



GRACE COVENANT CHURCH



The 35th Lord's Day
Sunday, August 28, 2022

A CONGREGATION OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Welcome to Grace Covenant Church

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Grace Covenant Church exists to love God and worship Him as we impact our area by teaching and discipling people for 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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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCapTRNfNo37L96IyVCP94JA>

Please Take Note:

Sunday School – We will return to our regular Sunday School classes NEXT Sunday September 4.

Sunday School Teachers Needed – If you have an interest in leading children’s Sunday School as part of our teacher rotation (approx. once per month), we could use more teachers (prepared lessons will be provided). Please tell Pastor David if you are interested in helping.

Youth Group Volunteers and Meals Needed – Our youth group is growing! We are in need of regular volunteers to help with teaching and activities on Wednesday evening and for other occasional events. Volunteers are also needed to provide meals for youth group on Wednesday evenings (funds are available for this with receipts). Sign up for meals (served at 7 pm) on specific dates in the church foyer. If you have a heart to serve the youth by teaching or helping with activities, please email trey.reed@gracecovenantpca.com.

Small Group Book Study – Our first discussion of *The Screwtape Letters* will be Wednesday, September 7 at 7pm where we introduce the work and discuss the first two letters. (Any version of the book is fine).

Women’s Fall Bible Study – This Fall the women will study “Breathe: The Life-giving Oxygen of the Lord’s Prayer.” Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings at 10 AM or Wednesday evenings at 7PM in Sept – Nov. Sign up by TODAY in the church foyer or by email (wmc@gracecovenantpca.com) to reserve your copy of the book.

ESL Classes – Regular classes meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. Contact Jeff Chastine if you are interested in helping (office@gracecovenantpca.com).

Sharing Prayer Requests and Praises with Your GCC Family – If you have a prayer request or praise you want to share with the body of Christ at GCC, email those to prayerandpraise@gracecovenantpca.com.

Flowers for Worship – If you want to commemorate a special date or occasion or just provide some extra beauty to our worship service with flowers on the communion table, sign up in the church foyer or contact wmc@gracecovenantpca.com.

Nursery Schedule:

August 28:	Sunday School	Laurie Chastine
	Worship	Jeannie Altman and Eliza Ann Tippins
September 4:	Sunday School	Christy Donovan
	Worship	Laurie Chastine and Eliad Stout

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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



The Liturgy of the Word

God invites us
to His heavenly
throne of grace

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Apocalipsis) Revelation 19:3-7

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God! Praise our God, all you his servants, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns!

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come!

TH= Trinity
Hymnal

✠ **SONG OF ADORATION** *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul, TH 57*

de 1Corintios 5
de 2Corintios 2
Mateo 11.28-
30

✠ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION from 1 Corinthians 5 & 2 Corinthians 2; Matthew 11.28-30

God cleanses us
and renews us
in His grace

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, God of all patience and grace, we were outcasts, slaves, and rebels, but the cross has brought us near and made us your children. So often, though, we fail to live up to our new heritage. We squander your provisions for holiness by living in licentiousness and legalism. We flirt with sin and allow it to take root in our hearts and fellowship. But we also can forget that ours is a ministry of reconciliation. Too often we can be overly zealous in judging sin and forget our Savior's gentle and lowly heart. Forgive us and renew us through your sacrificed and risen Son; may his waters cleanse our consciences; his broken bread fill our hunger; his cup poured out cause ours to overflow. Help us to cultivate your compassion and joy for lavishing extravagant grace on underserving sinners like us; for the glory of your name, maturity of your people, and success of your mission. In Jesus' name, Amen.

2 Corintios
5.17-21
Sofonias 3.14-
15, 17-18

ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL 2 Corinthians 5.17-21; Zephaniah 3.14-15, 17-18

✠ SONG OF PRAISE

The Power of the Cross

*Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.*

*Chorus: This, the pow'r of the cross;
Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

*Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought,
Every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow. [Chorus]*

*Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry. [Chorus]*

*Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love*

*Final Chorus: This, the pow'r of the cross:
Son of God--slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

God
consecrates us
to renewed
devotion and
obedience

We invite all
followers of
Jesus to
partake of the
Lord's Supper
with us: those
who have
been baptized,
are trusting in
Christ alone,
are repenting
of their sins,
and members
in good
standing in the
Lord's Church.

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SERMON TEXT

(Lucas) Luke 15.11-32

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“The Father’s Compassion and Joy
in Restoring His Repentant Children”

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

The Liturgy of the Upper Room

✠ SONG OF APPROACH

He Will Hold Me Fast

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.*

*Chorus: He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.*

*Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. [Chorus]*

*For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! [Chorus]*

RESTORATION TO FULL COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH

✠ CONFESSION OF FAITH

(1 Corintios) 1 Corinthians 10.16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Joseph, Amber, and Jude Darnell
David, Amber, Aaron, and Jeremy Oostdyk
Michael and Celia Reed
Kevin and Melissa Thomas

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & INVITATION (1 Corintios) 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS

✠ **SONG OF RESPONSE** *Man of Sorrows! What a Name!, TH 246*

✠ **BENEDICTION** (Romanos) Romans 15.5-7

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. May you welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God!

Pero el Dios de la paciencia y de la consolación os dé entre vosotros un mismo sentir según Cristo Jesús; para que unanimes, a una voz, glorifiquéis al Dios y Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Por tanto, recibios los unos a los otros, como también Cristo nos recibió, para gloria 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
communes
with us at His
Table

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



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*...loving God and worshiping Him as we impact our area
by teaching and discipling people for Jesus Christ.*