



# GRACE COVENANT CHURCH



The 31<sup>st</sup> Lord's Day  
Sunday, August 4, 2024

A CONGREGATION OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

# 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



## ƒ CALL TO WORSHIP

(Salmo) Psalm 100

God invites us  
to His heavenly  
throne of grace

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God!

*It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his  
pasture.*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to  
him; bless his name!

*The LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all  
generations.*

## ƒ SONG OF ADORATION

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell, TH 1*

TH= Trinity  
Hymnal

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.*

*The Lord ye know is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.*

*O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good,  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.*

## ƒ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Holy and gracious Heavenly Father, we can be so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest bad news, by our own failings, and the wrongs of others. You call us to view all things through the limitless radiance of Your being, but too often we magnify everything but You, and allow finite things to define our lives. You call us to find our satisfaction in You, but we too often exchange Your immortal glory for the decaying trinkets of the world and the flesh, and are robbed of our joy. Use your word and sacrament to help us see and savor Christ as our true and lasting hope. Enlarge our hearts to cherish and adore You above all rivals. Fill us with the fullness of joy and the boundless pleasures of Your presence, and may our patient trust magnify to the world the superiority of the manifold perfections of Your worth. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

(Romanos) Romans 8.31-39

## ✠ SONG OF PRAISE

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.*

*Chorus: He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.no angel in the sky*

*Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. [Chorus]*

*For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! [Chorus]*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Salmo) Psalm 16, TH 788

God cleanses  
us and renews  
us in His grace

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**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

(1 Pedro) 1 Peter 5.6-11

**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**

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!, TH 498*

**SERMON TEXT**

(Daniel) Daniel 6

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** "Participation in the Faithfulness and Freedom of the Living God"

**PRAYER OF APPLICATION**

**✠ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*I Will Trust My Savior Jesus*

*I will trust my Savior Jesus  
When my darkest doubts befall  
Trust Him when to simply trust Him  
Seems the hardest thing of all.*

*I will trust my Savior Jesus  
Trust Him when my strength is small  
For I know the shield of Jesus  
Is the safest place of all.*

*Chorus: Jesus, only Jesus  
Help me trust you more and more  
Jesus, only Jesus  
May my heart be ever yours*

God  
consecrates us  
to renewed  
devotion and  
obedience

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*I will trust my Savior Jesus  
He has said His way is best  
For I know the path He's chosen  
Leads to everlasting rest [Chorus]*

*Oh on that cross, how it was seen  
I can go now ever trusting in the One who died for me  
What could I bring for your gift is complete  
So I trust you, simply trust you, Lord, with every part of me [Chorus]*

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

✠ **BENEDICTION** (1 Thesalonicenses) 1 Thessalonians 5.23-24, 28

The God of peace himself sanctify you completely,  
and may your whole spirit and soul and body  
be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

El mismo Dios de paz os santifique por completo; y todo vuestro ser, espíritu, alma y cuerpo, sea guardado irreprochable para la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Fiel es el que os llama, el cual también lo hará...La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo sea con vosotros.

✠ **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:

08/04: Sunday School	No SS
Worship	Lois Barday and Eliza Tippins
Children's Church	Christian M & Daniel Stout
08/11: Sunday School	No SS
Worship	Laurie Chastine and Haylie Floresta
Children's Church	David & Amber Stout

## Please Take Note:

**Mission of the Month** – Please pray for Kurt and Jill (last name withheld) who serve Muslim communities in the UK and beyond. Pray for their protection and encouragement in this very difficult mission field. Pray for the hearts of those they serve to be open to the gospel. Sign up to receive their e-newsletter and pick up a copy of a newsletter with their latest prayer requests in the church foyer.

**Fall Sunday School** – Fall Sunday School for all ages will begin Sunday, August 18.

**Men of the Covenant Breakfast** – MOC breakfast will be held at Grace Covenant Church on Saturday, August 10th at 8 AM. Men of all ages (birth to 100), are invited. Please plan to come and bring your appetites! Please let Rusty know if you are coming.

**Women's Bible Study** – Come join us as we study the book of Hosea using No Empty Word: Relentless Pursuit by Paula Miles. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, August 13 at 10:00 am or Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30 pm. We'll cover the Introduction and Chapter 1. We have a few extra books, so don't worry if you didn't pre-order a copy. If you require childcare, please let us know by the Friday before the study. If you have any questions, please email [wmc@gracecovenantpca.com](mailto:wmc@gracecovenantpca.com) or contact Jeannie Altman.

**Men's Bible Study** – The men are continuing their study of John 13-17 on Thursday evenings at 6PM as a small group home study. If you would like to participate, please contact Clay Ramsey ([clayramsey@gracecovenantpca.com](mailto:clayramsey@gracecovenantpca.com)). The Wednesday night fall study will begin August 14th at 6:30 at church.

**Youth Group on Break** – Our Youth Group will be resuming August 21st with a pool party kick-off! See Josh Bemenderfer for details (and in email being sent to all youth parents). Please see the Sign Up Genius email to provide youth meals on Wednesday nights.

**Craft Night** – is on summer break and will resume on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting September 12th. Bring your craft or hobby and fellowship together.

## Nursery

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

To receive churchwide emails about church news and events:



**ESL Ministry** – The new semester will start this Tuesday, August 6th.

**Trail Life & American Heritage Girls** – AHG and Trail Life resume August 19th. Everyone is invited to opening night!

**Missions Trip to Cancun 2024** – GCC will send a short-term mission team to Cancun Mexico, Nov 9 -16, to serve a sister church, Cristo La Unico Esperanza. The team partners with Great Commission Coaching ministry to do some painting and minor repairs at their church. We have 6 people going and need to raise around \$10,000 to cover transportation, food, translators, and to help pay for all of the materials needed for the repairs and painting. Please pray about donating to help cover the costs for this short-term mission trip. Donate online at

<http://www.gracecovenantchurchpca.com/newgiving> (choose “2024 Cancun mission trip” from the drop-down menu) or use QR code



**Monthly Missions Trip Prayer Meeting** – Please join the missions team on the 1st Sunday of every month just after worship for church wide prayer. We will meet for around 30 minutes starting 15 minutes after the end of worship in the Upper Elementary Classroom. STARTS TODAY!

**CAYA Food Pantry** – CAYA Ministries provides basic foods and household items for those in our community who have financial needs. Please consider donating regularly to keep the pantry stocked. Food and household items can be brought to the church and put in the basket near the front door, or write checks to CAYA Ministries with “food pantry” in memo line or donate online using the QR code.

**Sanctuary Flowers** – Today’s flowers are given by Patsy Kuipers in thanksgiving to God for the gifts of marriage and family.



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