



**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) — "He is Worthy" – Rev. Steve Jennings

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

**Morning Worship Service:** 10:45am – "Hope: The Fuel for Waiting"

Isaiah 40:9-11,31 — Rev. Brent Bergman

**Sunday Evening:** 6:00pm— Sola Christo, Christ Alone

## 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 (Micah 2)

## Fellowship and Announcements: check website for additional details

- Food and Gift Donations for Love Baskets due December 4, 2022.
- Caroling under the Stars December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- Christmas Fellowship Dinner December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- Christmas Eve Service December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- Women's Fellowship Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm.
- Men's Fellowship Saturday, December 31st, Bayou Café at 8:00am.

October 2022				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$29,778.70	\$ 7,087.07	\$ (10,809.33)	\$26,438.11
Deacons Fund	\$12,593.95	\$ 337.00	\$ -	\$12,930.95
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 652.18	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 652.18
Restoration Fund	\$ 509.25	\$ 3,200.00	\$ (6,800.00)	\$ (3,090.75)
Total	\$43,534.08	\$14,624.07	\$ (21,609.33)	\$36,930.49

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# Order of Worship

## Theme: Hope

### Announcements

## Hope Candle Lighting

Theodore Svenson

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

Hebrews  
12:28

*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.)**

## Hymn #208: O Come All Ye Faithful

### 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 33:20-22

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.  
For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy  
name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we  
hope in you.

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.**

## Hymn #206: Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning

*\*Please stand if able.*

# Confession of Faith

## WCF 17:1-2 “Of the Perseverance of the Saints” WLC #80

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.*

17:1 They, whom God hath accepted in his Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.

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 ariseth 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 you*

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*

**WCL Q 80:** Can true believers be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and that they shall persevere therein unto salvation?

**A:** Such as truly believe in Christ, and endeavor to walk in all good conscience before him, may, without extraordinary revelation, by faith grounded upon the truth of God's promises, and by the Spirit enabling them to discern in themselves those graces to which the promises of life are made, and bearing witness with their spirits that they are children of God, be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and shall persevere there unto salvation.

## Prayer of Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

## **Hymn #197: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

We offer the  
**Prayer for  
the  
Congregation**

in accordance  
with

### **Prayer for the Congregation**

Maire Panagotopulos and Matlacks w/MTW Prayer Ministry

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

1Timothy 4:13

*Devote  
yourself to the  
public reading  
of Scripture*

## **Scripture Reading\*** **Isaiah 40:9-31 (P. 599)**

## **Hymn#193: Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

*\*Please stand if able*

# Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of God's Word

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

“Hope: the Fuel for Waiting” - Isaiah 40:9-11,31

Rev. Brent Bergman

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

1) What was the p\_\_\_\_\_ of the Herald? (v.9)

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

2) What was the m\_\_\_\_\_ of the Herald? (v.10-11)

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

3) What was the p\_\_\_\_\_ of the Herald?(v.31)

Next Week: Isaiah 54:1-13

**Hymn #224: Go Tell It On The Mountain**

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

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

## Benediction

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

## Weekly Prayer Journal

(November 27 – December 3, 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](mailto:faithkeeper77@juno.com).

**Sunday:** Prayer Theme: **Hope** *Let endurance produce character in me, and character produce hope – such a hope that does not put me to shame. Romans 5:4-5 Through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures, let me have hope, Romans 15:4 and be saved by hope. Romans 8:24*

**Monday:** Prayer Needs: Matlacks – MTW Prayer Ministry *Let me be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 1:3 and let that hope be to me as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, entering into the inner place behind the curtain, where the Forerunner has gone on my behalf. Hebrews 6:19-20*

**Tuesday:** *Let me have Christ in me, the hope of glory, Colossians 1:27 and never be shifting from the hope of the gospel; Colossians 1:23 but enable me to show earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end. Hebrews 6:11*

**Wednesday:** *For God alone our souls wait in silence; from him comes our salvation: He only is our rock and our salvation! Psalm 62:1-2 In him is our glory, our might, and our refuge; and our hope is from him. Psalm 62:5-7*

**Thursday:** *Let the God of Jacob be my help, and my hope always be in the LORD my God. Psalm 146:5 In you, O LORD, do we take refuge; let us never be put to shame; Psalm 31:1 indeed, let none who wait for you be put to shame. Psalm 25:3*

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

**Saturday:** *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. Psalm 20:7 We will trust in your steadfast love, O God, forever and ever, and will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly. Psalm 52:8-9*

# **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:** December 4, 2022

**Next Benevolence Offering:** December 11, 2022