

# GRACE

Community Church, PCA

A Presbyterian Church in America



*Grace, Growth, Glory*

April 14, 2024 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)- Apostasy and Backsliding – Rev Brent Bergman

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

**Morning Worship Service:** 10:45am – “False Followers” - John 8:31-47 - 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

- 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 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Presbytery meeting here on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

March 2024				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$103,581.38	\$ 21,079.36	<b>\$(14,832.17)</b>	\$110,186.28
Deacons Fund	\$ 13,797.64	\$ 4,676.00	<b>\$( 5,698.00)</b>	\$ 12,775.64
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 8,187.70		<b>\$( 2,734.56)</b>	\$ 5,453.14
Restoration Fund	\$ 6,405.48	\$ 300.00		\$ 6,705.48
Hurricane Fund	\$ 65,487.00	\$ 1,202.34		\$ 66,689.34
Total	\$197,459.20	\$ 27,257.70	<b>\$(23,264.73)</b>	\$201,809.88

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# Order of Worship

## Theme: Kept by our Great God

### 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.**

### Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted, but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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.*

# How Great Is Our God

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VERSE

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1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;  
 (2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;



Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps  
 Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -



Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,  
 head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great  
 the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb.



is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

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And all will see how great, how great is our God!



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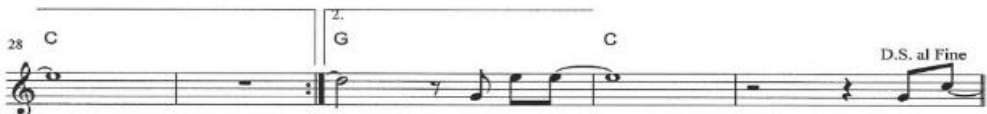
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2. And

Name a - bove all names,



wor - thy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is our God!



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is our God!

How great

*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 Q9-11**

**Q9: Leader:** But doesn't God do man an injustice by requiring in His law what man is unable to do?

**All: No, God created man with the ability to keep the law. Man, however, at the instigation of the devil, in willful disobedience, robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.**

**Q10: Leader:** Will God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

**All: Certainly not. He is terribly angry with the sin we are born with as well as our actual sins. God will punish them by a just judgement both now and in eternity, having declared: "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law. "**

**Q11: Leader:** But isn't God also merciful?

**All: God is certainly merciful, but He is also just. His justice demands that sin, committed against His supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty – eternal punishment of body and soul.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

#### **1 Peter 2:22-25**

He (Jesus) committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to Him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

# In Evil Long I Took Delight

John Newton

(Tune: Alas and Did My Savior Bleed)

- Verse 1: In evil long I took delight,  
Unawed by shame or fear,  
Till a new object struck my sight,  
And stopped my wild career:
- Verse:2 I saw One hanging on a Tree  
In agonies and blood,  
Who fixed His languid eyes on me.  
As near His Cross I stood.
- Verse 3: Sure never till my latest breath,  
Can I forget that look;  
It seemed to charge me with His death,  
Though not a word He spoke:
- Verse 4: My conscience felt and own'd the guilt,  
And plunged me in despair:  
I saw my sins His Blood had spilt,  
And helped to nail Him there.
- Verse 5: --A second look He gave, which said,  
"I freely all forgive;  
This blood is for thy ransom paid;  
I die that thou may'st live."
- Verse 6: Thus, while His death my sin displays  
In all its blackest hue,  
Such is the mystery of grace,  
It seals my pardon too.
- Verse 7: With pleasing grief, and mournful joy,  
My spirit now is filled,  
That I should such a life destroy,  
Yet live by Him I killed.

# 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*

Malachi 3:10  
*Bring the full  
tithe 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 \*** **2 Kings 5:15-27 (p.284)**

*\*Please stand if able.*

# Lord Most High

## **(Verse)**

From the ends of the earth (echo)  
From the depths of the sea (echo)  
From the heights of the heavens(echo)  
Your name be praised  
From the hearts of the weak(echo)  
From the shouts of the strong(echo)  
From the Lips of all people(echo)  
This song we raise Lord.

## **Chorus:**

Throughout the endless ages  
You will be crowned with praise  
Lord most High, exalted in every nation  
Sovereign of all creation, Lord most High,  
Be magnified, Be Magnified

**(Repeat Verse and Chorus)**

## **You Have Been Given**

1) You have been given the name, Above all names  
And we worship you, yes we worship you  
You have been given the name, Above all names  
And we worship you, and we worship you

2) We are Your people made, For Your glory  
And we worship you, yes, we worship you  
We are Your people made, For Your glory  
And we worship you, and we worship you

3) You have redeemed us from ev'ry nation  
And we worship you, yes, we worship you  
You have redeemed us from ev'ry nation  
And we worship you, and we worship you  
And we worship you, and we worship you



# Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

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.*

“False Followers”

John 8:31-47 (p. 894)

Rev. Brent Bergman

Why can't they understand?

1) They are a slave to their nature (v.33-38)

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.*

2) They do not know their nature(v39-40)

3) They have Satan's nature(v41-47)

Next Week: John 8:48-59

**Benevolence Offering**

## **Almighty Father, Bless the Word**

Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root.  
Spring, up and bear abundant fruit.

We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

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

## **Benediction**

### **Numbers 6:24-26**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon  
You and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  
and give you peace,

## **Weekly Prayer Guide**

(April 14 – April 20, 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](mailto:faithkeeper77@juno.com).

**Sunday:** Prayer Theme—**Kept by our Great God:** *It has been but for a little while, and when it was necessary, that we were grieved by various trials; and we beg that all the trials of our faith may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom, though we have not seen, we love; though we do not now see him, yet we believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, and are longing to receive the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.* **1 Peter 1:6-9**

**Monday:** Prayer Needs – **Genevan Institute:** *You have comforted us in all our affliction, 2 Corinthians 1:4 have seen our affliction and known the distress of our souls; Psalm 31:7 you have wondrously shown your steadfast love to us when we were in a besieged city.* **Psalm 31:21**

**Tuesday:** *Though for the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, yet later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness and proves to be for our good, that we might share your holiness.* **Hebrews 12:10-11**

**Wednesday:** *We have put him to the test, and to the proof, and grieved him in the wilderness; Psalm 95:9-10 have rebelled, and grieved his Holy Spirit, Isaiah 63:10 and pressed him down with our iniquities, as a cart full of sheaves presses down.* **Amos 2:13** *We have grieved the Holy Spirit of God, by whom we were sealed for the day of redemption.* **Ephesians 4:30**

**Thursday:** *We have had reason to say that it was good for us that we were afflicted, that we might learn your statutes; Psalm 119:71 for before we were afflicted we went astray, but now we keep your word.* **Psalm 119:67**

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

**Saturday:** *That you have forgiven all our iniquities and healed all our diseases; Psalm 103:3 and in love you have delivered our lives from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all our sins behind your back.* **Isaiah 38:17**

# 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:** May 12, 2024