



**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) — Holiness of God - Justin Miller

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

**Morning Worship Service:** 10:45am – “The Test of Faith” James 1:2-8

Rev. Brent Bergman

**Sunday Evening:** 6:00pm— Christ Among the Churches

**Weekly Calendar:**

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

Tuesday 9:15am Men’s White Horse Stable (2 Peter 3)

Wednesday 7:00pm Prayer Meeting

Friday 10:00am Women’s “T” Room (Ephesians 1)

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

- Men’s Fellowship December 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at Cosmic Donuts in Palm Harbor
- Caroling under the Stars December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm
- Christmas Fellowship Dinner December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm
- Christmas Eve Service December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

October 2024				
	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$166,572.41	\$ 18,630.61	\$(19,327.76)	\$165,875.26
Deacons Fund	\$ 9,188.58	\$ 550.00	\$ (728.00)	\$ 9,010.58
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 4,883.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,883.91
Restoration Fund	\$ 9,105.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,105.48
Hurricane Fund	\$ 68,367.28	\$ 1,221.33	\$ -	\$ 69,588.61
Total	\$258,117.66	\$ 20,401.94	\$(20,055.76)	\$258,463.84

**December 1, 2024**

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# Order of Worship

## Theme: Hope

### Announcements

## Hope Candle Lighting

Miller Family

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.)**

### 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.**

### Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day ”Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

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

Psalms 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 #196: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*\*Please stand if able.*

# Confession of Faith

## WCF 18:1-2 - "Of Assurance"

### WLC Q81-Q83

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.*

**Q81: Leader:** Are all true believers at all times assured of their present being in the estate of grace, and that they shall be saved?  
**All: Assurance of grace and salvation not being of the essence of faith, true believers may wait long before they obtain it; and, after the enjoyment thereof, may have it weakened and intermitted, through manifold distempers, sins, temptations, and desertions; yet are they never left without such a presence and support of the Spirit of God as keeps them from sinking into utter despair.**

**Q82: Leader:** What is the communion in glory which the members of the invisible church have with Christ?

**All: The communion in glory which the members of the invisible church have with Christ, is in this life, immediately after death, and at last perfected at the resurrection and day of judgement.**

**Q83: Leader:** What is the communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy in this life?

**All: The members of the invisible church have communicated to them in this life the firstfruits of glory with Christ, as they are members of Him their head, and so in Him are interested in that glory which He is fully possessed of; and, as an earnest thereof, enjoy the sense of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, and hope of glory; as, on the contrary, sense of God's revenging wrath, horror of conscience, and a fearful expectation of judgement, are to the wicked the beginning of their torments which they shall endure after death.**

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*

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*

## Prayer of Confession

### 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.

**Leader:** Hear and believe and rejoice in this glorious news that your sins are paid for and you have received double from the Lord's hand.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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*

## **Hymn #197: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

### **Prayer for the Congregation**

Aldo Mondin – RUF @ USF

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 receive the  
**Scripture  
Reading**

in accordance  
with  
1 Timothy 4:13

### **Scripture Reading\***

**Luke 2:22-38 (p.857)**

*Devote  
yourself to the  
public reading  
of Scripture*

## **Hymn #691: It Is Well with My Soul**

*\*Please stand if able*

# **Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word**

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

The Test of Faith – James 1:2-8 (p.1011)

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: James 1:19-27

## **Communion**

## **Hymn #214 Angels We Have Heard on High**

# 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 1 – December 7, 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: **Hope** *We thank you for the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him; **James 1:12** the inheritance imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us. **1 Peter 1:4***

**Monday:** Prayer Needs: **Aldo Mondin - RUF – Church Plant** *That we are in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, has promised; **Titus 1:2** and that all true believers, through grace, **Acts 18:27** have eternal life abiding in them. **1 John 3:15***

**Tuesday:** *Let endurance produce character in us, and character produce hope – such a hope that does not put us to shame. **Romans 5:4-5** Through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures, let us have hope, **Romans 15:4** and be saved by hope. **Romans 8:24***

**Wednesday:** *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***

**Thursday:** *Let us be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **1 Peter 1:3** and let that hope be to us as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, entering into the inner place behind the curtain, where the Forerunner has gone on our behalf. **Hebrews 6:19-20***

**Friday:** Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and **Ira and Leah Butcher**. *In you, O LORD, do we take refuge; let us never be put to shame; **Psalm 31:1** indeed, let none who wait for you be put to shame. **Psalm 25:3***

**Saturday:** *For God alone our souls wait in silence; from him comes our salvation: He only is our rock and our salvation! **Psalm 62:1-2** In him is our glory, our might, and our refuge; and our hope is from him. **Psalm 62:5-7***

# **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

Etienne Haiti

Genevan Institute

Christ the King Chapel

Scriptures quoted are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.

**Next Communion:** January 5, 2025

**Next Benevolence Offering:** December 8, 2024