

GRACE

Community Church, PCA

A Presbyterian Church in America



Grace, Growth, Glory

December 29, 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 No Sunday School

Adults (Fellowship Hall)-

Children (Library) –

Morning Worship Service: 10:45am –“The Drama of Redemption”, - Revelation 12 -

Dr. Steve Jennings

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm – No worship tonight

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 (New Year's Day)

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

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.
- Annual Congregation Meeting January 26th 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 |

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Order of Worship

Theme: Preservation

Announcements

Call to Worship *

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

Psalm
22:3 KJV

*But Thou
art holy, O
thou that
inhabits the
praises of
Israel.*

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 34:4-9

Leader: I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed, This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles, The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!

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.*

Though Troubles Assail Us

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My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
Phil. 4:19

The musical score is written in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: G, C, Am, D, Em, G, D⁷, G. Lyrics: 1. Though troubles assail us and dangers af-fright, 2. The birds, with-out gar-ner or store-house, are fed; 3. When Sa-tan as-sails us to stop up our path, 4. No strength of our own and no good-ness we claim;

System 2: Chords: C, Am, D, Em, G, D⁷, G. Lyrics: though friends should all fail us and foes all u-nite, from them let us learn to trust God for our bread. and cour-age all fails us, we tri-umph by faith. yet, since we have known of the Sav-ior's great name,

System 3: Chords: G, D, G, Em, G, D. Lyrics: yet one thing se-cures us, what-ever be-tide, His saints what is fit-ting shall ne'er be de-nied, He can-not take from us, though oft he has tried, in this our strong tow-er for safe-ty we hide:

System 4: Chords: C, Am, D, Em, G, D⁷, G. Lyrics: the prom-ise as-sures us, "The Lord will pro-vide." so long as 'tis writ-ten, "The Lord will pro-vide." this heart-cheer-ing prom-ise, "The Lord will pro-vide." the Lord is our pow-er, "The Lord will pro-vide."

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q31 & Q32

*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*

Q31: Leader: Why is He called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?
All: Because He has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of His body, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father, and our eternal King who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the deliverance He has won for us.

Q32: Leader: But why are you called a Christian?

All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in His anointing. I am anointed to confess His name, to present myself to Him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity,

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live for Him.

Leader: Hear and believe and rejoice in this glorious good news that God’s anger will not last forever because Jesus Christ our Lord has died for us,
All: Thanks be to God!

Before the Throne of God Above

Words and Music by
CHARITE BANCROFT and VIKKI COOK
arr. Johnathan Vest

Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong, a per - fect plea, a great High
When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness, the great un -

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Priest whose name is Love who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His
look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
change - a - ble I AM, the King of Glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not

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hands. My name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free. For god the Just is sat - is -
die. My soul is pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on

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stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

(after vs 2) Hallelujah, Hallelujah Praise the One, risen Son of God
(after vs 3) Hallelujah, Hallelujah Praise the One, risen Son of God (3X)
Praise the One, risen Son of God

Prayer for the Congregation

MTW Prayer Ministry

*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 tithe into
the storehouse.*

*We receive the
Scripture
Reading in
accordance
with 1 Timothy
4:13 Devote
yourself to the
public reading
of Scripture*

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.

Scripture Reading *

Zechariah 3:1-10 (p.794)

**Please stand if able.*

A Brand Plucked Out of the Fire

1. With Satan, my accuser, near,
My Spirit trembled when I saw
The Lord in Majesty appear
And heard the language of His law.
2. In vain I wished and tried to hide
The tattered filthy rags I wore;
While my fierce foe insulting cried,
“See what you trusted in before!”
3. Struck dumb, and left without a plea,
I heard my gracious Savior say,
“Know, Satan, I this sinner free,
I died to take his sins away.
4. “He is a brand which I, in love,
Designed to save from wrath and sin;
In vain your accusations prove;
I answer all, and claim him Mine.”
5. At His rebuke the tempter fled;
Then He removed my filthy dress;
“Poor sinner, take this robe,” He said,
“It is your Savior’s righteousness.”
6. “And see. A crown of life prepared!
That I might thus your head adorn;
I thought no shame or suffering hard,
But wore for you a crown of thorns.
7. O how I heard these gracious words!
They broke and healed my hear at once;
Constrained me to become the Lord’s
And all my idol-gods renounce.

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.*

Prayer for Illumination Preaching of God's Word

"The Drama of Redemption"

Revelation 12 (p. 1034)

Dr. Steve Jennings

Next Week: John 12

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

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Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. Matt. 26:41

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray, from thy sleep a - wak - en; be not
 2. Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares, lest a - sleep he find thee; for in -
 3. Watch! Let not the wick - ed world with its pow'r de - feat thee. Watch lest
 4. Watch a - gainst thy - self, my soul, lest with grace thou tri - fle; let not
 5. But while watch - ing, al - so pray to the Lord un - ceas - ing. He will

by the e - vil day un - a - wares o'er - tak - en. For the foe,
 deed no pains he spares to de - ceive and blind thee. Sa - tan's prey
 • with her pomp un - furled she be - tray and cheat thee. Watch and see
 self thy thoughts con - trol nor God's mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin
 free thee, be thy stay, strength and faith in - creas - ing. O Lord, bless

well we know, oft his har - vest reap - eth while the Chris - tian sleep - eth.
 oft are they who se - cure are sleep - ing and no watch are keep - ing.
 • lest there be faith - less friends to charm thee, who but seek to harm thee.
 lurk with - in all thy hopes to scat - ter; heed not when they flat - ter.
 in dis - tress and let noth - ing swerve me from the will to serve thee.

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

Then Aaron
lifted his
hands
toward the
people and
blessed
them.

Benediction

Psalm 121:7-8(KJV)

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Weekly Prayer Guide

(December 29 – January 4, 2025)

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—**Preservation:** *Lord, you have told us that godliness holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come; 1 Timothy 4:8 and that if we seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, other things will be added to us; Matthew 6:33 and therefore, we cast all our anxieties about these things on you, who cares for us; 1 Peter 5:7 for our heavenly Father knows that we need them all. Matthew 6:32*

Monday: Prayer Needs – **MTW Prayer Ministry:** *You have commanded your angels concerning us, to guard us in all our ways; to bear us up in their hands, lest we strike our foot against a stone. Psalm 91:11-12 And they are all ministering spirits, sent out to serve for the good of those who are to inherit salvation, Hebrews 1:14*

Tuesday: *Though before birth we were called rebels, Isaiah 48:8 yet by your power we have been borne by you from before our birth and carried from the womb; Isaiah 46:3 and you keep our souls among the living and have not let our foot slip. Psalm 66:9*

Wednesday: *O that we may set our minds on things that are above, and that our life may be hidden with Christ in God; that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory; Colossians 3:2-4 that when he shall appear, we may be like him, may see him as he is, 1 John 3:2 may behold his face in righteousness, and when we awake, may be satisfied with his likeness. Psalm 17:15*

Thursday: *When we fail, let us be received into the eternal dwellings, Luke 16:9 in the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God; Hebrews 11:10 that we may always be together with the Lord, 1 Thessalonians 4:17 to see as we are seen and know as we have been fully known; 1 Corinthians 13:12 and, in the meantime, help us to encourage ourselves and one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:18 And hoping in Christ, may we purify ourselves as he is pure. 1 John 3:3*

Friday: Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and **Matt and Grace Ferro.** *We lay down and sleep, for you, LORD, make us to dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8*

Saturday: *And now, may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts and establish them in every good work and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

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

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Scriptures quoted are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.

Next Communion: January 5, 2025

Next Benevolence Offering: January 12, 2025