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Born to give us life

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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) — Lost and Found - Rev. Brent Bergman
Children (Library) – “God Showing Grace in the OT”

Morning Worship Service: 10:45am – “The Life of Faith” James 2:14-22
Rev. Brent Bergman

Sunday Evening: 6:00pm— Caroling Under the Stars

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 January 25th
- at 8:00am at Cosmic Donuts in Palm Harbor
- Women's Fellowship January 19th, Lessons available January 5th.
- Christmas Fellowship Dinner December 22nd at 6:00pm
- Christmas Eve Service December 24th at 6:00pm

November 2024

	Beginning Balance	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$165,875.26	\$ 19,763.47	\$(11,349.97)	\$174,288.76
Deacons Fund	\$ 9,010.58	\$ 2,709.00	\$ (3,975.00)	\$ 7,744.58
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 4,883.91	\$ -	\$ (3,586.92)	\$ 1,296.99
Restoration Fund	\$ 9,105.48	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 9,155.48
Hurricane Fund	\$ 69,588.61	\$ 1,224.67	\$ (48.34)	\$ 70,764.94
Total	\$258,463.84	\$ 23,747.14	\$(18,960.23)	\$263,250.75

December 15, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Brent Bergman – 727-692-1865

Ruling Elders: Ron Brightwell, Bob Walker

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Order of Worship

Theme: Joy

Announcements

Joy Candle Lighting

Laurie Staples

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.

Psalm 98:1-4

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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 #195: Joy to the World

**Please stand if able.*

Scripture Reading*

Isaiah 9:1-7 (p.573)

We receive the
**Scripture
Reading**

in accordance
with
1 Timothy 4:13

Devote
yourself to the
public reading
of Scripture

Prayer of Confession

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*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Matthew 1:21-23

She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel!" (which means, God with us).

Leader: Hear and believe and rejoice in this glorious good news that Jesus will save His people from their sin, just as God promised through the prophets.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn #194: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Please stand if able.*

We offer the
**Prayer for
the
Congregation**

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Genevan Institute

in accordance
with

Tithes and Offerings / Offertory

Giving is an act of worship.

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

Confession of Faith

WLC Q73

WCF 16:1-2 - "Of Good Works"

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

Q73: Leader: How does faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?
All: Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it, nor as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification, but only as it is an instrument by which he receives and applies Christ and His righteousness.

Malachi 3:10.

*Bring the full
tithe into the
storehouse*

Leader: What are Good Works?

16:1: All: Good works are only such as God has commanded in His Holy Word, and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men, out of blind zeal, or upon any pretense of good intention.

We offer our
**Confession of
Faith**
in accordance
with

Leader: From where do Good Works originate?

16:2: All: Those good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith; and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are,, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

Hebrews
10:23

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

**Hymn #215: While by the Sheep, We
Watched at Night**

Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

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

“The Life of Faith” – James 2:14-22 (p.1012)

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 3:13-18

Song: He Has Come for US

Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

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

Then Aaron
lifted up his
hands toward
the people
and blessed

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. Amen

Weekly Prayer Guide

(December 15 – December 21, 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: **Joy** *Now to him who is able to keep us from stumbling and to present us blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God our Savior, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 1:24-25*

Monday: Prayer Needs: **Genevan Institute** *We have reason never to forget your precepts, for by them you have given us life; and if your law had not been our delight, we would have perished in our affliction many a time; Psalm 119:92-93 for your statutes have been our songs in the house of our sojourning. Psalm 119:54*

Tuesday: *The lamp of God has shone upon our head, and by his light we have walked through darkness, and the friendship of God has been upon our tent. Job 29:3-4*

Wednesday: *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*

Thursday: *Let us have that cheerfulness of heart which is like good medicine, Proverbs 17:22 and deliver us from that anxiety which weighs down the heart, Proverbs 12:25 and that worldly grief which produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10*

Friday: Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and **Loyd and Leslie Cunningham**. *You have richly provided us with everything to enjoy, 1 Timothy 6:17 and have brought plentifully into our hands. Job 12:6*

Saturday: *Give us grace to serve you, the LORD our God, with joyfulness and gladness of heart in the abundance of all things; Deuteronomy 28:47 and to sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of our God. Psalm 138:5*

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

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Christ the King Chapel

Scriptures quoted are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.

Next Communion: January 5, 2025

Next Benevolence Offering: January 12, 2025