



**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

Membership in a local church means joining your imperfect self to many other imperfect selves to form an imperfect community that, through Jesus, embarks on a journey toward a better future...together.

– Scott Sauls, *Jesus Outside the Lines*

Ideally...the church itself is not made up of natural “friends.” It is made up of natural enemies. What binds us together is not common education, common race, common income levels, common politics, common nationality, common accents, common jobs, or anything else of that sort. Christians come together...because...they have been loved by Jesus himself...They are a band of natural enemies who love one another for Jesus’ sake.

– D.A. Carson, *Love in Hard Places*

You’re going to find yourself loving people who are very different from you. That’s why “the church” can be tough at times. The church isn’t an aggregation of people who gather for an event on a Sunday morning and then disperse into the mist of the week; the church is a congregation of the committed, who are very different from one another - racially, economically, politically, generationally, and nationally. That’s what makes the church beautiful! The body of Jesus is made up of all kinds of people, from all kinds of places, who are learning what it means to love one another.

– David P. Cassidy, *Indispensable*

+ 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, September 1, 2024

10:30 am

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

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

*Praise*

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**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 46:1-3, 7**

**Leader:** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**People:** *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.*

**All:** *The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

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

## Song of Praise

*Holy Holy Holy*  
John Bacchus Dykes and Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to thee  
Holy, holy, holy!  
Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons,  
Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!  
All the saints adore thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before thee,  
Which were, and art,  
And evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!  
Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons,  
Blessed Trinity!

## 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 catholic<sup>2</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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<sup>2</sup> that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

## Song of Adoration

## *Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side the Savior, he will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, his power is displayed.  
To this I hold: my shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now, And ever, is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

## Call to Renewal

Matthew 15:7-9

You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.”

## Confession of Sin

*Minister*

*& People:*

*God of glory and of love, You have called us to love one another as you have loved us, and we confess before you our complete failure and unwillingness to obey this command. We are often consumed with jealousy of our brothers and sisters, harboring deep hatred in our hearts toward them. We are apathetic and neglectful towards some, and we look down our noses at others. Instead of laying down our lives for others, we require them to serve us, and resent them when they fail to meet our expectations. Forgive us, Lord. Holy Spirit, we need your strength and help to survive our many failures to love others every day. Give us swift and true repentance. Convict our selfishness and pride, and soften our hearts to cherish and love one another. Help us to believe that you love us, and cause that love to transform us radically into people who extend grace and mercy to others.*

## Private Confession and Reflection

## Words of Assurance



## 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 1 & Chorus 2)

## **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.

## Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**John 17:20-23**

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me— so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Minister: This is the Word of the LORD.

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## Sermon

Pastor Kyle Bobos

*Created to Commune*  
**CREATED FOR A PURPOSE**

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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

## *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:

We are bound (We are bound)  
We are bound (We are bound)  
We are bound for promised land,  
We are bound (We are bound)  
We are bound (We are bound)  
We are bound for promised land.

## 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

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 reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest?

Chorus:

We are bound (We are bound)  
We are bound (We are bound)  
We are bound for promised land,  
We are bound (We are bound)  
We are bound (We are bound)  
We are bound for promised land.

## Benediction<sup>3</sup>

## Philippians 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

## 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!**

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<sup>3</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.

*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

Fang Daniells, cello  
Rae Moses, piano  
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 July: \$54,214**

\$695,057: Jan. - July 2024 General Fund Budget

\$508,277: Jan. - July 2024 Actual General Fund Income

**(\$186,780):** 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.