

December 10, 2023

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 Q76-Q78
Rev. Brent Bergman

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

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

Morning Worship Service: 10:45am – “Mighty God” - Isaiah 9:6-7

Rev. Brent Bergman

Sunday Evening: 6:00pm— Caroling under the Stars

Weekly Calendar:

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

Tuesday 9:15am Men's White Horse Stable (James 1)

Wednesday 6:30pm Prayer Meeting

Friday 10:00am Women's 'T' Room (I Corinthians 11)

Fellowship and Announcements: check website for additional details

- Food and Gift Donations for Love Baskets due today.
- Christmas Fellowship Dinner December 17th at 6:00pm
- Christmas Eve Service December 24th at 6:00pm.
- Week of Christmas there will be no weekly activities.

November 2023				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 75,768.55	\$ 14,743.05	\$(10,514.21)	\$ 80,496.65
Deacons Fund	\$ 13,216.01	\$ 599.00	\$ -	\$ 13,815.01
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 9,204.18		\$ (151.05)	\$ 9,053.13
Restoration Fund	\$ 5,355.48	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 5,655.48
Hurricane Fund	\$ 60,671.51	\$ 1,199.53	\$ -	\$ 61,871.04
Total	\$164,215.73	\$ 16,841.58	\$(10,665.26)	\$170,891.31

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Order of Worship

Theme: The Power of God

Announcements

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

Peace Candle Lighting

Bob Walker

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.)

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

Hymn #198: Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates (v. 1,4,5,6)

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 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of Glory may come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of Glory!

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

Psalm 22:3
KJV

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.

*But Thou art
holy, O thou
that inhabits
the praises of
Israel.*

Hymn #214: Angels We Have Heard on High

**Please stand if able.*

Confession of Faith

WCF 8.2 – Of Christ the Mediator

WSC Q #22

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.*

8.2 The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, or her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

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

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

Q22: Leader: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

All: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to Himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

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

Prayer of Confession

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*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

We offer the
**Prayer for
the
Congregation**

He Has Come for Us – (bulletin insert)

in accordance
with

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

Prayer for the Congregation

Matlack – Prayer Ministry

We offer our
**Tithes and
Offerings**
in accordance
with

Malachi 3:10.

*Bring the full
tithes into the
storehouse*

Tithes and Offerings / Offertory

Giving is an act of worship.

We receive the
**Scripture
Reading**

in accordance
with
1 Timothy 4:13

Scripture Reading*

2 Kings 18:13-36, 19:32-37 (p.325)

*Devote
yourself to the
public reading
of Scripture*

Hymn #6: O Come My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

**Please stand if able*

Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

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

Mighty God – Isaiah 9:6-7 (p.573)
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.*

Next Week: Everlasting Father

Benevolence Offering

Hymn #8: Mighty God, While Angels Bless You

Benediction

Romans 8:38-39

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

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Then Aaron
lifted up his
hands toward
the people
and blessed

Weekly Prayer Guide

(December 10 – December 16, 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: **Power of God** *Your dominion is an everlasting dominion, and your kingdom endures from generation to generation: You do according to your will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay your hand or say to you, "What have you done?"* **Daniel 4:34-35** or "Why have you done that?"

Monday: Prayer Needs: **Matlack -Prayer Ministry** *In your hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.* **Job 12:10**

Tuesday: *To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.* **1 Timothy 1:17** *To him be honor and eternal dominion;* **1 Timothy 6:16** *to him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.* **1 Peter 5:11**

Wednesday: *The heavens, even the heavens are yours, Psalm 115:16 and all their hosts. The earth is yours and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein. Psalm 24:1* *In your hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the mountains are yours also: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands formed the dry land. Psalm 95:4-5* *Every beast of the forest is yours, and the cattle on a thousand hills. Psalm 50:10* *You are therefore a great God, and a great King above all gods. Psalm 95:3*

Thursday: *To the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.* **Romans 16:27**

Friday: Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and **Sandy and Steve McInerney.** *To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.* **Ephesians 3:21**

Saturday: *And now, we prostrate our souls before the throne and worship God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to God forever and ever! Amen. Revelation 7:11-12* *To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"* **Revelation 5:13** *And let the whole creation say, "Amen. Amen."*

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

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Matlack MTW Prayer Ministry	Aldo Mondin – RUF @ USF
Kawachis France	New Life Solutions
Etienne Haiti	Genevan Institute
	Christ the King Chapel

Scriptures quoted are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.

Next Communion: January 7, 2024

Next Benevolence Offering: January 14, 2024