

GRACE

Community Church, PCA

A Presbyterian Church in America



Grace, Growth, Glory

Sept. 6, 2020 • 10:45 am

Welcome to Grace Community Church, a Presbyterian Church in America. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we pray that you may know the Gospel's transforming grace in Jesus Christ.

Today's Scheduled Activities:

Sunday School: 9:45-10:30am - Sunday School

(Fellowship Hall)-Adults—The 23rd Psalm – Pastor Brent Bergman

(Library)-Children-Attributes of Scripture

Morning Worship Service: 10:45am-12:15pm – “Hard to Believe” – Rev. Brent Bergman

Sunday Evening: 6:00pm — No evening service this week.

Weekly Calendar:

Monday 2:15pm Women's Prayer contact Janis Stevenson

Tuesday 9:15am Men's White Horse Stable this Tuesday, Aug. 18

Wednesday 7:00pm Basics of the Faith – “Why Do We Have Creeds?”

Friday 9:30am Women's "T" Room (Nehemiah)

Fellowship and Announcements: check website for additional details

- If interested in an inquirer's class please contact Pastor Brent.
- No Sunday evening fellowship tonight at church.
- Sept. 13th Bruce Kirby from Firm Foundation Partnership.com teaching SS and addressing congregation during worship.
- Family Evening Fellowship 6:00 PM Sept 27th at Ron & Sue Brightwell.
- Sunday, Sept. 13 we will begin a study of Acts in morning worship service.

July 2020				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ (3,410.80)	\$ 8,884.90	\$(12,480.65)	\$ (6,920.70)
Deacons Fund	\$ 8,089.26	\$ 170.00	\$ (105.53)	\$ 8,153.73
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 1,488.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,488.18
Restoration Fund	\$ 6,323.11	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 6,423.11
Total	\$ 12,489.75	\$ 9,154.90	\$(12,586.18)	\$ 9,144.32

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Order of Worship

Theme: True Faith

We receive
the **Call to
Worship** in
accordance
with

Hebrews
12:28

Announcements

*Let us offer to
God
acceptable
worship, with
reverence and
awe.*

Prelude

The prelude is a time to prepare for the worship of our holy God. Pray that God would meet His people as we gather. (Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)

Call to Worship *

The service begins with a scriptural “call to worship.” It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts. Worship is a reflexive and deliberate response to His gracious call.

We offer the
**Prayer of
Invocation** in
accordance
with

Psalm 22:3
KJV

Psalm 103:1, 19-22

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens;
and His kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments,
hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion:

bless the Lord, O my soul.

*But Thou art
holy, O thou
that inhabits
the praises of
Israel.*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation *

This prayer exalts the Name of the Lord and invokes His presence and communion as we come to worship Him.

**Please stand if able.*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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*Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD,
O my soul. Ps. 103:22*



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



- ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless;
• in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes;
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



- Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
• praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.



Scripture Reading *

James 2:14-17; 2 Kings 5:1-14

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

We receive
the **Scripture**
Reading in
accordance
with
1 Timothy
4:13

*Devote
yourself to the
public reading
of Scripture*

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So, he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So, he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So, he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

We offer the
Prayer of
Confession in
accordance
with

1 John 1:9

*If we confess
our sins, He is
faithful and
just to forgive
us our sins and
to cleanse us
from all
unrighteousness*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

2 Timothy 1:8-9

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord,...but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of **God**, **who saved us**, and called us to a holy calling, **not because of our works, but because of His own purpose and grace**, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

**Please stand if able*

I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. 2 Tim. 1:12

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he has made known,
 2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he did im-part,
 3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing men of sin,
 4. I know not what of good or ill may be re-served for me,
 5. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

nor why, un-wor-thy, Christ in love re-deemed me for his own.
 nor how be-liev-ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.
 • re-veal-ing Je-sus through the Word, cre-at-ing faith in him.
 of wea-ry ways or gold-en days, be-fore his face I see.
 nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."

REFRAIN
 But "I know whom I have be-liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is

a-ble to keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day."

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism 84-85

We offer our
**Confession of
Faith** in
accordance
with

Hebrews
10:23

*Let us hold
fast the
confession of
our hope
without
wavering, for
He who
promised is
faithful*

Q. 84. Shall all men die?

A. Death being threatened as the wages of sin, it is appointed unto all men once to die; for that all have sinned.

Q. 85. Death, being the wages of sin, why are not the righteous delivered from death, seeing all their sins are forgiven in Christ?

A. The righteous shall be delivered from death itself at the last day, and even in death are delivered from the sting and curse of it; so that, although they die, yet it is out of God's love, to free them perfectly from sin and misery, and to make them capable of further communion with Christ in glory, which they then enter upon.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 37-38

We offer the
**Prayer for
the
Congregation**
in accordance
with

1 Peter 5:7
 *Casting all
your anxieties
on Him,
because He
cares for you.*

Q. 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Prayer for the Congregation

We offer our
**Tithes and
Offerings** in
accordance
with

Malachi 3:10.

