



GRACE
COVENANT
CHURCH



The 32nd Lord's Day
Sunday, August 6, 2023

A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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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Sunday:

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.

Bible Study
5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Youth Group
6 – 8 p.m.

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Please Take Note:

Congregational Meeting August 13 – The Session, with unanimous support of the Deaconate, is calling a congregational meeting following the service on August 13 to consider a proposal regarding land acquisition and development along with a building project on our current property.

ESL Opportunities – Our English program continues to grow, so we're looking for a few good men and women! If you're interested in teaching, you only need to love Jesus and speak English (classes are taught in English). If teaching isn't your thing, we're also looking for teaching assistants and "floaters" that fill in where needed. Either way, it's a rewarding way to connect with new folks, see different cultures, and spread the love of Christ! For more information, please contact Jeff Chastine at office@gracecovenantpca.com.

Fall Sunday School Started Today! – Our Fall Sunday Quarter began today and will run through December 10. The adults and youth will watch lessons from *Dust to Glory: An Overview of the Bible* by RC Sproul (but split up for discussion). K4 through 5th grade will begin our new curriculum *The Biggest Story*, which has been written by PCA pastor Kevin DeYoung to help children learn the exiting story of redemption as it runs throughout the entire Bible from the garden of Eden to the return of Jesus Christ (thebiggeststory.com).

Women's Fall Bible Study – *Entrusted to be Invested: A study in 1 Timothy* by Karen Hodge and Susan Hunt. This six-session study will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings of September, October and November. Sign up by August 27th to receive a copy of the book. There is a suggested donation of \$15. A signup sheet is in the foyer or email wmc@gracecovenantpca.com.

Youth Group Resumes in August – Youth group on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM will resume August 16. If you are willing to provide a meal for the youth group, there will be a new sign up going out this week via email. Please contact office@gracecovenantpca.com for details.

Youth and Family Activity Day – Keep your calendars open for Saturday, August 12 as we're planning an activity day, Details to come soon!

Today's Flowers – Provided by Patsy Kuipers in celebration of three generations of August wedding anniversaries for her mom and dad's, her own with Ray, and Mary and Justin's. Happy Anniversary!

Nursery Schedule:

August 6: Sunday School
Worship
August 13: Sunday School
Worship

Sherry Floresta
Christy Donovan and Eliad Stout
Janice Furlong
Amber and Jude Darnell

To receive churchwide emails about church news and events:



Nursery

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

✠ =
Congregation
Standing

The Order of Public Worship



God invites us to
His heavenly
throne of grace

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

(Salmo) Psalm 147.1-7; 86.12-13

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up his people; gathers the outcasts; heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds; he determines the number of the stars; is abundant in power; he lifts up the humble and casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving!

I give thanks to you, O LORD my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol!

TH= Trinity
Hymnal

✠ SONG OF ADORATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!, TH 296

✠ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Romanos) Romans 12.9-21

God cleanses us
and renews us
in His grace

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, full of mercy and grace, abounding in lovingkindness and mercy, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have preferred the ways of the world to Your ways, we have rebelled against Your wisdom, we have taken Your many blessings for granted, and we have not been channels of Your blessings to a perishing world as is our calling and privilege as we ought. Heavenly Father, through our spotless Lamb who takes away our sins and grants us his righteousness, renew us with your word and sacrament, that we may more faithfully exercise the mind of Christ in cherishing You above all else, and counting others as more important than ourselves, as we pour out our lives in service to You and our neighbors as conduits of Your beneficence. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Ezequiel 36
Romanos 12

ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Ezekiel 36.23-27; Romans 5.1, 6-11

✠ SONG OF PRAISE

In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the World by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

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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.*

(continued...)

*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

Speak, O Lord

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory*

*Teach us Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of pow'r that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief*

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory*

SERMON TEXT

(Mateo) Matthew 5.43-48

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “Embodying the Father’s Beneficence in Heart and Conduct II”

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

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✠ SONG OF RESPONSE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, TH 92

✠ BENEDICTION

(2 Thesalonicenses) 2 Thessalonians 2.16-17

Our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

El mismo Jesucristo Señor nuestro, y Dios nuestro Padre, el cual nos amó y nos dio consolación eterna y buena esperanza por gracia, conforte vuestros corazones, y os confirme en toda buena palabra y obra.

✠ SONG OF BLESSING

Gloria Patri

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



God
consecrates us
to renewed
devotion and
obedience

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



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*...striving to make disciples who embrace, embody, and extend
God's truth, goodness, and beauty through worship, discipleship, and mission in Jesus Christ.*