



**Welcome** to Grace Community Church, a Presbyterian Church in America. If you are worshiping 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

Adults (Fellowship Hall) — "Hosea" – Rev. Steve Jennings

Children (Library) – "God Showing Grace in the OT"

**Morning Worship Service:** 10:45am – "The Message of Love" Luke 2:15

Rev. Brent Bergman

**Sunday Evening:** 6:00pm— Christmas Caroling

### Weekly Calendar:

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

Tuesday 9:15am Men's White Horse Stable

Wednesday 7:00pm Prayer Meeting

Friday on hold until Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Women's 'T' Room (Exodus 16)

### Fellowship and Announcements: check website for additional details

- Tonight: Christmas Caroling at the fire pit. Cocoa, smores, goodies.
- Sunday evening Fellowship Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> @ Brightwell's.
- No Friday morning Bible study until Jan.
- No Ladies monthly Bible study in December

October 2021				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 8,310.73	\$15,084.41	<del>\$(14,616.68)</del>	\$ 9,206.24
Deacons Fund	\$ 8,057.59	\$ 215.00	\$ -	\$ 8,272.59
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 2,548.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,548.18
Restoration Fund	\$ 4,466.40	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 4,566.40
Total	\$ 23,382.90	\$15,399.41	<del>\$(14,616.68)</del>	\$ 24,593.41

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# Order of Worship

## Theme: Listen to the Angels

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

Hebrews  
12:28

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

### Announcements

#### 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.)**

#### Candle lighting

Steve & Mary Jennings

#### 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

Psalms  
22:3 KJV

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

Leader: The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,  
to the soul who seeks Him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.  
(Lamentations 3:25-26)

**People: Behold, this is our God;  
we have waited for Him, that He might save us.  
This is the LORD we have waited for Him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.  
(Isaiah 25:9)**

#### 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.*



# Confession of Faith

## Westminster Confession of Faith 3.5 & 17.2

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. How does God's love affect predestination?

**3.5. Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen, in Christ, unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love, without any foresight of faith, or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving Him thereunto; and all to the praise of His glorious grace.**

Q. How does God's love affect perseverance?

**17.2. This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, the abiding of the Spirit, and of the seed of God within them, and the nature of the covenant of grace: from all which arises also the certainty and infallibility thereof.**

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

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

## Prayer of Confession

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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*

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

## What Child Is This

Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.  
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

We offer the  
**Prayer for  
the  
Congregation**

# Prayer for the Congregation

Marie Panagotopulos, and Etienne's - Haiti

in accordance  
with

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

## 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

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

Malachi 3:10.

*Bring the full  
tithes into the  
storehouse*

We receive the  
**Scripture  
Reading**

in accordance  
with

1 Timothy 4:13

*Devote  
yourself to the  
public reading  
of Scripture*

## Scripture Reading\*

1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore, they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

*\*Please stand if able*

# Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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*He is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers. Rev. 17:14*

1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
2. Flocks were sleep - ing: shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

# Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of God's Word

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

“The Message of Love” Luke 2:15

Rev. Brent Bergman

*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.*

## Once in Royal David's City

*You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12*

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,  
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:  
 • love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:  
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,  
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 • Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

# Benediction

Ephesians 3:17-19

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

Then Aaron  
lifted up his  
hands toward  
the people  
and blessed

May Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

## Weekly Prayer Journal (December 19 – December 25, 2021)

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](mailto:faithkeeper77@juno.com).

**Sunday:** Prayer Theme: **Love** *God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 Lord, give us to love our neighbor as ourselves with that love which is the fulfilling of the law; Romans 13:9-10, that by this all men may know that we are Christ's disciples. John 13:35*

**Monday:** Prayer Needs: Kawachi's-France *Jehovah said, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore, with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." Jeremiah 31:3 help us as we are taught by God to love one another, give us to abound therein more and more; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10*

**Tuesday:** *Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to the LORD my God. Revelation. 19:1 Lord, make us able to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us, to pray for those who despitefully use us, and to do good to those who hate us; Matthew 5:44 bearing with one another and forgiving one another in love, as Christ has forgiven us. Colossians 3:13*

**Wednesday:** *Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen. Psalm 41:13 for He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me is love. Song of Songs 2:4*

**Thursday:** *Lord, put upon us that love which binds everything together in perfect harmony, Colossians 3:14 that we may maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, Ephesians 4:3 and may live in love of peace, that the God of love and peace may be with us. 2 Corinthians 13:11*

**Friday:** Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and Marie Panagotopulos.

**Saturday:** *I prostrate my soul before the throne and worship God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to God forever and ever! Amen. Revelation 7:11-12*

# **Grace Community Church PCA exists for ...**

## **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**

Financial & Prayer	Prayer
Matlack MTW Prayer Ministry	Aldo Mondin – RUF @ USF
Schmidts Brazil	New Life Solutions (Walk for Life)
Kawachis France	Genevan Institute
Etienne Haiti	

Scriptures quoted are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.

**Next Communion:** January 2, 2022

**Next Benevolence Offering:** January 9, 2021