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GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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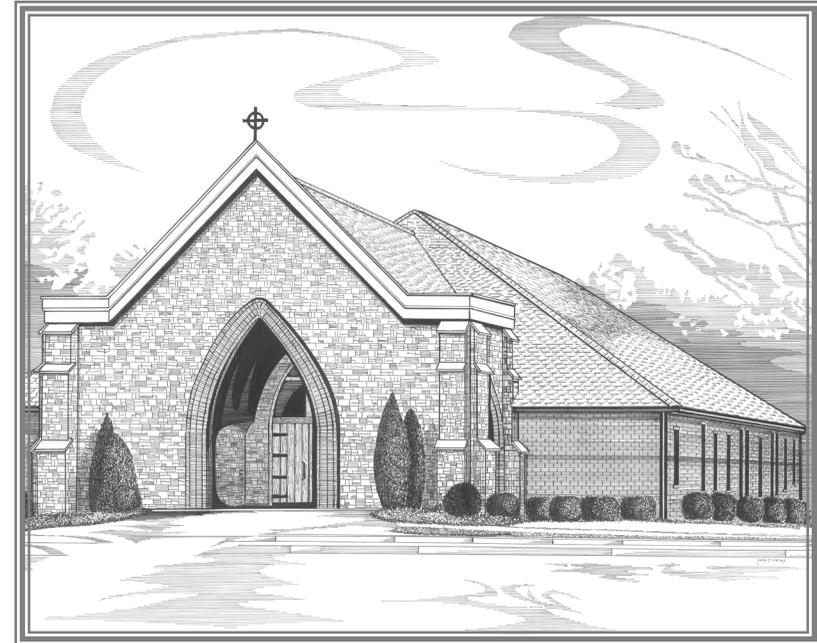
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Lord's Day Attendance
December 7, 2025
SS 82 AM 155 PM 75

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



THE LORD'S DAY

December 14, 2025
Sunday School: 9:30
Morning Worship: 10:30

THE PRELUDE

Anneliese Faske

THE WELCOME

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The worship of the Triune God is the believer's most important duty. We are told in John 4:23-24 that God the Father is seeking those who will worship Him in Spirit and in truth. As you prepare for this worship service, purpose to be a participant, not a spectator. Join in the praise of the congregational singing; pray along with the elders adding your "Amen" (signifying your agreement with the petition, confession of sin, or adoration); join in the joyful giving of tithes and offerings; and carefully listen to God speaking through the reading and preaching of His life-transforming Word. May our sovereign Lord receive glory today as you humbly and actively worship Him.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. David Gilbert

“Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger
is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.”

—Psalm 30:4-5 (ESV)

THE INVOCATION

THE HYMN OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

#203

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:37-51

Rev. John Sutton

PB#54

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—
every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid
on him the iniquity of us all.”

—Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

THE HYMN OF CONFIDENCE

“Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming”

#221

THE ELDERS' FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Scripture of the Week: “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

—2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q10. How did God create man?

A. God created man, male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Hymn of the Month: Luke 1:46–55—“Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord” – TH#26

ELDER VISITATION: DECEMBER 2025

Ellis: Keith and Noette Meadows

Fowler: Ann Humphrey

Gilbert: Tiffany Shelhamer

Lamont: Joey Starnes

Reams: Jeff and Melissa Rowell

Sutton: Savannah Gilbert

Verner: Robert and Nelda Butler

NURSERY SCHEDULE

December Nursery Team Leader: Courtney Harn

Morning

Evening

Babies: Marcelle Ivey, *Volunteer Needed*

Carolyn Shields

December 14 2 - 3 year olds: Stacey Vande Kerkhoff, Stephen Ivey

Jackie Verner, *Volunteer Needed*

Roamer: Jennifer Carman

Courtney Harn

Babies: Erin Burlaga, Kate Flanary

Kay Stone

December 21 2 - 3 year olds: Lex Gilbert, Corman Raible

Anna Marie Davis, Adelaide Ellis

Roamer: *Volunteer Needed*

Courtney Harn

Deacon Team Leader

Coffee Hour Volunteers

12/14: Will Chatman—678-414-8635 (AM)

12/14: *Volunteer Needed, Volunteer Needed*

Patrick Raible—910-322-3537 (PM)

12/21: Julia Carman, Korbin Lemonds

12/21: Gabriel Rangel, Jeff Rowell

GRACE CHURCH GIVING REPORT

<i>General Budget:</i>	Weekly Need:	\$	12,813.00
	Average Weekly Giving:	\$	12,252.00
	Week of December 7:	\$	19,379.00
	2025 Giving YTD:	\$	600,342.00

Welcome Visitors!

