

A Presbyterian Church in America



Grace, Growth, Glory

January 19, 2025 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)- Pride and Humility – Paul Gullickson Children (Library) – "God showing Grace in the OT"

Morning Worship Service: 10:45am – "We Wish to See Jesus" - John 12:20-26 - Rev. Brent Bergman

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm – Landmarks and Boundaries

Weekly Calendar:

Monday2:15pmWomen's Prayer - contact Janis StevensonTuesday9:15amMen's White Horse Stable (Hebrews 1)Wednesday7:00pmPrayer MeetingFriday10:00amWomen'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 21st at church, 10:am & 6:30pm. Lessons available.
- Annual Congregation Meeting January 26th at 6:00pm Sign up sheet available.
- Supper 8 Schedule to start soon

December 2024				
	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Income	Expenses	Balance
General Fund	\$174,288.76	\$ 19,502.96	\$(16,520.86)	\$177,270.86
Deacons Fund	\$ 7,744.58	\$ 651.00	\$ (1,371.00)	\$ 7,024.58
Special Outreach Fund	\$ 1,296.99	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,296.99
Restoration Fund	\$ 9,155.48	\$-	\$ -	\$ 9,155.48
Hurricane Fund	\$ 70,764.94	\$ 1,215.37	\$ -	\$ 71,980.31
Total	\$263,250.75	\$ 21,369.33	\$(17,891.86)	\$266,728.22

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Order of Worship Theme: Seeking Jesus

Announcements

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.

Psalm 104:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. He lays the beams of His chambers on the waters; He makes the clouds His chariot; He rides on the wings of the wind; He makes His messengers winds, His ministers a flaming fire. He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved.

Corporate 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.

Psalm 27:4-8

All: One thing we ask of the LORD, that one thing we seek after: that we may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of our life, that we may gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and inquire in His temple. For You will hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble; You will conceal us under the cover of Your tent; You will lift us high upon a rock. And now our head shall be lifted up above our enemies all around us, and we will offer in Your tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; we will sing and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when we cry aloud; be gracious to us and answer us! You have said, "Seek My face." Our heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do we seek."

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

> Hebrews 12:28

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

Prayer of Invocation in accordance with

We offer the

Psalm 22:3 KJV

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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3



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

Scripture Reading * Jeremiah 29:1-25 (p.656)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness Isaiah 55:6-7

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned -everyone- to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

*Please stand if able.

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

I 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 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.

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

Prayer for the Congregation Aldo Mondin – RUF @ USF

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.

Confession of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism Q44-47

Q44: Leader: What doth the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?

All: The preface to the Ten Commandments teacheth us, that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all His commandments.

Q45: Leader: Which is the first commandment?

All: The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Q46: Leader: What is required in the first commandment?

All: The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.

Q47: Leader: What is forbidden in the first commandment?

All: The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to Him alone.

Psalter 22C – Admidst The Thronging Worshipers



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

"We Wish To See Jesus" John 12:20-26 (p. 899) Rev. Brent Bergman

Next Week: John 12:27-35

God, in the Gospel of His Son

The task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace. Acts 20:24



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

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

Benediction 2 Peter 3:18

... Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Weekly Prayer Guide

(January 19 – January 25, 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 <u>faithkeeper77@juno.com</u>.

Sunday: Prayer Theme—**Seeking Jesus-** *Let us now attend to the Lord with undivided devotion,* **1 Cor 7:35** *and let not our hearts be far from him when we draw near to him with our mouths and honor him with our lips.* **Isaiah 29:13**.

Monday: Prayer Needs – **Aldo Mondin RUF@USF:** You have directed us to ask and seek and knock, and have promised that we will receive, we will find, and it will be opened to us. **Matthew 7:7**

Tuesday: You have appointed for us a great High Priest, in whose name we may draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **Hebrews 4:16**

Wednesday: You say, "Seek my face," and our hearts say to you, "Your face, LORD, do we seek." **Psalm 27:8** For, should not a people inquire of their God? **Isaiah 8:19** To whom shall we go but to you? You have the words of eternal life. **John 6:68**

Thursday: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants our soul for you, O God; our soul thirsts for God, for the living God, **Psalm 42:1-2** who commands his steadfast love by day, and at night his song is with us; a prayer to the God of our life. **Psalm 42:8**

Friday: Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and **Sydney Knutsen.** *Let us be strengthened with all power, according to your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy.* **Colossians 1:11**

Saturday: In Christ Jesus let us, who once were far off, be brought near by the blood of Christ; for he himself is our peace, who has broken down the dividing wall of hostility between us, that he might reconcile us to God through his cross, thereby killing the hostility, and so making peace. **Ephesians 2:13-15**

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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	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: February 2, 2025 Next Benevolence Offering: February 9, 2025