

# GRACE

Community Church, PCA

A Presbyterian Church in America



*Grace, Growth, Glory*

March 26, 2023 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)- "Study of Psalm 110" – Bob Walker

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

**Morning Worship Service:** 10:45am – "The Faithful Servant" – John 3:22-36

Rev. Brent Bergman

**Sunday Evening: 6:00pm** – GMOS - Directive 8 "Be Rightly Intentional"

### 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 – (1Corinthians 1)

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

- Women's Fellowship Friday, April 21st at 6:30pm location TBD
- Men's Fellowship Saturday, April 29th, Bayou Café at 8:00am.
- Maundy Thursday Service – April 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm
- Easter Breakfast – April 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:45am
- GRN National Conference – Lead On O King Eternal – May 3 and May 4

February 2023				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 39,889.72	\$11,856.08	\$ (7,280.71)	\$ 44,447.09
Deacons Fund	\$ 10,234.00	\$ 433.00	\$ (1,250.00)	\$ 9,417.00
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 652.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 652.18
Restoration Fund	\$ 474.72	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 774.72
Total	\$ 51,250.62	\$12,589.08	\$ (8,530.71)	\$ 55,290.99

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# Order of Worship

## Theme: The Faithful Servant

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

Hebrews  
12:28

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

### Announcements

#### 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.**

### Isaiah 6:1-3, Revelation. 4:8-11

Leader: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His Glory!”

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

**All: “Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.”**

#### 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.**

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.*

*\*Please stand if able.*

## Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

♩ D Bm A D G D 7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D Bm A D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

♩ Bm D G D G A7 D 7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be,  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## Scripture Reading\*

*We receive the  
Scripture  
Reading in  
accordance  
with*

I Timothy  
4:13

*Devote  
yourself to the  
public reading  
of Scripture*

1John 3:1-10 (p. 1022)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil; whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

*We offer the  
Prayer of  
Confession in  
accordance  
with*

I 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 Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*\*Please stand if able.*

# All I have is Christ

♩ = 76

VERSE

A Bm G

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the  
 (2. But as I) ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - f'rent to the  
 (3. Now, Lord, I) would be Yours a - lone and live so all might

( D )

4 Bm Em G A

way; The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the  
 cost, You looked up - on my help - less state and led me to the  
 see the strength to fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from

8 D D/F# G Em

grave. I had no hope that You would own a reb - el to Your  
 cross. And I be - held God's love dis - played, You suf - fered in my  
 me. O Fa - ther, use my ran - somed life in a - ny way You

12 Bm D/F# G

will, and if You had not loved me first I would re - fuse You still.  
 place; You bore the wrath re - served for me; Now all I  
 choose, and let my song for - ev - er be: My on - ly

1. TURNAROUND  
 Bm A

17 Bm D/F# G D

2, 3. Bm A<sup>sus</sup> A D  
 2. But as I know is grace! Hal - le -  
 boast is You.

CHORUS

23 G D A Bm G

-lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal - le - lu -

28 Bm A

-jah! Je - sus is my life! 1. D 2. D  
 D.S.  
 3. Now, Lord, I life!

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

*I 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** **Moe and Fran Colantuoni, Schmidts - Brazil**

### **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**

Apostle's Creed – Trinity Hymnal p.851

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the  
Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
Was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there He shall come to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
The holy catholic church; \*  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

\* *Universal Church*

## 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*

♩ D G A<sup>7</sup> Dsus D 7 G

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!



# Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

## "The Faithful Servant"

John 3:22-36

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.*

v. 22-27 – Context, Conflict, Commission

v. 28-36 – Comparing the Ministry of Jesus and John

v. 28 - Who is the Christ?

v.29 - Who is the Groom?

v. 30 – Who must increase?

v. 31- Who must possess highest preeminence?

v. 32-34 – Whose testimony must be received?

v. 35 – Who is the object of the Father's love?

v. 36 – Who must be trusted?

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.*

Next Week: John 4:1 -15

## Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

*Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; praise him, you servants of the LORD. Ps. 135:1*

1. Ex - alt the Lord, his praise pro - claim; all ye his ser - vants,  
 2. I know the Lord is high in state, a - bove all gods our  
 3. Ex - alt the Lord, his praise pro - claim; all ye his ser - vants,

praise his name, who in the Lord's house ev - er stand and hum - bly  
 Lord is great; the Lord per - forms what he de - crees, in heav'n and  
 praise his name, who in the Lord's house ev - er stand and hum - bly

serve at his com - mand. The Lord is good, his praise pro - claim; since  
 earth, in depths and seas. He makes the va - pors to as - cend in  
 serve at his com - mand. For - ev - er praise and bless his name, and

it is pleas - ant, praise his name; his peo - ple for his  
 clouds from earth's re - mot - est end; the light - nings flash at  
 in the church his praise pro - claim; in Zi - on is his

own he takes and his pe - cu - liar trea - sure makes.  
 his com - mand; he holds the tem - pest in his hand.  
 dwell - ing place; praise ye the Lord, show forth his grace.

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

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

# 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.

## Weekly Prayer Journal

(March 26 – April 1, 2023)

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: **Servants:** *And now, the LORD our God be with us, as he was with all our fathers; may he not leave us or forsake us, that he may incline our hearts to himself, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules. 1 Kings 8:57-58 And let our hearts be wholly true to the LORD our God all our days, 1 Kings 8:61 and continue so till the end; that then we may rest and may stand in our allotted place, and let it be a blessed place at the end of the days. Daniel 12:13*

**Monday:** Prayer Needs -**Schmidt's**- *Now speak, Lord, for your servants hear. 1 Samuel 3:9 What does my Lord say to his servants? Joshua 5:14 Grant that we may not turn away our ear from hearing the law, for then our prayers will be an abomination; Proverbs 28:9 but may we listen to God, that he may listen to us. Judges 9:7*

**Tuesday:** *And now, let us be enabled to go from strength to strength, until we appear before God in Zion; and while we pass through the valley of Baca, let it be made a place of springs, and let the rain of divine grace and blessing fill the pools. Psalm 84:6-7*

**Wednesday:** *That we, who are many, are one body; 1 Corinthians 10:17 and that though there are varieties of gifts and service and activities, yet there is the same Spirit, the same Lord, and the same God, who empowers them all in everyone. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

**Thursday:** *We thank you that all the children of God who are scattered abroad, John 11:52 are united in him who is the head of the body, the church; Colossians 1:18 so they are all our brothers and partners in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus. Revelation 1:9*

**Friday:** Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and the Moe and Fran Colantuoni.

**Saturday:** *We bless you that if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, 1 John 1:7 even with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours. 1 Corinthians 1:2*

# 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	Christ the King Chapel

Scriptures quoted are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.

**Next Communion:** April 6, 2023 – Maundy Thursday

**Next Benevolence Offering:** April 16, 2023