



**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

...every sin is cosmic treason—it is overthrowing the rule of the one to whom you owe everything.

— Timothy Keller with Kathy Keller, *The Songs of Jesus*

Concealment of sin is the pathway to misery, but confession of sin is the pathway to joy...When you realize that you have sinned against God, and that, in his grace, he has wiped away all your sins through the sacrifice of his Son on a cross, then worship is the natural (or supernatural!) overflow. We sing . . . loudly. We declare praise.

—David Platt, Jim Shaddix, and Matt Mason, *Exalting Jesus in Psalms 51-100*

Repentance prepares the way so that the Lord of glory can enter into the spirit and be adored as the new center of heavenly life. Before, such people were consumed by self-love, but once the Spirit convicted them of sin and turned them to the cross, self-love was crowded out by love to the Lord Jesus Christ.

— C. John Miller, *Repentance*

In addition to grief for our sin, however, there must also be joy: joy in God's forgiveness, in the doing of God's will, and in fellowship with others. As Chamberlain reminds us, when joy is missing, our repentance is incomplete.

— Anthony A. Hoekema, *Saved by Grace*

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

### **Pentecost**

Ten days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after his resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was an established Jewish festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, which drew people from many nations back to Jerusalem (Lev. 23:15-21; Deut. 16:16). Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In celebrating Pentecost, the church expresses its gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling his promise to send “another counselor” (John 14:16); celebrates the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit’s power is available for its mission; and grows in awareness of the immensity of its calling to reach the world with the gospel. The traditional color for Pentecost is red, after the flames described in Acts 2:3.

# Grace Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, June 30, 2024

10:30 am

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

## Preparation for Worship<sup>1</sup>

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### *Praise*

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## Call to Worship

## Psalm 36:5-9

**Minister:** Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.

**People:** *How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.*

**All:** *For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.*

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<sup>1</sup> As a courtesy, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Thank you!

## Song of Praise

## *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Thomas Obediah Chisholm and William Marion Runyan

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Lord unto me

Great is Thy faithfulness  
O God my Father  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been  
Thou forever wilt be (chorus)

Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine  
With ten thousand beside (chorus)

## Prayer of Adoration

## Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q.60

Minister: How are you right with God?

*People: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.*

## Song of Adoration

*Abide With Me*

Henry Francis Lyte and Justin Smith

Abide with me fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless abide with me

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile  
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee  
On to the close Lord abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be  
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death where grave thy victory  
I triumph still abide with me

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*Renewal*

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## Call to Renewal

Romans 3:23-24

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus,

## Confession of Sin

*Minister  
& People:*

*Patient and loving Father, You have been faithful to us in all things, keeping your promises to those who belong to you throughout history. But we are not faithful to you. We have often struck you with our wayward wills and hearts, when we should embrace you with joy, gratitude, and love. Each new day exposes new corruptions in our hearts that we failed to see before, and each day we add to the long list of our offenses against you. We not only sin against your law, which we cannot keep, but we violate your love over and over again, disobeying you even though we have drunk deeply from your grace and mercy. We struggle to be faithful friends, spouses, siblings, parents, and children. Forgive us. We are undeserving of your love, but Jesus has earned your favor and affection for us. We are full of sin, but you are full of grace. Let our weakness and failures humble us and fashion in our hearts a desperate desire for the help and hope that is found in Christ alone. May your deep love and mercy cause us to turn to you, time and again, to love you, trust you, and to grow in our faithfulness to you. Make us clean because you are the only one who can. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## Private Confession and Reflection

## Words of Encouragement

Colossians 2:13-15

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14 having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

## Song of Thanksgiving

*Who You Say I Am*  
Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1:  
Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2:  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am (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!*



## The Peace of God

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.

For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.
- 5 Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
- 6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
- 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.
- 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
so that sinners will turn back to you.
- 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,  
you who are God my Savior,  
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
- 15 Open my lips, Lord,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
you, God, will not despise.

18 May it please you to prosper Zion,  
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous,  
in burnt offerings offered whole;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Minister: This is the Word of the LORD.

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon**

Pastor Kyle Bobos

***CAN MY STORY BE CHANGED?***

***SUMMER PSALMS***

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***Communion***

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*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

*We Will Feast In The House Of Zion*

Sandra McCracken

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld protected gathered up (chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning oh how long  
Oh God of Jacob be my strength (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:

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together bring shalom (chorus)

## Benediction<sup>2</sup>

**1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24**

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

## 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*

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

## Worship Music

Fang Daniels, cello  
Jennifer Reddick, flute  
Stephanie Taylor, vocalist  
Tim Taylor, guitar and vocalist

## \_\_\_\_\_ 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 2024.

### **General Fund Giving for May: \$76,842**

\$496,469: Jan. - May 2024 General Fund Budget

\$363,299: Jan. - May 2024 Actual General Fund Income

(\$133,170): 2024 Variance

\*2024 GF Budget \$1,191,526

## **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](mailto:kyle@gpcwoodlands.org) if you have 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 in 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:** One of the three great festivals of the Christian year (along with Easter Day & Christmas Day), the Day of Pentecost, symbolized by the color red, celebrates the event of the Risen and Ascended Christ's pouring out his Holy Spirit upon his gathered followers, empowering them for the mission of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus to all the nations. The banner on the right is the traditional representation of the Holy Spirit as a dove.

The banner on the left represents the recreation of our fragmented world through the power of the cross. Pentecost is a day to celebrate hope, a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through His Holy Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God's people. It is a celebration of God's ongoing work in the world.