



The 33rd Lord's Day
Sunday, August 13, 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:

Mission of the Month – Please pray for Kurt and Jill (last name withheld) as they reach Muslims for Christ in Europe and as Kurt helps train pastors in other countries that are hostile to the gospel of Christ. Pray they would receive encouragement in this difficult and often long process of bringing Muslims to saving faith in Christ. You can sign up to receive their E-newsletters on the clipboard in the church foyer.

Dinner for Eight – If you would like to take part in the Fall Dinner for Eight fellowship and hospitality ministry, information and sign-up forms are available on the bistro table in the foyer. Forms may be placed in the basket on the table through August 27.

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@gracecovenanttpca.com.

Sisters of Grace – Will meet next Sunday, August 20 after the worship service. Our service project this month will be to put together gift bags for clients of Paulding Pregnancy Services. Please consider bringing a few items to church (list in email and in narthex) for inclusion in the gift bags.

Daughters of the King – This is a small discipleship group, separate from the larger Bible study, designed for 6-8 women to develop lifelong gospel friendships and to encourage one another to glorify the Lord. Anyone interested in a Thursday morning group, please email wmc@gracecovenanttpca.com or contact Jeannie Altman (contact info in Breeze).

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@gracecovenanttpca.com.

Youth Group Resumes in August – Youth group on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM will resume August 16. The Sign Up Genius for youth meals is up and running, please see your email for the link.

Nursery Schedule:

August 20: Sunday School
Worship

Diane Phillips
Lois Barday and Haylie Floresta

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

Hebrews 12
Ephesians 3

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 12.22-24; Ephesians 3.20-21

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." ...You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen!

TH= Trinity
Hymnal

✠ SONG OF ADORATION

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation, TH 342

✠ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

(Colossenses) Colossians 4.2-6

God cleanses us
and renews us
in His grace

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, full of mercy and grace, abounding in lovingkindness and generosity, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have not cultivated lives of wonder at your steadfast love as you deserve. We often forget the abundance of your presence and works, or tend to remember them mainly when they bring us earthly blessing, but not when they require sacrifice. We often prefer the ways of the world to Your ways, rebelling against Your wisdom, and craving the idols of our hearts over you. Heavenly Father, renew us with your means of grace 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 steadfast love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

(Salmo & Juan) Psalm 103.8-13; John 1.14-18

✠ SONG OF PRAISE

And Can It Be, TH 455

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

Lord I Need You

*Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

*Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

*So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness*

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Weather Music
ThankYou
Music (Valley of
Songs Music)
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Oh God, how I need You

You're my one defense, my righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

SERMON TEXT

(Mateo) Matthew 5.43-6.15

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Kingdom Disciples in Posture, Prayer, and Practice”

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

✠ SONG OF RESPONSE

Vast the Immensity, Mirror of Majesty, TH 24

*Vast the immensity, mirror of majesty,
galaxies spread in a curtain of light;
Lord, your eternity
rises in mystery
there where no eye can see,
infinite height!*

*Sounds your creative word, forming both star and bird,
shaping the cosmos to win your delight;
order from chaos springs,
form that your wisdom brings,
guiding created things,
infinite might!*

*Who can your wisdom scan? Who comprehend your plan?
How can the mind of man your truth embrace?
Here does your Word disclose
more than your power shows,
love that to Calv'ry goes,
infinite grace!*

*Triune your majesty, triune your love to me,
fixed from eternity in heav'n above.
Father, what mystery,
in your infinity,
you gave your Son for me,
infinite love!*

God
consecrates us
to renewed
devotion and
obedience

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✠ **BENEDICTION**

(Efesios) Ephesians 3.17-19

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Que habite Cristo por la fe en vuestros corazones, para que, arraigados y cimentados en el amor, tengáis la fuerza para comprender con todos los santos cuál es la anchura, la longitud, la altura y la profundidad, y conocer el amor de Cristo que sobrepasa todo conocimiento, para que seáis llenos de toda la plenitud de Dios.

✠ **SONG OF BLESSING**

Doxology

*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 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.*