

# GRACE

Community Church, PCA

A Presbyterian Church in America



*Grace, Growth, Glory*

November 26, 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 Q70-Q72 – 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 – “The King on David’s Throne” – Isaiah 9:1-7

Rev. Brent Bergman

**Sunday Evening:** 6:00pm – Rev. Chuck Williams, Church Planter

**Weekly Calendar:**

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

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

Wednesday 6:30pm Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

Friday 10:00am Women’s ‘T’ Room – (1 Corinthians 11)

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

- Caroling Under the Stars – December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Christmas Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange – December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- Women’s Fellowship next Meeting on January 19, 2024 at 6:30pm. Location to be determined.
- Men’s Fellowship January 27, 2024

October 2023				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 69,091.35	\$ 28,059.96	<b>\$(21,512.24)</b>	\$ 75,768.55
Deacons Fund	\$ 12,968.01	\$ 748.00	<b>\$( 500.00)</b>	\$ 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$147,373.44</b>	<b>\$ 38,725.05</b>	<b>\$(22,012.24)</b>	<b>\$164,215.73</b>

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# Order of Worship

## Theme: Preparation for Christ's Coming

### Announcements

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

Hebrews  
12:28

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

### 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.**

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.*

### Psalm 135:1-3

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to His name, for it is pleasant!

### 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.*

## 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.

# Confession of Faith

## Westminster Larger Catechism Q41,42,45

*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*

**Q41: Leader:** Why was our Mediator called Jesus?

**All: Our Mediator was called Jesus, because He saved His people from their sins.**

**Q42: Leader:** Why was our Mediator called Christ?

**All: Our Mediator was called Christ, because He was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure; and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of His church, in the estate both of His humiliation and exaltation.**

**Q45: Leader:** How does Christ execute the office of a king?

**All: Christ executes the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to Himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which He visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon His elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for His own glory, and their good; and also taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.**

## Prayer of Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

# He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er  
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his  
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold  
ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His  
sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me  
Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me  
He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
fast.  
last!

For my Sa-rior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

# Prayer for the Congregation

## Genevan Institute

*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*

## **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.

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*

## **Scripture Reading \*** **Matthew 1:18-25(p.807)**

*\*Please stand if able*

# For the Beauty of the Earth

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*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. Jas. 1:17*

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,  
• for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
grac - es hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

REFRAIN  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



# Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

"The King on David's Throne"

Isaiah 9:1-7 (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: Wonderful Counselor

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## Once in Royal David's City

*You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12*

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,  
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:  
 • love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:  
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,  
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 • Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

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

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

# Benediction

## Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

## Weekly Prayer Guide

(November 26 – December 2, 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—**Preparation for Christ's Coming:** *Let us have Christ in us, the hope of glory, **Colossians 1:27** and never be shifting from the hope of the gospel; **Colossians 1:23** but enable us to show earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end. **Hebrews 6:11***

**Monday:** Prayer Needs –**Genevan Institute:** *And in the days of these kings, let the God of heaven set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, **Daniel 2:44** even the kingdom of the Redeemer. And whatever purposes there are in men's minds, Lord, let your purposes stand, **Proverbs 19:21** and fulfill the plans of your heart to all generations. **Psalms 33:11***

**Tuesday:** *And since it is the will of God that all men should honor the Son, just as they honor the Father, **John 5:23** we adore him as the radiance of his Father's glory and the exact imprint of his nature; herein joining with the angels of God, who were all bidden to worship him. **Hebrews 1:3-6***

**Wednesday:** *Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ, that, having the eyes of our heart enlightened, we may know what is the hope to which he has called us and what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and may experience what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward those who believe, according to the working of his great might. **Ephesians 1:17-19***

**Thursday:** *Let us now attend to the Lord with undivided devotion, **1 Cor 7:35** and let not our hearts be far from him when we draw near to him with our mouths and honor him with our lips. **Isaiah 29:13***

**Friday:** Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and **Steve & Mary Jennings**. *Lord, give grace to others also to know and do your will; to discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect; **Romans 12:2** not to be foolish, but to understand what the will of the Lord is; **Ephesians 5:17** and then give them to stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God: **Colossians 4:12** And let us all serve our generations according to that will. **Acts 13:36***

**Saturday:** *O that you would make all your goodness pass before us, **Exodus 33:19** that we may taste and see that the Lord is good, **Psalms 34:8** and your steadfast love may be always before our eyes. **Psalms 26:3***

# 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:** December 3, 2023

**Next Benevolence Offering:** December 10, 2023