



The 9th Lord's Day Sunday, March 3, 2024

A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Sunday:

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday:

Youth Group 6 – 8 p.m.

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Welcome to Grace Covenant Church

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Grace Covenant Church strives to embrace, embody, and extend our triune God's truth, goodness, and beauty through worship, discipleship, and mission in Jesus Christ.

Visitors, we are so glad you are here! Please locate a 'Visitor's Card,' and fill out any info you'd like to share with us so that we may get to know you better. You can place it in the offering plates on the tables in the Narthex.

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The Order of Public Worship

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≰ CALL TO WORSHIP

(Nehemías) Nehemiah 9.5-9

Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise!

You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you. You are the LORD, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham....And you have kept your promise, for you are righteous!

§ Song of Adoration We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator, TH 97

∮ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful, heavenly Father, your Son died for our sins and was raised up in power. Help us daily to die to our sin in repentance so we may live in the power of his resurrection life in Him. We confess to you that though you should guide us, we often inform ourselves; though you should rule us, we often control ourselves; though you should fulfill us, we often console ourselves with the world, the flesh, and the devil. We think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not, and without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your grace, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL (de 2 Corintios) from 2 Corinthians 4.1-16

≸ Song of Praise

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue; Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last, Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast. God invites us to His heavenly throne of grace

> TH= Trinity Hymnal

God cleanses us and renews us in His grace

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Words & Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; © 2001 Thankyou Music/Adm. By worshiptogethe r. Com songs excl. Used by permission. All rights reserved. CCLI#2694009 Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here; Sin would reduce me to utter despair; But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive, And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own, And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son; All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine. All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Deuteronomio) Deuteronomy 4.1-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING

(Santiago) James 1.2-7; 22-25

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COLLECTION

≸ Song of Trust

I Will Trust My Savior Jesus

I will trust my Savior Jesus When my darkest doubts befall Trust Him when to simply trust Him Seems the hardest thing of all.

I will trust my Savior Jesus Trust Him when my strength is small For I know the shield of Jesus Is the safest place of all.

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Chorus: Jesus, only Jesus Help me trust you more and more Jesus, only Jesus

May my heart be ever yours

I will trust my Savior Jesus He has said His way is best For I know the path He's chosen Leads to everlasting rest [Chorus]

Oh on that cross, how it was seen
I can go now ever trusting in the One who died for me
What could I bring for your gift is complete
So I trust you, simply trust you, Lord, with every part of me [Chorus]

SERMON TEXT

(Mateo) Matthew 7.7-11

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Longing for and Receiving God's Wisdom by Prayer"

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

≸ Song of Response

Let All Things Now Living, TH 125

≸ BENEDICTION

(2 Tesalonicenses) 2 Thessalonians 2.16-17

≸ Song of Blessing

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Words & Music by Jaywan Maxwell, Tiarne Tranter, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Lucy A. Bennett 2018 CityAlight Music CCLI#2694009

God consecrates us to renewed devotion and obedience

God blesses us with His presence and power to be His ambassadors of grace

Nursery Schedule:

03/03: Sunday School

Worship Children's Church

03/10: Sunday School

Worship Children's Church Christy Donovan Laurie Chastine and Eliad Stout Ken & Annie Rolston

Betty Stacy Jeannie Altman and Katie Rolston

David and Amber Stout

Please Take Note:

Congregational Meeting Today! – The session is calling a congregational meeting today following the worship service to be held in the sanctuary. The purpose for the meeting is to review the 2024 budget and hold officer elections. *The session is honored to commend without reservation Josh Bemenderfer, Keith Payne, and Michael Reed* to the congregation as men who meet the qualifications for the office of deacon for which they have been nominated and trained. May God's knowledge, wisdom, and discretion prepare us and guide us!

Mission of the Month – We lift up Wayne and Amy Newsome who serve with Mission to the World in Japan, a country that is historically very difficult to reach with the truth of the gospel. Pray for the Newsomes to be encouraged and for their work to sow the seeds of the gospel and the love of Christ in a nation where more than 99% of people are lost. Please sign up for their enewsletter in the church foyer.

CAYA Food Donations Urgent Need – Grace Covenant Church collects food donations year round for a local community Food Bank serviced by CAYA Ministries who provides free groceries to many in need in our community. With food prices at an all-time high, CAYA is desperately short on food. Please consider donating food items, such as any can/jar nonperishable goods, any packaged nonperishable food items, baby food, diapers, etc., household cleaners (laundry and dish detergent, etc.), and/or basic toiletries (toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.). You can also donate financially so CAYA can purchase items to have in stock. Please also pray for them in this vital service.

Missions Committee Openings – Do you have a passion for missions? Are you wanting to actively serve the Lord by supporting the missions work of this church? We are seeking church members with a desire to put their passion into action on our Missions Team. For more details, send an email to missions@gracecovenantpca.com or talk to Kelly Stout.

Sisters of Grace Ministry – Women of Grace Covenant are invited to connect with our younger sisters in Christ to build lasting Christian relationships as we encourage our younger sisters with prayer, notes, and service projects.

Nursery

Care is available for children up to age 4 in the nursery room off the main hallway.

To receive churchwide emails about church news and events:



Monthly gatherings after Sunday worship (bring your lunch) will begin April 21st and conclude in November. Women in the church who would like to participate in this ministry will find a sign-up sheet in the church lobby through March 24th. For additional information, please contact Gail Moore or Betty Stacy.

Youth Group on Wednesdays – Youth group (grades 6-12) meets Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 PM. If you have questions about youth group, please contact office@gracecovenantpca.com.

Women's Winter/Spring Bible Study – Please join us Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 am or Wednesday, March 13 at *6:30 pm* as we study Chapter 5 of *What a Royal Mess*. If you need childcare, please email wmc@gracecovenant pca.com by the Friday before the study.

Men's Winter Bible Study – All men of high school age through retirement are invited to join the Men of the Covenant Bible Study on March 13 at 6:30PM as we begin our study of Sinclair Ferguson's book *Lessons from the Upper Room*. We will also meet on March 27, April 10, Aprile 24, May 1, and May 15. Please speak with Clary Ramsey if you have any questions.

Men of the Covenant Upcoming Events – We have a couple of things planned for the guys over the next two months. First, on March 23rd, we will meet at the church and plan on leaving by 10:30 to head to Ringgold for the Southern Nationals Rumble in Ringgold, weather permitting, which will be nostalgic, gasser style drag racing that goes from 12:00-6:00. Second, we will meet at Rodney's BBQ in New Hope for men's breakfast. We have the back room reserved from 8-9:45AM on April 13th.



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