



GRACE

Community Church, PCA

A Presbyterian Church in America



Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon

(1723-1794)

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 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 (Sanctuary) – “He Is Worthy, What About Us” Rev. Steve Jennings

Children (Library) – “God Showing Grace in the OT”

Morning Worship Service: 10:45am – “John Witherspoon: a Son of Liberty”
Rev. Brent Bergman

Sunday Evening: 2:00pm — Annual Picnic at Anderson Park, Shelter #1

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 40)

Fellowship and Announcements: check website for additional details

- Supper10 groups are available for August thru November fellowships.
- Women's Fellowship Friday November 18th at Victoria Bergman's at 6:30pm.
- Men's Fellowship Saturday November 26, Bayou Café at 8:00am.
- Fall Work Days, November 19th & November 21st

| September 2022 | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| | Beginning Balance | Income | Expenses | Ending Balance |
| General Fund | \$28,972.92 | \$10,718.57 | \$ (9,912.79) | \$29,778.70 |
| Deacons Fund | \$12,181.95 | \$412.00 | \$ - | \$12,593.95 |
| Special Outreach Fund | \$ 652.18 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 652.18 |
| Restoration Fund | \$ (4,290.72) | \$11,300.00 | \$ (6500.03) | \$ 509.25 |
| Total | \$ 37,516.33 | \$22,430.57 | \$ (16,412.82) | \$ 43,534.08 |

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Order of Worship

Theme: The Reformation

Announcements

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

Hebrews
12:28

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

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.*

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 reflective and deliberate response to His gracious call.

Psalm 46: 1-7

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us;
The God of Jacob is our fortress.

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.*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Scripture Reading *

We receive
the

**Scripture
Reading** in
accordance
with

1 Timothy
4:13

*Devote
yourself to
the public
reading of
scripture.*

Deuteronomy 17: 14-20

“When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,’ you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, ‘You shall never return that way again.’ And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold. “And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. And it shall be with him and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandments, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.”

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
unrighteous
ness*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Matthew 1: 21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

**Please stand if able.*

REFORMATION SONG

By Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin

♩ = 70
A D F#m D A D F#m E^{SUS} **VERSE** D A

1. Your Word a - lone is sol - id
lone we come to
lone we're jus - ti -
lone we have been

6 E D F#m E

ground, The might - y rock on which we build. In ev - ery
You, we have no mer - it we can claim, sure that You're
saved, His right - eous - ness is all our plea, Your law's de -
all that we are has come from You, hearts that were

9 D E F#m D D/E 1. A D

line the truth is found, and ev - ery page with glo - ry filled.
prom - is - es are true, we place our hope in Jesus'
mands are sat - is - fied, His per - fect work has set us
once by sin en - slaved now by Your pow'r have been made

13 F#m E^{SUS} 2.3.4. A **CHORUS** E A D Bm7 F#m

2. Through faith a - name... Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a -
free...
new...

18 E A E A D Bm F#m E

lone, Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a -

22 *Fine* A D F#m D A D F#m E^{SUS} **D.S.**

lone. 3. In Christ a -
4. By grace a -

*Optional Vs. 5 (for Reformation Day):
And on this Reformation day we join with saints of old to sing;
We lift our hearts as one in praise: Glory to Christ our gracious King.*

*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 our
Tithes and
Offerings
in accordance
with*

Malachi 3:10.

*Bring the full
tithe into the
storehouse*

*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.*

Prayer for the Congregation

Rev. Steve and Mary Jennings – Etienne in Haiti

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.

Confession of Faith

WCF 20 1&3

Leader: The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and, in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin; from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation; as also, in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto him, not out of slavish fear, but a childlike love and willing mind. All which were common also to believers under the law. But, under the new testament, the liberty of Christians is further enlarged, in their freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law, to which the Jewish church was subjected; and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace, and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of.

All: They who, upon pretense of Christian liberty, do practice any sin, or cherish any lust, do thereby destroy the end of Christian liberty, which is, that being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, we might serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Pillars of Reformation

1. Scrip - ture on - ly God has giv'n to guide His peo - ple
 2. Christ a - lone made sat - is - fac - tion for the e - lect of
 3. Grace a - lone in mer - cy cho - sen, all suf - fi - cient
 4. Faith a - lone, the gift of heav - en, faith in Christ who

on their way All suf - fi - cient rev - e - la - tion
 Ad - am's race Fear of hell no long - er tor - ments
 grace a - lone By God's mer - cy He has quick - ened,
 jus - ti - fied Not by works nor by our striv - ings,

Full re - demp - tion on dis - play On - ly Scrip - ture,
 We shall see Him face to face Christ a - lone, our
 Made a - live our hearts of stone Grace a - lone can
 In Ad - am's sin we all had died Faith a - lone in

Ho - ly Scrip - ture can our con - science ful - ly sway.
 hope for - ev - er, Christ in whom we live by grace.
 sin - ners res - cue, grace by which God's love is known.
 Christ our Sav - ior jus - tice has been sat - is - fied.

PETER BYRON LA POINTE
 OCTOBER 4, 2012
 MAY BE FREELY USED
 WITH ACKNOWLEDGMENT

5. Glory only to the Father, glory only to the Son
 Glory only to the Spirit, God ever three and ever one
 God in Whom we have our being,
 Resting in what Christ has done.

NEANDER 8.7.8.7.8.7
 JOACHIM NEANDER, 1680; ALT. 1990

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

“John Witherspoon: a Son of Liberty”

Hymn of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the One who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus: There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And every prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Chorus

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"
(repeat)

"Forever He shall reign"

Chorus 2: So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord
(repeat)

Holy, holy is the Lord, Holy, holy is the Lord

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 Thessalonians 5: 23-24

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

Weekly Prayer Journal

(October 31 – November 5, 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 Reformation** : *Make those who rule over us just, ruling in the fear of God; 2 Samuel 23:3 and let those who judge remember that they judge not for man but for the LORD, who is with them in giving judgment, that therefore the fear of the LORD may be upon them. 2 Chronicles 19:6-7 Make them able men and trustworthy, men who fear God and hate a bribe, Exodus 18:21 that justice may run down like a river, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24*

Monday: Prayer Needs – Etienne. *Let all wickedness shut its mouth; Psalm 107:42 and let the infection of that plague be stayed by intervening judgment. Psalm 106:30*

Tuesday: *O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and establish the righteous – you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God. Psalm 7:9 Spirit many to rise up for you against the wicked and to stand up for you against evildoers. Psalm 94:16*

Wednesday: *Enable our magistrates to defend the weak and fatherless, to maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute, to rescue the weak and the needy, and to deliver them from the hand of the wicked; Psalm 82:3-4 and let governors never be a terror to good works, but to the evil. Romans 13:4*

Thursday: *Remove the spirit of uncleanness from the land, Zechariah 13:2 and change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that they may call upon the name of the LORD. Zephaniah 3:9*

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

Saturday: *Let those who are struggling against sin never grow weary or fainthearted. Hebrews 12:3-4 Set us high above all nations in praise and in fame and in honor by making us a people holy to the LORD our God. Deuteronomy 26:19*

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: November 6, 2022

Next Benevolence Offering: November 13, 2022