Grace Presbyterian Church is a body of believers that exists to worship the God of grace through faith in Jesus Christ, to biblically equip the church unto spiritual maturity, and to proclaim the gospel to west Atlanta and the world.

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GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Lord's Day Attendance
May 4, 2025
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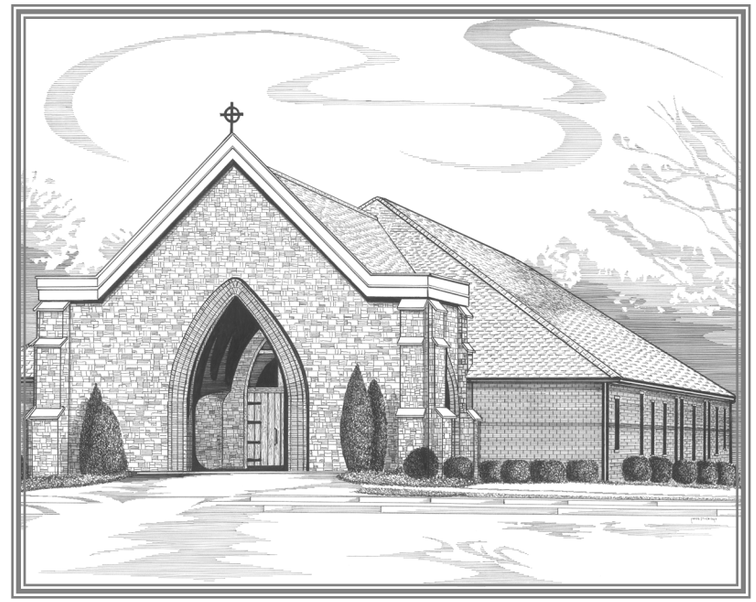

THE LORD'S DAY

May 11, 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

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." —Psalm 103:1-2 (ESV)

THE INVOCATION

THE HYMN OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

"Holy, Holy, Holy!" #100

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE Rev. John Sutton

Genesis 48:12-22 PB#42

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
—Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

THE PSALM OF CONFIDENCE

Psalm 23 - "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" #87

THE ELDERS' FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Scripture of the Week: "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." — John 16:33

Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?
A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Hymn of the Month: "God Moves in a Mysterious Way " – TH#128

ELDER VISITATION: MAY 2025

Ellis: Desmond and Charlotte Angwabu
Gilbert: John and Robyn Sutton
Reams: Steve Gradick
Verner: Robert and Nelda Butler
Fowler: Ben and Brittany Ponder
Lamont: Miles Thelen
Sutton: Paul Harn

NURSERY SCHEDULE

May Nursery Team Leader: Nakia Chatman

		Morning	Evening
May 11	Babies:	Erika Arms, Kate Flanary	Kay Stone
	2 - 3 year olds:	Savannah Gilbert, Julia Carman	Ella Ward, Griffon Raible
	Roamer:	Catherine Ellis	Nakia Chatman
May 18	Babies:	Lillie Seymour, Carolyn Roebuck	Carolyn Shields
	2 - 3 year olds:	Melissa Rowell, Abigail Reams	Anna Marie Davis, Adelaide Ellis
	Roamer:	Jennifer Carman	Nakia Chatman

Wednesday Night May 14: Jennifer Carman, Courtney Harn, Michelle Gilbert

Deacon Team Leader
5/11: Patrick Raible– 910-322-3537 (AM)
Gabriel Rangel– 770-733-8765 (PM)
5/18: Jeff Rowell, John Carman

Coffee Hour Volunteers
5/11: Avery Ward, Josh McIntire
5/18: Julia Carman, Korbin Lemonds

GRACE CHURCH GIVING REPORT

General Budget:	Weekly Need:	$	12,813.00
	Average Weekly Giving:	$	11,649.00
	Week of May 4:	$	17,749.00
	2025 Giving YTD:	$	209,676.00

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.**

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.

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, "Given Over."
- **Sunday Coffee Fellowship:** Please join us for our coffee fellowship in the fellowship hall immediately following the AM worship service.
- **Wednesday Night Activities:** Please plan to join us this Wednesday, May 14, at 6:00pm for a meal of **Sub sandwiches, chips, and cookies.** At 7pm, children (through age 11) meet in the fellowship hall for Covenant Kids, youth gather in the youth classroom, and the adults meet in the sanctuary for a devotion and time of prayer. Please sign up for dinner on the list in the narthex or notify the church office (770-489-6758 or gracechurch@grace-pca.net) by noon on Monday, May 12. We request a donation of $2 per person with a maximum of $10 per family.
- **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, May 16, Rev. John Sutton will continue teaching the series on Ezekiel. Please join him in the fellowship hall at 6:30am for this time of fellowship and spiritual refreshment.
- **Ladies' Bible Study:** On Friday, May 16 from 10:00-11:30am in the fellowship hall, Rev. Dr. David Gilbert will continue an inductive study in the book of Mark.
- **VBS Planning Committee:** The VBS Planning Committee will meet on Sunday, May 18 following the evening service in the youth room.
- **2024-25 Graduates:** Grace Presbyterian wishes to recognize and celebrate with all of our graduates. If you or a family member that attends Grace graduated in December 2024 or will graduate in May/June 2025, please email the church office (**gracechurch@grace-pca.net**) with the following information: Name, School from which graduating, Date of graduation ceremony or certificate, Plans for after graduation.
- **Sabbatical:** Rev. Dr. David Gilbert will be taking a sabbatical in June and July. Rev. John Sutton and our new summer intern, Mr. Jordan Fitch, will be assuming all preaching and pastoral duties.
- **Please remember to leave the back rows open for families with small children.**

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

SPIRIT-EMPOWERED GROWTH
"Threats to God's Promise"
Acts 28:1-10, PB#937
#90 in series

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #164

THE BENEDICTION

"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you." —Romans 16:20 (ESV)

THE POSTLUDE Anneliese Faske

Divine Guidance
Acts 28:1-10

Introduction

I. Divine Kindness, vv.1-2

II. Presumed divine Punishment, vv.3-5

III. Faulty divine Praise, v.6

IV. True Divine Power, vv.7-10