

GRACE

Community Church, PCA

A Presbyterian Church in America



Grace, Growth, Glory

May 15, 2022 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

Adults (Fellowship Hall—"Fruitful in the Knowledge of Christ" 2 Peter 1:5-8 Dr. Steve Jennings

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

Morning Worship Service: 10:45am – "Noah and the Son of God" Luke 17:20-37 Rev. Brent Bergman

Sunday Evening: 6:00pm — Mother's Day – no evening service

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 10:00am Women's 'T' Room (Exodus 27:20-28:?)

Fellowship and Announcements: check website for additional details

- Staples May 22 new SS series: The Archway of Truth
- Ladies Monthly Bible Study May 27th 6:30 @ Laurie
- May 29th guest speaker – Bob Burridge
- Summer Fellowship Hosts needed June 5-Aug. 28. Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

April 2022				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 16,624.86	\$13,955.67	\$(19,087.83)	\$ 11,302.02
Deacons Fund	\$ 11,058.59	\$ 396.00	\$ (679.40)	\$ 10,775.19
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 1,600.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600.18
Restoration Fund	\$ 6,322.28	\$ 100.00	\$ (5,513.00)	\$ 909.28
Total	\$ 35,605.91	\$14,451.67	\$(25,280.23)	\$ 24,586.67

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Order of Worship

Theme: Preservation

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

Announcements

Hebrews
12:28

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

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.

Psalm 145:8-13

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

All your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!

They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of
Your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

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

Psalm 22:3
KJV

*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.*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism 12-18

*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.*

12. Since, according to God's righteous judgment we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how can we escape this punishment and be again received into favor?

A. God demands that His justice be satisfied. Therefore we must make full payment, either by ourselves or through another.

13. Can we by ourselves make this payment?

A. Certainly not. On the contrary we daily increase our debt.

14. Can any mere creature pay for us?

A. No, In the first place, God will not punish another creature for the sin which man has committed. Furthermore, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.

15. What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?

A. One who is a true and righteous man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is one who is at the same time true God.

16. Why must he be a true and righteous man?

A. He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin. He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.

17. Why must he at the same time be true God?

A. He must be true God so that by the power of His divine nature He might bear in His human nature the burden of God's wrath, and might obtain for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

18. But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is our righteousness, holiness and redemption. (1 Cor. 1:30)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

*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.*

Before the Throne of God Above

Words and Music by
CHARITE BANCROFT and VIKKI COOK
arr. Johnathan Vest



Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong, a per - fect plea, a great High
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness, the great un -



Priest whose name is Love who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His
look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not



hands. My name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free. For god the Just is sat - is -
die. My soul is pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on



stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.



(after vs 2) Hallelujah, Hallelujah Praise the One, risen Son of God
(after vs 3) Hallelujah, Hallelujah Praise the One, risen Son of God (3X)
Praise the One, risen Son of God

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

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

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*

Prayer for the Congregation

Steve & Mary Jennings and Aldo Mondin RUF@USF

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.

Scripture Reading*

Key Verses from Nehemiah 9

1-3 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God. 6-8 You are the Lord, You alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and You preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships You. You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham. You found his heart faithful before You, and made with him the covenant to give to his offspring the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite. And You have kept Your promise, for You are righteous. 15-17 You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and You told them to go in to possess the land that You had sworn to give them. "But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey Your commandments. They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that You performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But You are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them. 23-25 You multiplied their children as the stars of heaven, and You brought them into the land that You had told their fathers to enter and possess. So the descendants went in and possessed the land, and You subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hand, with their kings and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would. And they captured fortified cities and a rich land, and took possession of houses full of all good things, cisterns already hewn, vineyards, olive orchards and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate and were filled and became fat and delighted themselves in Your great goodness. 29-32 And You warned them in order to turn them back to Your law. Yet they acted presumptuously and did not obey Your commandments, but sinned against Your rules, which if a person does them, he shall live by them, and they turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck and would not obey. Many years You bore with them and warned them by Your Spirit through Your prophets. Yet they would not give ear. Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. Nevertheless, in Your great mercies You did not make an end of them or forsake them, for You are a gracious and merciful God. "Now, therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love, let not all the hardship seem little to You that has come upon us, upon our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and all Your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria until this day.

**Please stand if able*

A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. Luke 14:16

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
 2. While all our hearts and all our songs
 3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,
 4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast

with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
 join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
 and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
 that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
 thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
 wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
 fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
 constrain the earth to come;
 send your victorious Word abroad,
 and bring the strangers home.
6. We long to see your churches full,
 that all the chosen race
 may, with one voice and heart and soul,
 sing your redeeming grace.

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

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

“Noah and the Patience of God” 1 Peter 3:18-20
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.*

10,000 REASONS

Chorus: Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1: The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

CHORUS

Verse 2: You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

CHORUS

Verse 3: And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

CHORUS x 2

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

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

Benediction

1 Timothy 1:17

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

Weekly Prayer Journal

(May 15 – May 21, 2022)

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: **The GIFT of God** *I do not present my plea before You because of my righteousness, Daniel 9:18 for I am before You in my guilt, Ezra 9:15 and cannot stand before You because of it; Psalm 130:3 but I make mention of Christ's righteousness, even of His only, who is the LORD our righteousness, Jeremiah 23:6 and therefore the LORD my righteousness.*

Monday: Prayer Needs: Aldo Mondin—RUF@USF *Behold, O God, my shield, and look on the face of Your Anointed, Psalm 84:9 in whom You have by a voice from heaven declared Yourself to be well pleased; Lord, be well pleased with me in Him. Matthew 3:17*

Tuesday: *I come in the name of the great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, who is able to sympathize with my weaknesses, Hebrews 4:14-15 and is therefore able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25*

Wednesday: *I know that even spiritual sacrifices are acceptable to God only through Christ Jesus 1 Peter 2:5 nor can I hope to receive anything but what I ask of You in His name; John 16:23 and therefore, bless me in the Beloved, Ephesians 1:6 and that it is because You so loved the world that You gave Your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him Should not perish but have eternal life John 3:16*

Thursday: *We thank You for Your servant, whom You uphold, Your chosen in whom Your soul delights; Isaiah 42:1 Your beloved Son, with whom You are well pleased; Matthew 17:5 that You have given Him as a covenant to the people; Isaiah 49:8 and that through Him we are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14*

Friday: Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and Dr. Steve & Mary Jennings.

Saturday: *I thank You that the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost; Luke 19:10 that He has come that I might have life and have it abundantly; John 10:10 That He has loved me and has freed me from my sins by His blood, and has made His people a kingdom, priests to His God and Father. Revelation 1:5-6 and by His own blood entered once for all into the holy places, thus securing an eternal redemption. Hebrews 9:12*

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: June 5, 2022

Next Benevolence Offering: June 12, 2022