



GRACE COVENANT CHURCH



The 33rd Lord's Day
Sunday, August 18, 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

(Apocalipsis) Revelation 5.6-13

God invites us
to His heavenly
throne of grace

“Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain...

Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

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

ƒ SONG OF ADORATION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, TH 53

TH= Trinity
Hymnal

ƒ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSON OF SIN

Almighty Father, who inhabits eternity but dwells with those who are humble and needy: we confess our sins before you. We have not always honored you as the only eternal God, but have instead erected idols in our hearts. We have not always esteemed you as the incomparable God of all glory, but have often cherished earthly things as more important than you. Help us to return to you, live in awe of your glory, beauty, goodness, and truth. Overwhelm us with your transcendence, that the imagination of our faith would grow and deepen to expect great things from you and attempt great things for you. In Jesus', Amen.

ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

(Isaías) Isaiah 53.3-7, 10-12

✠ SONG OF PRAISE

Arise, My Soul, Arise, TH 305

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Salmo) Psalm 22.1-22, TH 790

NEW TESTAMENT READING

(Romanos) Romans 8.18-25

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.*

God cleanses
us and renews
us in His grace

COLLECTION

✠ SONG OF TRUST

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

*Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise,
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies.
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal;
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief
For every pain I feel.*

*But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine;
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline.
Yet, gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust;
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust.*

*Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sov'reign grace
Be deaf when I complain?
No, still the ear of sov'reign grace
Attends the mourner's prayer;*

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*O may I ever find access
To breathe my sorrows there.*

*Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat;
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet.
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Here let my soul retreat;
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet.*

SERMON TEXT

(Daniel) Daniel 8

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Hope in Lament”

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

✠ SONG OF RESPONSE

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

*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 Saviour He will stay
I labor 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*

God
consecrates us
to renewed
devotion and
obedience

Words & Music
by Jonny
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Thompson,
Michael Farren
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*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*

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Yet not I, but through Christ in me
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

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

✠ **BENEDICTION**

(Números) Numbers 6.24-26

✠ **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:

08/18: Sunday School
Worship
Children's Church

Beth Scott
Jeannie Altman and Levi Stout
Brittany and Stuart Michelson

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Worship
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Betty Stacy
Amber Darnell and Caleb Prather
Mary & Justin David

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

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 is in full swing for all ages. The Adults will be continuing with a time of purposeful, directed prayer during the SS hour and all adults are encouraged to join.

Women's Bible Study – Come join us as we study the book of Hosea using No Empty Word: Relentless Pursuit by Paula Miles. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 27 at 10:00 am or Wednesday, August 28 at 6:30 pm. We'll cover Chapter 2. ~~DELETE~~-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 (wmc@gracecovenantpca.com). Contact Jeannie Altman if you have any questions.

Men's Bible Study – Join us as we continue to study the book of John on Wednesday, August 28 at 6:30 PM in the Adult Sunday School classroom. The materials required are your copy of the Word and a desire to "dig in" and discover fresh Truths as the Spirit of Christ ministers to us in fellowship and discussion. Please contact Clay Ramsey (clayramsey@gracecovenantpca.com) for more info.

Youth Group – Our Youth Group will be resuming this Wednesday, 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.

ESL Ministry – ESL is on Tuesday nights at 6:30. If you would like to help in

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any way, please talk to Jeff Chastine or Lois Barday. No teaching experience required, just friendly faces.

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. The next prayer meeting will be Sept. 1st beginning 15 minutes after the end of worship in the Adult Sunday School classroom and will last for approx. 30 minutes.

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 at: cayaministries.org/donate**



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