

GRACE

Community Church, PCA

A Presbyterian Church in America



Grace, Growth, Glory

December 28, 2025 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: 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Adults (Fellowship Hall) – (will resume next Sunday)

Youth Sunday School (Library) – (will resume next Sunday)

Morning Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. – “Looking Unto Jesus” – Hebrews 12:1-2

Rev. Jai Mahtani

Sunday Evening Worship: (will resume next Sunday)

Weekly Calendar:

Monday 2:15 p.m. Women's Prayer – (at the church – not meeting the 29th)

Tuesday 9:15 a.m. Men's White Horse Stable (Hebrews 13, not meeting the 30th)

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Prayer Service (not meeting the 31st)

Friday 10:00 a.m. Women's 'T' Room (Genesis 49, not meeting the 2nd)

Fellowship and Announcements: check website for additional details

- Women's Monthly Fellowship – Tuesday, Jan. 20th 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., at the church
- Congregational Meeting and Dinner – Sunday, Jan. 25th 6:00 p.m.
- Men's Monthly Fellowship – Saturday, Jan. 31st 8:00 a.m. Bayou Café in Tarpon Springs

| November 2025 | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| | Beginning Balance | Income | Expenses | Ending Balance |
| General Fund | \$197,620.68 | \$ 27,126.68 | \$(24,254.94) | \$200,492.42 |
| Deacons Fund | \$ 11,367.97 | \$ 1,198.53 | \$ (1,647.33) | \$ 10,919.17 |
| Special Outreach Fund | \$ 22.66 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 22.66 |
| Restoration Fund | \$ 10,955.48 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10,955.48 |
| Self-Insurance Fund | \$ 85,352.59 | \$ 1,213.75 | \$ - | \$ 86,566.34 |
| Total | \$305,319.38 | \$ 29,538.96 | \$(25,902.27) | \$308,956.07 |

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Order of Worship

Theme: Looking Unto Jesus

Announcements

Call to Worship *

We receive the
Call to Worship
in accordance
with

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.

Hebrews 12:28

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

Psalm 145:10-13

All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
and all Your saints shall bless You!
They shall speak of the glory of Your Kingdom and tell of Your power,
to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of Your Kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
[The LORD is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works.]

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

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 22:3
KJV

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

**Please stand if able*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

*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.*

Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 21: What is true faith?

ALL: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These gifts are purely of grace, only because of Christ's merit.

Q. 22: What then must a Christian believe?

ALL: All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith.

Q. 23: What are these articles?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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

Philippians 3:7-9

Whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth
of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things
and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ
and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own
that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal. 6:14

♯ F C F Gm D Gm F C F 7

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

B^b F C⁷ F C⁷ F C F C F Gm D

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

Gm F C F 7 C⁷ Dm Gm C⁷ F 7

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*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.

Prayer for the Congregation

Genevan Institute

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.

*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*

I Timothy 4:13

Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture.

Scripture Reading*

Hebrews 12:1-13 (p. 1008)

**Please stand if able*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

We offer the
**Prayer for
Illumination** in
accordance with
Psalm 18:28

*For it is You Who
light my lamp;
the LORD my God
lightens my
darkness.*

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

“Looking Unto Jesus”

Hebrews 12:1-2 (p. 1008)

Rev. Jai Mahtani

I. Looking unto Whom?

II. Looking for What Reason?

III. Looking with What Motivation?

Next Week: John 18:19-24

Next Week: The Lord's Supper

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.
Phil. 2:9

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
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 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all.

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

Benediction

2 Peter 3:18

[May you] 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.

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

Weekly Prayer Guide

(December 28, 2025 – January 3, 2026)

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—**Looking Unto Jesus** – *Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Hebrews 12:1-2

Monday: Prayer Needs – **Genevan Institute**– *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**

Tuesday: *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 alone have the words of eternal life.* **John 6:68**

Wednesday: *God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.* **Colossians 1:27** *Bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God Who created all things through Jesus Christ.* **Ephesians 3:9**

Thursday: *Let us now attend to the Lord with undivided devotion,* **1 Corinthians 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**

Friday: Give thanks for our church body and pray for our sanctification, the Pastors, the Elders and Deacons, and **Alan and Janis Stevenson.** *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**

Saturday: *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** *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

Financial & Prayer

Kawachis/France

Etienne/Haiti

Christ the King Chapel

Prayer

Aldo Mondin – RUF @ USF

New Life Solutions (Walk for Life)

Genevan Institute

Scriptures quoted are from the ESV unless otherwise noted.

Next Communion: January 4, 2026

Next Benevolence Offering: January 11, 2026