



**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 Evidence of Faith” James 3:13-18  
Rev. Brent Bergman

**Sunday Evening:** 6:00pm— Christmas Fellowship Dinner and Gift Exchange

## Weekly Calendar:

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

Tuesday 9:15am No Men's White Horse Stable next meeting  
Jan 7th

Wednesday 7:00pm No Prayer Meeting (Christmas)

Friday 10:00am No Women's 'T' Room next meeting Jan 10th

## Fellowship and Announcements: check website for additional details

- Men's Fellowship January 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at Cosmic Donuts in Palm Harbor
- Women's Fellowship January 19<sup>th</sup>, Lessons available January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- No Sunday School or Evening Service December 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas Eve Service December 24<sup>th</sup> 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 22, 2024

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# Order of Worship

## Theme: Love

### Announcements

### Love Candle Lighting

Frieda Bays

### 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.

### Deuteronomy 10:17,21

**Leader:** For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe... He is your praise. He is your God, Who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

### 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 #208: O Come All Ye Faithful

*\*Please stand if able.*

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

Hebrews  
12:28

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

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.*

# Confession of Faith

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.*

**WCF 4.1: Leader:** Do we see the wisdom of God in creation?

**All: Yes. It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the manifestation of the glory of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning, to create, or make of nothing, the world, and all things therein whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days; and all very good.**

**WCF 5.1: Leader:** Do we see the wisdom of God in providence?

**All: Yes. God the great Creator of all things does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.**

**WCF 5.4 Leader :** Do we see the wisdom of God in the fall?

**All: Yes. The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness of God so far manifest themselves in His providence, that it extends itself even to the first fall, and all other sins of angels and men; and that not by a bare permission, but such as has joined with it a most wise and powerful bounding, and otherwise ordering, and governing of them, in a manifold dispensation, to His own holy ends; yet so, as the sinfulness thereof proceeds only from the creature and not from God, who, being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or approver of sin.**

**WCF8:8: Leader:** Do we see the wisdom of God in redemption?

**All: Yes. To all those for whom Christ has purchased redemption, He does certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same; making intercession for them, and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation; effectually persuading them by His Spirit to believe and obey, and governing their hearts by His Word and Spirit; overcoming all their enemies by His almighty power and wisdom, in such manner, and ways, as are most consonant to His wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.**

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*

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 our  
**Tithes and  
Offerings**  
in accordance  
with

Malachi 3:10.

*Bring the full  
tithes into the  
storehouse*

We receive the  
**Scripture  
Reading**

in accordance  
with 1 Timothy  
4:13

*Devote yourself  
to the public  
reading of  
Scripture*

## **Prayer of Confession Assurance of Forgiveness**

1 John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**Leader:** Hear and believe and rejoice in this glorious good news that God so loved His people that He sent Jesus His Son to die in their place and for their sin.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Hymn #219: All Praise to Thee**

### **Prayer for the Congregation**

Christ the King Chapel

### **Tithes and Offerings / Offertory**

Giving is an act of worship.

### **Scripture Reading\***

**Proverbs 8 (p.532)**

### **Hymn #529: Love Divine, All Love Excelling**

*\*Please stand if able*

# Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

“The Evidence of Faith” – James 3:13-18 (p.1012)

Rev. Brent Bergman

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: Revelation 12

## Hymn #211: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

# Benediction

Revelation 5:12-13

We receive  
the

**Benediction**  
in accordance  
with Leviticus  
9:22-23

Then Aaron  
lifted up his  
hands toward  
the people  
and blessed

...“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ...“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

## Weekly Prayer Guide

(December 22 – December 28, 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: **Love** *You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, Psalm 145:8 and have told us that you do not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; but, though you cause grief, you will have compassion according to the abundance of your steadfast love. Lamentations 3:32-33*

**Monday:** Prayer Needs: **Christ the King Chapel** *We give thanks to the God of gods, to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:2-3 Your goodness is your glory, Exodus 33:19 and it is for that which all your works give thanks to you and all your saints bless you. Psalm 145:10*

**Tuesday:** *This we pray, that our love may abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment, so that we may discern things that differ and may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11*

**Wednesday:** *O that we may be filled with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of God, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:9-10*

**Thursday:** *When we do not know what to do, our eyes are on you; 2 Chronicles 20:12 then let us hear the Lord behind us, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when we turn to the right or when we turn to the left. Isaiah 30:21*

**Friday:** Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and **Linda Donald**. *You take pleasure in those who fear you, in those who hope in your steadfast love. Psalm 147:11*

**Saturday** *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*

# **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