

GRACE

Community Church, PCA

A Presbyterian Church in America



Grace, Growth, Glory

September 10, 2023 10:45 am

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)- Westminster Shorter Catechism Q33-Q36 – Rev. Brent Bergman

Men (Library) – Aspiring to a Noble Work – Dr. Steve Jennings

Children (Nursery) – “God showing Grace in the OT”

Morning Worship Service: 10:45am – “Upholding God's Law” – Romans 3:31

Rev. Brent Bergman

Sunday Evening: 6:00pm – Who is God? - Jehovah

Weekly Calendar:

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

Tuesday 9:15am Men's White Horse Stable – (Nehemiah 9)

Wednesday 7:00pm Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

Friday 10:00am Women's 'T' Room – (1 Corinthians 7)

Fellowship and Announcements: check website for additional details

- Fall Supper Ten groups are meeting – please see Sue or Ron Brightwell if interested in joining.
- Women's Fellowship 2023-2024 schedule and 1st lesson are available. Meeting Sept 22nd at Laurie Staples'. Maps available September 17th.
- Men's Fellowship September 30th at 8:00am at the Bayou Café in Tarpon Springs.

July 2023				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 62,561.30	\$ 21,815.92	\$(16,186.44)	\$ 67,835.50
Deacons Fund	\$ 11,675.01	\$ 647.00	\$ -	\$ 12,322.01
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 4,152.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,152.18
Restoration Fund	\$ 3,525.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,525.54
Hurricane Fund	\$ 50,122.78	\$ 7,167.99	\$ -	\$ 57,290.77
Total	\$132,036.81	\$ 29,630.91	\$(16,186.44)	\$145,126.00

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Order of Worship

Theme: God's Law

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.

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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.*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

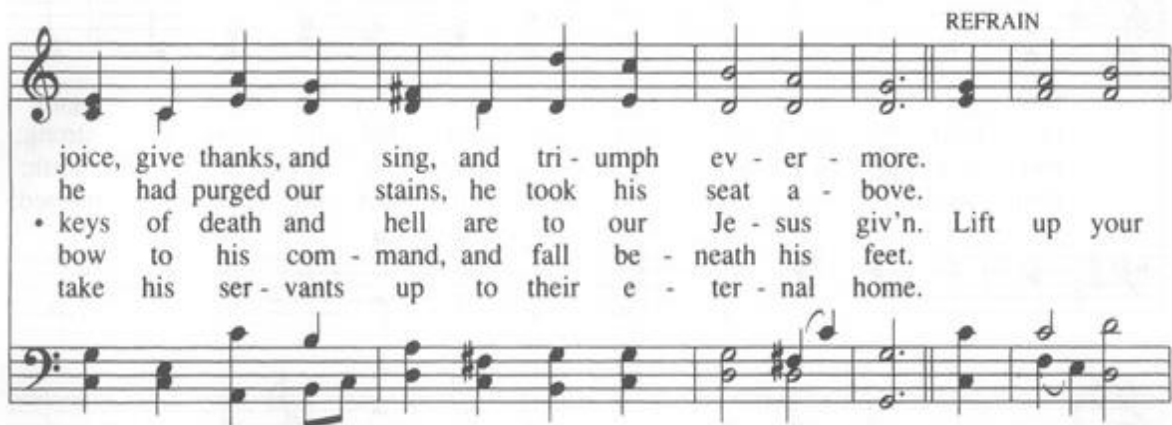
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After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3

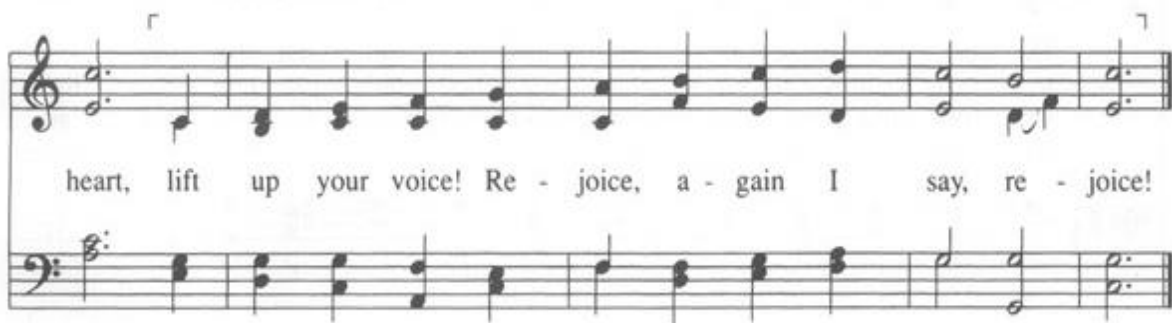


1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

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joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q123, 126, 131-133

*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.*

*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*

Q123: Leader: Which is the fifth commandment?

All: The fifth commandment is, *Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God gives thee.*

Q126: Leader: What is the general scope of the fifth commandment?

