickly grow frail
We wither and perish, but You never fail.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we will render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee! (Chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Faith

Apostles Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic² church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Song of Adoration

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

John Newton and Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood (3x)
He presents our souls to God

² *that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He who washed us with His blood (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood (3x)
Has secured our way to Go

Renewal

Call to Renewal

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Confession of Sin

*Minister
& People;*

Faithful and Gracious God, We come to you today as a deeply forgetful people. You have been so much better to us than we deserve, faithfully fulfilling your commitment to give us good things in Christ. Yet we quickly forget all the wonderful gifts you have already given us, and feel angry and bitter when you won't answer our prayers the way we want you to. Instead of remembering your deliverance and running to you as our shield of refuge, we prefer to remain in bondage to our idols, because we love our sins more than we love you, and it seems too hard to fight against them. We doubt your goodness, power, and love many times each day. Forgive us. Cause us to know the certainty of your great love for us, until we are transformed into people who love you deeply, and are able to run the race before us with strong confidence and joyful hope in Christ. Our only hope is in you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Private Confession and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

John 20:19

Minister: "Jesus came and stood among [the disciples] and said, 'Peace be with you.'" Know that you are forgiven by faith in Christ and have his peace.

People: Alleluia. Amen

Song of Thanksgiving

Lord I Need You

Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, and Daniel Carson

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me (chorus)

Bridge 1

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay (chorus)

The Prayers of the People (concluded with the Lord's prayer)

Our Father, who 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!

Passing of the Peace

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

*If parents prefer, children 4 years old – 2nd grade
are invited to attend Children's Church in the Education Building at this time.*

Doxology

Thomas Ken & Bob Kauflin

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
In heaven above and earth below
Praise God the Father and the Son
Praise God the Spirit, three-in-one. Amen.

Announcements

_____ *Commitment* _____

The Offering

The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

4 "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

Minister: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Brad Wright

An Invitation to Repent

REPENT & BELIEVE

Communion

Guidelines for Reception of Communion

Communion is the family meal for Christians. We welcome all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers that follow as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ, and with his people, the church.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: Therefore, lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise!

Minister: Together we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Song of Communion

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Christopher Miner and Samuel Stennett

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

Chorus:

I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound I am bound
I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness sorrow pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

When shall I see that happy place
And be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest (chorus)

Prayer of Consecration and the Words of Institution

Prayer for those not communing:

Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Once the stations are ready, please come forward, row by row, to receive the elements. Once everyone has returned to their seat, we will stand together and sing the final verse from our Song of Commitment.

Song of Commitment

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Christopher Miner and Samuel Stennett

Chorus:

I am bound I am bound

I am bound for the promised land

I am bound I am bound

I am bound for the promised land

Benediction³

Hebrews 13:15-16

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Dismissal

Minister: Now, let us go forth to serve this community and the world as those who love our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

The pastoral staff and other church leaders are available following the service to pray with you or to answer your questions about the Christian faith or Grace Church

Worship Music

Joe Beam, drums

Daniel Campbell, piano

Jennifer Reddick, flute

Stephanie Taylor, vocalist

Timothy Taylor, guitar & vocalist

³ The benediction is much more than a wish or even a prayer. It is a renewed ordination of the people of God to their service to each other, to their community and the world. God declares his own favor toward his people.

_____ Welcome, Guests! _____

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church! If you would like us to keep you in the loop with what's going on at GPC, please take a moment to fill out the visitor information form by using the QR code. We would be happy to meet you!



Ways to Connect at Grace where you can explore, engage, and get involved throughout the week.

- **Church Center App** (GPC Woodlands), use this QR code for a quick link to the app.
- **Our church website**, <https://www.gracewoodlands.org/>



_____ Announcements _____

Our Grace Guest wifi password is *GraceGuest*.

Stewardship Update: Grace thanks you so much for your generous gifts and offerings to our Savior for 2026.

February 2026 GF Budget	\$108,333	
Actual February 2026 GF Receipts	\$68,589	
Variance	(\$39,744)	*2026 GF Budget \$1,300,000

Children's Ministries:

- **Parents of Infants-Three-Yr-Olds:** Our nursery classes (ages 8 weeks thru 3 years) provide a warm, nurturing, and well-supervised environment. Our Staff welcomes the opportunity to love your child! When using the nursery, please check in and label all items (bags, cups, etc.) with your child's name. Contact our Families Pastor, Kyle Bobos, at kyle@gpcwoodlands.org with any questions about the nursery.
- **Children's Church is for children ages 4 through 2nd grade.** During the passing of the peace, the children line up with their leader at the back of the sanctuary to exit worship. During the song of communion, children will rejoin their families to observe communion with the rest of the church body. We will gather in room 108 in the Education Building to sing songs, pray, and hear a children's sermon.

Banners Explained: The banners hanging today are textile renderings of watercolor originals by Kirsten Malcolm Berry. The banner on the right is her interpretation of Revelation 22:2 "And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." The banner on the left is her interpretation of Mark 15:38 "And the curtain of the temple was torn in two." Each piece includes the Greek text. The works are bordered by purple, the color of Lent and associated with royalty and suffering. The designs were reproduced with the artist's permission. You can view more of Ms. Berry's work at <http://www.kirstenmalcolmberry.com/>.