

December 17, 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 Q79-Q81
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 – “Everlasting Father” - Isaiah 9:6-7

Rev. Brent Bergman

Sunday Evening: 6:00pm— Fellowship Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange

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

- Christmas Fellowship Dinner tonight at 6:00pm
- Christmas Eve Service December 24th at 6:00pm.
- Week of Christmas there will be no weekly activities.
- Annual Congregational Meeting January 28, 2024 at 6:00pm.

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 Provision of God

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

Hebrews
12:28

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

Announcements

Joy 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.)

Hymn #219: All Praise to Thee, Eternal God (v. 1,5,6)

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 107:14-21

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man! For He shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron. Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. He sent out His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!

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.*

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.**

Hymn #215: While By the Sheep We Watched at Night

**Please stand if able.*

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q1

We offer our
**Confession of
Faith**

Q1: Leader: What is your only comfort in live and in death?

in accordance
with

Hebrews
10:23

*Let us hold
fast the
confession of
our hope
without
wavering, for
He who
promised is
faithful.*

All: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death- to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven, in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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

Prayer of Confession

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*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 12:1-3

You will say in that day:” I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.” With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, and make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. “

We offer the
**Prayer for the
Congregation**

Joy, Joyful We adore Thee - (bulletin insert)

in accordance
with

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

Prayer for the Congregation

Kawachis - France

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

Malachi 3:10.

*Bring the full
tithe into the
storehouse*

Tithes and Offerings / Offertory

Giving is an act of worship.

We receive the
**Scripture
Reading**

in accordance
with
1Timothy 4:13

Scripture Reading* **Luke 1:26-38 (p.855)**

*Devote yourself
to the public
reading of
Scripture*

**Hymn #206: Brightest and Best of the Sons of
the Morning
(v. 1,2,4,5)**

**Please stand if able*

Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

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

Everlasting Father – 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: Prince of Peace

Hymn #195: Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Benediction

Romans 15:13

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

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Then Aaron
lifted up his
hands toward
the people
and blessed

Weekly Prayer Guide

(December 17 – December 23, 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: **Provision of God** *Let your good providence so order all events concerning us that they may be made to work for good for us, as you have promised they shall for all who love you and are called according to your purpose. Romans 8:28*

Monday: Prayer Needs: **Kawachis - France** *Give us to trust in the LORD and do good, and then we shall dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness; Psalm 37:3 and be pleased to bring forth our righteousness as the light, and our justice as the noonday. Psalm 37:6*

Tuesday: *Let us be hidden from the lash of the tongue, and not fear destruction when it comes; Job 5:21 let us be in league with the stones of the field, and let the beasts of the field be at peace with us; let us know that our tent is at peace, and let us inspect our fold and miss nothing. Job 5:23-24*

Wednesday: *And if God will be with us and will keep us in the way that we go during our pilgrimage in this world, and will give us bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that we may come to our heavenly Father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be our God. Genesis 28:20-21*

Thursday: *O that the favor of the LORD our God may be upon us; prosper the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17 Save us, we pray, O LORD! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Psalm 118:25*

Friday: Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and **Jai and Esther Mahtani**. *Let us be blessed in the city and blessed in the field; Deuteronomy 28:3 let our basket and our kneading bowl be blessed; let us be blessed when we come in and when we go out. Deuteronomy 28:5-6*

Saturday: *May our sons in their youth be as plants full grown, and our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace. May our granaries be full, providing all kinds of produce; and may there be no breaking in or going out, no cry of distress in our streets. Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD! Psalm 144:12-15*

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: January 14, 2024