



# GRACE COVENANT CHURCH



The 35<sup>th</sup> Lord's Day  
Sunday, September 1, 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

from Revelation 21 & 22; 1 Timothy 1.17

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it...Behold,...I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates....“Come”...let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

*To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen!*

## ƒ SONG OF ADORATION

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, TH 38*

God invites us  
to His heavenly  
throne of grace

Apocalipsis 21  
& 22  
1 Timoteo 1.17

TH= Trinity  
Hymnal

## ƒ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### CONFESSON OF SIN

*Heavenly Father, Lord and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your word as we should nor obeyed your voice as you are worthy. But to you belong mercy and forgiveness. Help us, through your word and sacrament, to see and savor the ministry of our king and high priest. Incline your ear to his prayers as he pleads his righteous acts and righteous wounds for his people. Help us to live under the unending shine of your satisfaction with him as your holy sanctuary and royal priesthood in ever increasing proclamation of your excellencies through our contrition and communion as we grow into what you already count us to be in Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

God cleanses us  
and renews us  
in His grace

## ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

from Ezekiel 36, Ephesians 1, & 2 Cor 5

de Ezequiel 36;  
Efesios 1;  
2 Corintios 5

✠ SONG OF PRAISE

*O Great God*

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*O great God of highest heaven  
Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme  
Conquer every rebel power  
Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me Yours forevermore*

*I was blinded by my sin  
Had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within  
Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life  
Opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace*

*Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven  
Glorify Your Name through me*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

(de Levítico) from Leviticus 26

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

(de Mateo) from Matthew 24

**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**

*How Firm a Foundation, 94 (1,2,5,6)*

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.*

*"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."*

**SERMON TEXT**

(Daniel) Daniel 9.24-27

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

"The Father's Prerogative, The Coming Anointed One,  
and The Desolator's End"

God  
consecrates us  
to renewed  
devotion and  
obedience

**PRAYER OF APPLICATION**

**✠ SONG OF RESPONSE**

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

*On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.*

*All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.*

(continued...)

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

*Chorus: I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land,  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land.*

*No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more. [Chorus]*

*When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest? [Chorus]*

✠ **BENEDICTION**

(Números) Numbers 6.24-26

✠ **SONG OF BLESSING**

*Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*



## Nursery Schedule:

09/01: Sunday School  
Worship  
Children's Church

Kelly Stout  
Amber and Aaron Oostdyk  
Mary & Justin David

09/08: Sunday School  
Worship  
Children's Church

Sherry Floresta  
Liz Vawter and Eliad Stout  
Christian Michelson & Daniel Stout

## 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 Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) leaders, Chris and Kelsey Blackmon, and their work discipling and bringing college students to Christ on the campus of Kennesaw State University. Pray for the college students who need heart transformations in Christ. They can always use additional financial support for this ministry and volunteers to help with their events. Contact [missions@gracecovenantchurch.com](mailto:missions@gracecovenantchurch.com) if you want to donate funds or be connected to the Blackmons with RUF.

**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, Sept 10 at 10:00 am or Wednesday, Sept 11 at 6:30 pm. We'll cover Chapter 3. If you require childcare, please let us know by the Friday before the study ([wmc@gracecovenantpca.com](mailto: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, Sept 11 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](mailto:clayramsey@gracecovenantpca.com)) for more info.

**Youth Group** – Youth Group meets every Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 8 PM at the church. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to participate in the Sign Up Genius email to provide youth meals on Wednesday nights. There are take-out options! See Josh Bemenderfer for questions about youth group.

**ESL Ministry** – ESL is on Tuesday nights at 6:30. If you would like to help in any way, please talk to Jeff Chastine or Lois Barday. No teaching experience required, just friendly faces.

To receive churchwide emails about church news and events:



**Trail Life & American Heritage Girls** – AHG and Trail Life are in full swing for all school-aged children on Monday evenings at the church. Adult volunteers are needed. Please contact Jacob McGill to register your child or volunteer.

**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 is partnering 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. Because of Labor Day weekend, the next prayer meeting will be Sept. 8 beginning 15 minutes after the end of worship in the Adult Sunday School classroom and will last for approx. 30 minutes.

**The JOY Club** – The J.O.Y. Lunch Club (Just Older Youth) will gather on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Join us on September 19th at 11:30 AM, at O'Charley's Restaurant, 4790 Jimmy Lee Smith Pkwy., Hiram, Georgia. Please show your interest in attending...sign up in the church lobby or contact Kris Payne.



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