

December 3, 2023

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) — Westminster Shorter Catechism Q73-Q75
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 – “Wonderful Counselor” Isaiah 9:6-7

Rev. Brent Bergman

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

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 10, 2023.
- Caroling under the Stars December 10th at 6:00pm
- Christmas Fellowship Dinner December 17th at 6:00pm
- Christmas Eve Service December 24th at 6:00pm

October 2023				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 69,091.35	\$ 28,059.96	\$ (21,512.24)	\$ 75,768.55
Deacons Fund	\$ 12,968.01	\$ 748.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 13,216.01
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 3,204.18	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,204.18
Restoration Fund	\$ 2,627.54	\$ 2,727.94	\$ -	\$ 5,355.48
Hurricane Fund	\$ 59,482.36	\$ 1,189.15	\$ -	\$ 60,671.51
Total	\$147,373.44	\$ 38,725.05	\$ (22,012.24)	\$164,215.73

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Order of Worship

Theme: The Wisdom of God

Announcements

Hope Candle Lighting

Paul and Andrea Gullickson

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.

Proverbs 1:20-23

Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you: I will make my words known to you.”

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

Psalms 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 #194: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**Please stand if able.*

Confession of Faith

WCF 1.1 & 8.8 “Of the Holy Scripture & Of Christ the Mediator ”

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.*

1:1 Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men unexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of His will, which is necessary unto salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal Himself, and to declare that His will unto His church; and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing: which makes the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God’s revealing His will unto His people being now ceased.

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*

8.8 To all those for whom Christ has purchased redemption, He does certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same; making intercession for them, and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation; effectually persuading them by His Spirit to believe and obey, and governing their hearts by His Word and Spirit; overcoming all their enemies by His almighty power and wisdom, in such manner, and ways, as are most consonant to His wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.

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

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.

We offer the
**Prayer for
the
Congregation**

Hymn #197: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

in accordance
with

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

Prayer for the Congregation

Christ the King Chapel – Church Plant

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

Tithes and Offerings / Offertory

Giving is an act of worship.

Malachi 3:10.
*Bring the full
tithes into the
storehouse*

We receive the
**Scripture
Reading**

Scripture Reading* **Matthew 2:1-12 (p.807)**

in accordance
with
1 Timothy 4:13

*Devote
yourself to the
public reading
of Scripture*

Hymn#4: All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

**Please stand if able*

Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

Wonderful Counselor – Isaiah 9:6-7 (p.573)

Rev. Brent Bergman

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.*

Next Week: Mighty God

Communion

Hymn #209 Christians, Awake

Benediction

Romans 11:33-36

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

Then Aaron
lifted up his
hands toward
the people
and blessed

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and how inscrutable His ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?" For from Him, and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Weekly Prayer Guide

(December 3 – December 9, 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: **Wisdom of God** *All things are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account, even the thoughts and intentions of the heart.* **Hebrews 4:12-13**

Monday: Prayer Needs: **Christ the King Chapel – Church Plant** *Your eyes are in every place keeping watch on the evil and the good:* **Proverbs 15:3** *They run to and fro throughout the whole earth, that you may give strong support to those whose hearts are blameless toward you.* **2 Chronicles 16:9**

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: *O God, you have searched us and known us! You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from afar. You search out our path and our lying down and are acquainted with all our ways. Even before a word is on our tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.* **Psalm 139:1-4** *Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is high; we cannot attain it.* **Psalm 139:6**

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 **Sydney Knutsen**. *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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Scriptures quoted are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.

Next Communion: January 7, 2024

Next Benevolence Offering: December 10, 2023