

GRACE

Community Church, PCA

A Presbyterian Church in America



Grace, Growth, Glory

April 7, 2024 10:45 am

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)- Apostasy and Backsliding – Rev Brent Bergman

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

Morning Worship Service: 10:45am – “Eli Trembled for the Ark” – 1 Samuel 4:12-18

Rev. Brent Bergman

Sunday Evening: 6:00pm – Our Christian Identity

Weekly Calendar:

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

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

Wednesday 6:30pm Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

Friday 10:00am Women’s ‘T’ Room – (1 Corinthians 15)

Fellowship and Announcements: check website for additional details

- Grace Ferro’s Baby Shower at Brightwell’s after church today.
- Women’s Fellowship Meeting on April 19, 2024 at 6:30pm, at Dorcas Walke’s.
- Men’s Fellowship April 27th, 2024 at 8:00am. Bayou Café in Tarpon Springs.
- Walk for Life May 11th.
- Presbytery meeting here on May 14th at 8:30am.

February 2024				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$101,297.57	\$ 13,050.66	\$(10,783.23)	\$103,581.38
Deacons Fund	\$ 13,165.64	\$ 747.00	\$ (115.00)	\$ 13,797.64
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 8,187.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,187.70
Restoration Fund	\$ 6,405.48	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 6,705.48
Hurricane Fund	\$ 64,275.44	\$ 1,211.56	\$ -	\$ 65,487.00
Total	\$193,331.83	\$ 15,309.22	\$(10,898.23)	\$197,759.20

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Order of Worship

Theme: Ark of the Covenant

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.

Psalm 99:1-5

The Lord reigns: let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise Your great and awesome name!
Holy is He!
The King in His might loves justice.
You have established equity; You have executed justice and
righteousness in Jacob.
Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool!
Holy is He!

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.

**Please stand if able.*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

*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*

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q88-91

Q88: Leader: What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

All: Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new. (Rom. 6:1-11; 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 4:22-24; Col 3:5-10)

Q89: Leader: What is the dying-away of the old self?

All: To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it. (Ps. 51:3-4, 17; Joel 2:12-13; Rom. 8:12-13; 2 Cor. 7:10)

Q90: Leader: What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

All: Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work. (Ps. 51:8, 12; Isa. 57:15; Rom. 5:1; 14:17; Rom. 6:10-11; Gal. 2:20)

Q91: Leader: But what are good works?

All: Only those which are done out of true faith, conform to God's law, and are done for His glory; and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition. (John 15:5; Heb. 11:6; Lev. 18:4; 1 Sam. 15:22; Eph. 2:10; 1 Cor. 10:31; Deut. 12:32; Isa. 29:13; Ezek. 20:18-19; Matt. 15:7-9)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hebrews 9:11-12

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once and for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Jesus, My Great High Priest

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When Christ came as high priest ... he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. Heb. 9:11, 12

1. Je - sus, my great High Priest, of - fered his blood and died;
 2. To this dear Sure - ty's hand will I com - mit my cause;
 3. My Ad - vo - cate ap - pears for my de - fense on high;
 4. Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell un - known

my guilt - y con - science seeks no sac - ri - fice be - side. His
 he an - swers and ful - fils his Fa - ther's bro - ken laws. Be -
 the Fa - ther bows his ears and lays his thun - der by. Not
 put their most dread - ful forms of rage and mis - chief on, I

pow'r - ful blood did once a - tone, and now it pleads be - fore the throne.
 hold my soul at free - dom set; my Sure - ty paid the dread - ful debt.
 all that hell or sin can say shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.
 shall be safe, for Christ dis - plays his con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Prayer for the Congregation

New Life Solutions – Walk for Life

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
tithes into the
storehouse.*

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.

We receive the
**Scripture
Reading in**
accordance with

I Timothy 4:13

*Devote yourself
to the public
reading of
Scripture.*

Scripture Reading *

1 Samuel 4 (p.228)

**Please stand if able.*

O Word of God Incarnate

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
Ps. 119:130

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from her dear Mas - ter re - ceived the gift di - vine,
3. It float - eth like a ban - ner be - fore God's host un - furled;
4. O make thy church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light she lift - eth o'er all the earth to shine.
it shin - eth like a bea - con a - bove the dark - ling world,
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light, as of old.

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the gold - en cas - ket, where gems of truth are stored;
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
it is the heav'n - drawn pic - ture of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
'mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

“Eli Trembled for the Ark”

1 Samuel 4:12-14 (p. 228)

Rev. Brent Bergman

Sermon originally preached on December 28, 1662 by Edward Calamy

SEE INSERT FOR OUTLINE

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: John 8:31-47

I Will Praise Him Still

Words and Music by
Fernando Ortega

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VERSE 1

C² G/B D G Am⁷ G/B



1. When the morn - ing falls on the far - test hill I will - sing His - name, I will

VERSE 2

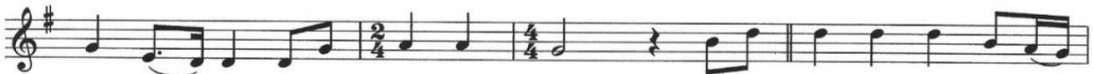
4 D G C G/B D/F# Em



praise Him, still. 2. When dark tri - als come and my heart is filled with the -

CHORUS

8 Am⁷ G/B D G D G



weight of - - -doubt, I will praise Him, still. For the Lord, our God, He is -

12 D G Em G/B C D



strong to save from the arms of - - - death, from the - - - deep - est - - - grave; 3. And He

VERSE 3

16 C G/B D Em



gave us life in His per - - -fect will, and by - - -

18 Am⁷ G/B D G



His good grace I will praise Him, still. _____

CCLI Song # 2287995

Communion

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

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

Doxology Benediction Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Weekly Prayer Guide

(April 7 – April 13, 2024)

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—**Ark of the Covenant:** *Be to us a God, and take us to be your people; **Hebrews 8:10** and make us offer ourselves freely on the day of your power, **Psalm 110:3** though we are no longer worthy to be called your sons. **Luke 15:19** For how would you set us, who have been rebellious, among the sons, and give us the pleasant land? But you have said that we shall call you, Our Father, and not turn from following you. **Jeremiah 3:19** Shall we not therefore from this time call to you, “Our Father, you are the friend of our youth”? **Jeremiah 3:4***

Monday: Prayer Needs – **New Life Solutions – Walk for Life:** *Lord, we hold fast your covenant; **Isaiah 56:4** to you we join ourselves in an everlasting covenant; **Jeremiah 50:5** O that you would make us pass under the rod and bring us into the bond of the covenant, **Ezekiel 20:37***

Tuesday: *Let our cry come before you, O LORD; give us understanding according to your word, **Psalm 119:169** that good understanding which they have who do your commandments, whose praise endures forever! **Psalm 111:10***

Wednesday: *Give us to have certainty concerning the things we have been taught; **Luke 1:4** and let our knowledge grow up to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ. **Colossians 2:2** Deal with your servants according to your steadfast love, and teach us your statutes. We are your servants; give us understanding, that we may know your testimonies! **Psalm 119:124-125***

Thursday: *Give us all to know you, from the least even to the greatest, **Hebrews 8:11** and to press on to know you; **Hosea 6:3** and so to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent, that it may be eternal life to us. **John 17:3***

Friday: Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and the **Bergman family**. *Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of your law and gospel. **Psalm 119:18***

Saturday: *Give us so to call out for insight and to raise our voice for understanding, to seek for it like silver and to search for it as for hidden treasure, that we may understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. **Proverbs 2:3-5***

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: May 5, 2024

Next Benevolence Offering: April 14, 2024