All: The general scope of the fifth commandment is, the performance of those duties which we mutually owe in our several relations, as inferiors, superiors, or equals.

Q131: Leader: What are the duties of equals?

All: The duties of equals are, to regard the dignity and worth of each other, in giving honor to go one before another; and to rejoice in each other's gifts and advancement as their own.

Q132: Leader: What are the sins of equals?

All: The sins of equals are, besides the neglect of the duties required, the undervaluing of the worth, envying the gifts, grieving at the advancement of prosperity one of another; and usurping preeminence one over another.

Q133: Leader: What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment, the more to enforce it?

All: The reason annexed to the fifth commandment, in these words, *that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you, is an express promise of long life and prosperity, as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good, to all such as keep this commandment.*

Prayer of Confession Assurance of Forgiveness Hebrews 9:15

Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

In Christ Alone

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

♩ = 60

VERSE

A♭ E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭/G A♭ E♭/G Fm⁷ A♭/B♭



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, — my
2. In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ — in

4 E♭ A♭ E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭/G A♭ E♭/G Fm⁷ A♭/B♭



song; This Cor-ner-stone, this sol-id Ground, firm through the fierc-est drought — and
babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came — to
slain; Then, burst-ing forth in glo-rious Day, up from the grave He rose — a -
me; From life's first cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-

8 E♭ E♭/G A♭ E♭/G B♭^{sus} B♭ E♭/G A♭ Cm⁷



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
save. Till on that cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of God was sat-is-
-gain! And as He stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His

12 B♭^{sus} B♭ A♭ E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭/G A♭ E♭/G Fm⁷ A♭/B♭



cease. My Com-fort-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ — I
-fied. For ev-'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ — I
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood — of
hand; Till He re- turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ — I'll

INSTRUMENTAL

16 E♭ B♭m⁷ Fm⁷ E♭ E♭^{sus} E♭



stand.
live.
Christ.
stand!

Prayer for the Congregation

Kawachis - France

*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 receive the
Scripture
Reading in
accordance with*

I Timothy 4:13

*Devote yourself
to the public
reading of
Scripture*

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 *

Psalm 1(p.448)

**Please stand if able*

Your Law, O God, Is Our Delight

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1. Your law, O God, is our de - light; your stat - utes
 2. Your law, O God, re - veals our sin, how foul and
 3. Lord, we have failed your law's de - mands with im - pure
 4. Our sins were placed up - on his head; he suf - fered
 5. We show our thank - ful - ness and love by keep - ing

faith - ful, true and right. It guides our feet and
 stained are we with - in. O cleanse us from in -
 • hearts and un - clean hands. But One has kept them
 an - guish in our stead. Now his o - be - dience
 pre - cepts from a - bove; so teach us, Lord, your

shines as light, that we may walk with you a - right.
 iq - ui - ty and train our hearts from sin to flee.
 • per - fect - ly—our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, is he.
 is our own; our righ - teous - ness is Christ a - lone.
 stat - utes well; in - cline our hearts on them to dwell.

6. Have mercy on your wayward sheep;
 from us the devil safely keep.
 Cause us to walk upon your way,
 and sanctify us more each day.

7. Your law, O God, is our delight;
 your statutes faithful, true and right.
 Confirm your word within our hearts
 that we may not from you depart.

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.*

Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

"Upholding God's Law"
Romans 3:31 (p.941)
Rev. Brent Bergman

This verse explains our relationship to God's Law by:

1) Correcting a common error

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.*

2) Defining our responsibility

Next Week: John 5:30-47

Benevolence Offering

This Is My Father's World

Sovereign Lord ... you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. Acts 4:24

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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

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

Benediction

Colossians 3:16-17

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Weekly Prayer Guide

(September 10 – September 16, 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.

Sunday: Prayer Theme—**God's Law:** *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 –**Kawachis - France:** *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: *Teach us, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and we will keep it to the end. Give us understanding, that we may keep your law and observe it with our whole heart. Lead us in the path of your commandments, for we delight in it. Incline our hearts to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Psalm 119:33-36*

Wednesday: *Unite our hearts to fear your name, Psalm 86:11 that we may keep your commandments, which is the whole duty of man. Ecclesiastes 12:13 O put the fear of you in our hearts, that we may not turn from you. Jeremiah 32:40 Let us be devoted to your fear; Psalm 119:38 and let us continue in the fear of the LORD everyday and all the day. Proverbs 23:17*

Thursday: *Oh that our ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then we shall not be put to shame, having our eyes fixed on all your commandments. Psalm 119:5-6*

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

Saturday: *Lord, work in us that fear of you, which is the beginning of wisdom, Psalm 111:10 which is instruction in wisdom, Proverbs 15:33 and which is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death. Proverbs 14:27*

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
Kawachis	France	New Life Solutions (Walk for Life)
Etienne	Haiti	Genevan Institute
		Christ the King Chapel

Scriptures quoted are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.

Next Communion: October 1, 2023

Next Benevolence Offering: October 8, 2023