



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!... Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! ~ John 1.29 & Revelation 5.12

The 18th Lord’s Day

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Welcome to Grace Covenant Church

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Grace Covenant Church strives to embrace, embody, and extend our triune God's truth, goodness, and beauty through worship, discipleship, and mission in Jesus Christ.

Visitors, we are so glad you are here! Please locate a 'Visitor's Card,' and fill out any info you'd like to share with us so that we may get to know you better. You can place it in the offering plates on the tables in the Narthex.

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Sunday:

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Morning
Worship
10:30 a.m.

Wednesday:

Youth Group
6 – 8 p.m.

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The Order of Public Worship



The Liturgy of the Word

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Isaías & Apocalipsis) Isaiah 28.16 & Revelation 5.13

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Behold! I am placing a foundation stone in Zion, a firm and tested stone chosen for great honor. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever trusts in him needs never be shaken!

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Amen!

✠ **SONG OF ADORATION**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation, TH 342

✠ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

CONFESSON OF SIN

Most merciful Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways. Almighty God, as you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

(Hebreos) Hebrews 7.26; 8.1-2, 6-7, 10, 12

✠ =
Congregation
Standing

God gathers us
to His heavenly
throne of grace

God cleanses us
and renews us
in His grace

✠ SONG OF PRAISE

In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Salmo) Psalm 16, TH 788

NEW TESTAMENT READING

(Colosenses) Colossians 1.15-20

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God
consecrates us
to renewed
devotion and
obedience

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & 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.*

COLLECTION

✠ SONG OF TRUST

We Come, O Christ, to You, TH 181

SERMON TEXT

(Lucas) Luke 24.32-45

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Christ-Centered Interpretation of the Scriptures”

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

✠ SONG OF RESPONSE

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

*Lo! He comes, with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.*

*Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.*

*Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,*

(continued...)

God blesses us
with His
presence and
power to be
His
ambassadors
of grace

*cause of endless exaltation
to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
gaze we on those glorious scars!*

*Yea, amen! Let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!*

✠ **BENEDICTION**

(1 Tesalonicenses) 1 Thessalonians 5.23-24, 28

✠ **SONG OF BLESSING**

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



Nursery Schedule:

05/04: Sunday School
Worship
Children's Church

Sherry Floresta & Eliad Stout
Jeannie Altman & Victor Pritchett
Sierra Nicholson & Nancy David

05/11: Sunday School
Worship
Children's Church

Celia Reed & Levi Stout
Christy Donovan & Elizabeth Altman
Sierra Nicholson & Daniel Stout

Please Take Note:

Mission of the Month – Tom and Rhianna Mills have been serving in Bangkok Thailand for 19 years. Please pray for the three churches in Bangkok that they are connected to - New City Fellowship, Grace City Bangkok, Grace Fellowship Prawet - as they worship the Lord and seek the welfare of the city of Bangkok. Pray for International Community School of Bangkok (Christian school) to help truth take root in the many families associated with the school. Pick up one of their latest newsletters in the foyer for updates and more prayer requests from them.

Breakfast for Our Mothers!!! – The Men of the Covenant would like to invite all mothers (adopted, birth, spiritual, step, etc.) to a special breakfast just for them on May 10th at 9 am. Please sign up by texting Rusty at 404-969-7166 or the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Trail Life & American Heritage Girls – AHG and Trail Life USA meet on Monday nights. See Jacob McGill or Mary David for more info.

Women's Bible Study – The women have finished their Spring bible study and are on break for now.

ESL Ministry - Classes meet on Tuesday nights. Part time helpers are needed, no experience necessary, please contact Jeff Chastine or Lois Barday.

Men's Bible Study – The men have finished their Spring bible study and are on break for now.

Youth Group – The Youth Group meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30. The Grace Youth Group is joining three PCA churches for a youth retreat in Laguna Beach, FL from May 26th - 30th, 2025. See Joshua Bemenderfer for pricing details or to volunteer!

Airsoft at Grace – Youth 12+ to adult are invited to an airsoft battle in the Grace Covenant forest on Saturday May 3rd, 1-4 PM. Invite your friends! See Joshua Bemenderfer to register and for details.

Paulding Pregnancy Services Special Event – Miles for Moms 5k on May 17, 2025. We have 12 people signed up for our team, please pray for them as they

Nursery

Care is available for children up to age 4 in the nursery room off the main hallway.

Children's Church is for children K4-2nd grade to learn about worship in an age-appropriate setting.

To receive churchwide emails about church news and events:



show support for this worthy cause. If you would still like to sign up, contact Lois at office@gracecovenantpca.com

CAYA Summer Lunch Program – The CAYA Summer Lunch Program helps feed Paulding County school-aged children on free lunches during the school year to ensure they get nutritional food during the summer. Please look for our collection bin all summer with a list of the items you can donate to help with the lunches. You can also donate funds to help them purchase food for these lunches and volunteer to help pack and deliver lunches all summer. They served more than 50,000 lunches last summer and need your help to keep up! **DONATE** AT: <https://www.cayaministry.com/donate> **VOLUNTEER** AT: <https://www.cayaministry.com/lunch-program-needs-volunteers>

MNA Emergency Relief Kit Collection – Our church will be collecting money and items for emergency relief kits to donate to the MNA Disaster Relief Warehouse. All donations can be brought to our next Fellowship Lunch on May 18th! If you won't be there that Sunday, you can leave items and donations in the bin between now and then. For a list of items pick up a list by the collection bin or go to: <https://www.mnawarehouse.com/reliefkits>

Fellowship Meal – Our next fellowship lunch will be May 18th after the service.

Summer Bible School!! – Our Summer Bible School (SBS) Dates for 2025 will be June 11, 18, 25 and July 9, 16, 23. Please prayerfully consider your participation this summer!



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