We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you would like to learn more about Grace Presbyterian Church, please consult the “About” section of our website at www.grace-pca.net. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Gilbert at 770-489-6758. **Please scan the QR code below or fill out a Visitors’ Card on the credenza in the narthex if you would like to leave your contact information.**



Announcements

- ◆ **Evening Worship:** We warmly invite you to return this evening for God-centered worship. Rev. John Sutton will preach from the book of Genesis in his sermon titled, “Prepare for Take-Off.”
- ◆ **Sunday Coffee Fellowship:** Please join us for our coffee fellowship in the fellowship hall immediately following the AM worship service.
- ◆ **No Wednesday Night Activities:** We will not gather for a meal or prayer this Wednesday, December 17. Our next **Wednesday Night Meal** will be **Wednesday, January 7, 2026.**
- ◆ **Ladies’ Prayer Circle:** The ladies’ prayer circle meets on Thursdays at 10am in the 4 and 5 Sunday school room. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact the Grace church office at gracechurch@grace-pca.net or 770-489-6758.
- ◆ **Friday Men’s Bible Study:** On **Friday, December 19**, Rev. John Sutton will continue teaching the series on Daniel. Please join him in the fellowship hall at 6:30am for this time of fellowship and spiritual refreshment.
- ◆ **No Ladies Bible Study:** There will be no Ladies’ Bible Study this Friday, December 19. **The study will resume on Friday, January 9, 2026.**
- ◆ **Christmas Eve “Lessons and Carols”:** Please plan to join us and invite your friends and family to our Christmas Eve “Lessons and Carols” on **Wednesday, December 24 at 6:00pm**. Invitations to share are available on the narthex credenza.
- ◆ **Adult/Youth Sunday School Class:** The *Hymns of Faith* adult/youth Sunday school class is currently in progress at 9:30am in the sanctuary. This study will run thru January 4, 2025.
- ◆ **New Adult/Youth Sunday School Classes:** Two new adult/youth Sunday school classes will begin on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 9:30am. A study of the life of David – “David’s Days of Humiliation” from the book of 1 Samuel will meet in the sanctuary, and a study of the book “Precious Remedies Against Satan’s Devices” by Thomas Brook will meet downstairs in the fellowship hall. If you would like to reserve a copy of the book “Precious Remedies Against Satan’s Devices” (approx. \$9.00), you may do so at the sign-up sheet provided on the narthex credenza or by contacting the church office **(770-489-6758 or gracechurch@grace-pca.net)**.
- ◆ **Please remember to leave the back rows open for families with small children.**

Children in the Worship Service: If you have little ones in the sanctuary who become chatty or noisy, the parlor, immediately behind the sanctuary, is available for your use. We also offer a nursery for **infants and toddlers ages 2-3** located downstairs during the morning and evening worship services.

No Food, Drinks, Cell Phones: In order to keep our sanctuary in good condition and to foster an attitude of reverence in worship, we ask that you refrain from bringing any food or drink into the sanctuary and that you turn off all cell phones prior to the worship service. Thank you.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Question #1: What is your only comfort in life and death?

Answer #1: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. David Gilbert

THE GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Rev. Dr. David Gilbert

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD
“The Righteousness of God”
Romans 1:17, PB#939
#11 in series

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

#521

THE LORD’S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE PSALM OF GRATITUDE AND PRAISE

Psalms 150

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THE BENEDICTION

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

—2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)

THE POSTLUDE

Anneliese Faske

Psalm 150

The Righteousness of God
Romans 1:17

Praise ye the LORD! Praise un - to God with - in His sanc - tu

Introduction

ar - y raise. With - in His firm - a - ment of pow - r to Him on

I. Good News Revealed

high O give ye praise. O praise Him for His might - y deeds,

for all His acts of prov - i - dence. O praise Him for His

II. Good News Received

glo - ry great and for His match - less ex - cel - lence.

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Creation
from Franz Joseph Haydn
The Creation, 1798