



# GRACE COVENANT CHURCH



The 39<sup>th</sup> Lord's Day  
Sunday, September 29, 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 34.4-7; 20.7

God invites us  
to His heavenly  
throne of grace

Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God!*

## ƒ SONG OF ADORATION

*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul, TH 57*

TH= Trinity  
Hymnal

## ƒ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### CONFESSON OF SIN

*Heavenly Father, God of all patience and grace, we praise you for our demerited blessings and life in Jesus Christ. We were outcasts, slaves, and rebels. But your cross has brought us near, made us your children, admitted us into your family, and made us joint-heirs with Christ. But we so often fail to live up to our new heritage. We are too often short-sighted, self-willed, impulsive, lacking empathy, and chafing under your discipline. But your sacrificed and risen Son is our refuge; his waters cleanse our consciences; his broken bread fills our hunger; his cup poured out causes ours to overflow. May we increasingly entrust ourselves to your Fatherly care and instruction in renewed devotion for the glory of your name, humble service of your church, and good of all people. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

God cleanses us  
and renews us  
in His grace

## ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

(Juan) John 8.12; 1.9, 12-13, 14, 16

✠ SONG OF PRAISE

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

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*How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory*

*Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished*

*His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished  
I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom [2x]*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

(Deuteronomio) Deuteronomy 29.29  
(Eclesiastés) Ecclesiastes 8.1-2

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

(1 Pedro) 1 Peter 3.8-17

**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.*

(continued...)

*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**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness, TH 32*

**SERMON TEXT**

(Daniel) Daniel 12

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

“The Wise Shall Shine as They Go Their Way”

**PRAYER OF APPLICATION**

✠ **SONG OF RESPONSE**

*My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again.ow deep the Father's love for us  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness,  
And clothed me with His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly;  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace.*

God  
consecrates us  
to renewed  
devotion and  
obedience

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

*My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
Whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
To love and follow Him.*

✠ **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:

09/29: Sunday School  
Worship  
Children's Church

Beth Scott  
Jeannie Altman and Abigail Rauch  
Justin and Mary David

10/06: Sunday School  
Worship  
Children's Church

Christy Donovan  
Amber Darnell and Eliza Tippins  
Jacob & Kallie McGill

## Please Take Note:

**Fifth Sunday Fellowship Lunch** – Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy our Fellowship Lunch after the service today. Our visitors are especially invited to stay and enjoy some food and fellowship!

**Mission of the Month** – Please pray for Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) leaders, Chris and Kelsey Blackman, 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 Blackmans with RUF.

**AHG Chili Cook Off** – AHG invites you to their 6th Annual Chili Cook Off this Saturday at 1 pm. \$5 per person for the fundraiser and lots of chili to try and don't forget the Bake Sale!

**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, Oct 7 at 10:00 am or Wednesday, Oct 8 at 6:30 pm. We'll cover Chapter 5. 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, Oct 8 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.

**CAYA Food Pantry** – CAYA Ministries provides basic foods and household

## 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:



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](http://cayaministries.org/donate)

**Craft Night** – Craft Night is moving to Wednesday! Join us on October 2nd at 6:30 for fun and fellowship. Any age and any craft are welcome.

**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 October 6 beginning 15 minutes after the end of worship in the Adult Sunday School classroom and will last for approx. 20 minutes.

**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.

**Sanctuary Flowers** – Today’s flowers are in memory of her sweet sister Geri Hammonds from her baby sister Roseann.

**Mission to Cancun 2024** – We have 7 people going and need to raise around \$7,500 to cover all costs for the trip and materials for the work being done. 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 cod



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