*Bring the full
tithes into the
storehouse.*

Tithes and Offerings / Offertory

Giving is an act of worship.

We give because all we are and all we have are gifts of God's grace.

For those who are currently unable to attend the worship service you will find on the website under the *MINISTRIES* tab a place for ONLINE GIVING

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam. 3:22, 23*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

REFRAIN

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

vid - ed — Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

We offer the
**Prayer for
Illumination**
in accordance
with
Psalm
119:130

*The unfolding
of Your words
gives light; it
imparts
understanding
to the simple.*

We submit to
the
**Preaching of
God's Word**
in accordance
with
Romans
10:17.

*So, faith comes
from hearing,
and hearing
through the
word of Christ.*

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

“Hard to Believe”

Mark 16:9-20

Rev. Brent Bergman

A. Textual Difficulties

B. What does this passage teach?

C. Application

**Reception of New Member – Cortland Bergman
Communion**

When the Stars Burn Down

Verse 1 When the stars burn down and the earth wears out
 And we stand before the throne
 With the witnesses who have gone before
 We will rise and all applaud

Chorus 1 Singing blessing and honor, glory and power
 Forever to our God
 Singing blessing and honor, glory and power
 Forever to our God

Verse 2 When the hands of time wind fully down
 And the earth is rolled up like a scroll
 The trumpets will call and the world will fall
 To its knees as we all go home

Chorus 2 Singing blessing and honor, glory and power
 Forever to our God
 Singing blessing and honor, glory and power
 Forever to our God
 Singing blessing and honor, glory and power
 Forever to our God

Bridge Star of the morning, Light of salvation
 Majesty
 God of all mysteries, Lord of the universe
 Righteous King (2)

Verse 4 There will come a day standing face to face
 In a moment, we will be like Him
 He will wipe our eyes dry, take us up to His side
 And forever we will be His

Chorus 1 (X2)

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace

We receive
the
Benediction
in accordance
with Leviticus
9:22-23

*Then Aaron
lifted up his
hands toward
the people and
blessed them.*

Weekly Prayer Journal

(Sept. 6 – Sept. 12, 2020)

Please notify us of new prayer requests or answers to prayer. You may call the church office at 727-789-2124 or e-mail the information to faithkeeper77@juno.com.

Sunday: Prayer Theme: **Pray for Faith** *Lord, let it be granted to me to believe; Philippians 1:29 forth faith by which I am saved is not my own doing, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8 having received Christ Jesus the Lord, enable me so also to walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith as I was taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Colossians 2:6-7 so I may be blameless and innocent, as a child of God, without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation. Philippians 2:15*

Monday: Prayer Needs: Genevan Institute *Let Your word be stored up in my heart, that I might not sin against You; Psalm 119:11 and Your grace be at all times sufficient for me, 2 Corinthians 12:9 ready and mighty in me; and never give me up to my own heart's lust, to walk in my own counsel. Jeremiah 7:24*

Tuesday: *Lord, give me so to be crucified with Christ, as that the life I may now live in the flesh, I may live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me; Galatians 2:20 and so to carry in me continually the death of Jesus, as that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in my mortal body. 2 Corinthians 4:10*

Wednesday: *Work in me that faith which is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen, Hebrews 11:1 by which I may look above the things that are seen, that are transient, and may look at the things that are unseen, that are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18*

Thursday: *Enable me by faith to set the LORD always before me, Psalm 16:8 and to have my eyes ever towards Him, Psalm 25:15 that I may act in everything, as seeing Him who is invisible, and may look to the reward. Hebrews 11:26-27 and may I adorn the doctrine of God my Savior in everything. Titus 2:10*

Friday: Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and Mark & Sonia Scott.

Saturday: *Let my heart be cleansed by faith, Acts 15:9 that every word of Yours benefit me, being united by faith, Hebrews 4:2 by which I receive Your testimony and set my seal to this: that God is true. John 3:33 let it be my victory to overcome the world; 1 John 5:4 and so be kept from fainting by believing that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Psalm 27:13*

The proclamation of God's grace.

God's will for His Church is for the Church to proclaim and defend Truth (I Tim. 3:15) so that God's people may avail themselves of the ordinary means of grace in order to grow in grace and manifest the fruit of the spirit. (Col. 1: 5-6, WSC* #89)

The growth of God's people.

God's will for His people is to enable them to more and more die to sin and live unto righteousness. (I Thess. 4:3, WSC* #35)

The magnification of God's glory.

God's will is for all things to glorify Him. So, whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, it is to be for the glory of God. We are to let our light to shine before men so that they might see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven. (I Cor 10:31; Matt 5:16). Therefore, man's chief end is to "glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." (WSC* #1)

*Westminster Shorter Catechism

Missionaries We Support

Matlack	MTW Prayer Ministry	Andrew Newman – RUF @ USF
Schmidts	Brazil	New Life Solutions
Kawachis	France	Genevan Institute
Etienne	Haiti	

Scriptures quoted are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.

Next Communion: October 4, 2020

Next Benevolence Offering: September 13, 2020